

UNFINISHED LETTER . .

In a small back-of-beyond town in Canada, a 70-year-old Irishman sat down to write a letter to his sister in London. He died before he could finish it. But the unfinished letter, sent by his sister to 'The Catholic Herald', will interest all who realise the apostolate of the Catholic Press.

He wrote:

I myself, as you doubtless know, have reached the allotted span this year.

For this I am thankful, not so much for what life has to offer, but for what life has given me. Health and strength, so that the bread I have eaten has been the bread of independence. Pride in our own family, a good wife, and a grand companion in our journey through life. Children, of our own, of whom we are justly proud, and the Faith of our fathers, which grows stronger and deeper with each passing year.

Given this then, what is left? In the matter of faith, here again you have helped. Unwittingly perhaps. But nonetheless true, but here we are far removed from any Catholic church, or devotional centre. The people in the main out here, have little (if any) religious beliefs.

So I am forced back on my own spiritual resources. This is not always easy. Hence, from the pages of 'The Catholic Herald' I have gained great moral support and courage, especially in these dark and threatening days when all that we hold most dearly is threatened as never before.

It is a great paper, and must be considered one of the most powerful Catholic publications in the world. Again I thank you. . . .

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The Very Reverend Father Rector,

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