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eleven years. A man, having heard of Christ, in a far-away village, had returned home and told his fellows, who, there and then, in almost total ignorance of what Christianity is, met together to worship the Unknown God and the Unknown Christ, and this they have continued to do ever since.

Generals as Taxi Drivers

MANY people wonder why so many Latin-American republics keep large armies, and why so many politicians are generals. The answer, of course, is that just as most 'revolutionary' governments are of military origin, so they are only kept in power by having armed forces which they can control; and control is obtained by putting generals in the cabinet. Some governments, however, like the Mexican, although numbering generals among the executives, are not notably 'militarist.'

In spite of this, the army is not an honoured profession. 'So-and-so is an officer, but honest' is a phrase sometimes heard. Few sentences convey so much disdain in a few words as, 'That individual is a *militar* (military).' Unfortunately, posts of authority, civil or military, in Latin-America do not require the possession of moral character. Just the contrary; I once asked an acquaintance what account he could give me of the prisons in his country. He replied, 'A prison in this republic, my friend, is an establishment to which every noble-hearted man has had, has now, or will soon have, his place.'

There is little education in the army, and ignorance is widespread. All except the poorest buy themselves out from conscription, and consequently the rank and file represents the most backward sections of the population. I once had to apply to a sergeant for a permit to visit some ancient ruins which were under military protection. I asked him how old they were. He replied, 'These ruins, Sir, are so old that it is doubtful whether they ever existed.' He was quite serious, but completely unable to handle words.

In the more backward republics every revolution throws up a crop of new captains and colonels. So that, when things have settled down a bit, it is perfectly possible in the capital that a general may be driving your taxi.

Such conditions, and the fact that the army so often controls the destiny of the nation, make Christian work among the soldiers, as is being done in Mexico and Chile, of special importance and interest.