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The valiant struggle of the handful of protestants in France is a familiar story and we should carry to a speedy completion our task of building the memorial Church at Compiegne, at a cost of \$75,000.

The heroic effort of the small body of evangelical Christians in the new Republic of Czecho-Slovakia is not so

familiar to the American Churches and the story of Rev. J. A. Kohout, who returned from that country about October 1, is of peculiar interest.

Mr. Kohout is a native of old Bohemia and was converted from Roman Catholicism years ago and came to America to work as a missionary in the colonies of his own people. He has given several years of splendid service to the Bohemian colonies in Virginia, under the guidance of our Home Mission Committee, at Atlanta, and the Synod of Virginia. He returned to the home land soon after the signing of the Armistice and after nearly two years' work there, has just rejoined his family at Richmond.

With exceeding modesty, Mr. Kohout has given a few incidents of his helpful service to his own people, but from other sources it was learned that the exposure of the bitter cold and

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Rev. J. A. Kohout in center and group of young men gathered by him for evangelistic work.

the hardships of travel in a poverty stricken country, put him in a hospital, where he was laid up for over three months.

Czecho-Slovakia is one of the new nations brought into being by the ghastly world-war and includes in its population Czechs, Slovaks, Bohemians and Magayrs, people of a kindred interest and numbering about thirteen million souls.

Mr. Kohout divided his effort between relief work for the orphans, who were left helpless by the loss of their fathers, who fought in the Austrian Army, and preaching and distributing Bibles and Christian literature. He gathered helpless children as he travelled and as there were no state institutions available he appealed to a Deaconess in charge of a girls school at *Stava Tura*, to take them in.

This saintly woman, Christine Roy, a daughter of a Bohemian pastor, opened her institution for the helpless waifs, although she was operating without endowment or fixed support from any source, a training school for girls, a hospital, and a retreat for aged ministers.

With a faith that puts to shame Christians of opulent America, this Godly woman took in all the children Mr. Kohout brought her and they are now being carefully trained for Christian citizenship.

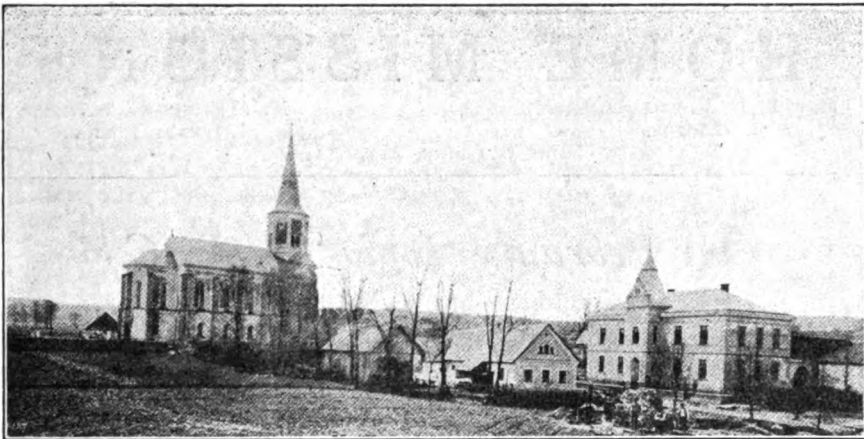
Mr. Kohout has assumed personal responsibility for the expenses of three of the orphans (shown in accompanying picture).

Miss Roy has never made a public appeal for funds for her varied philanthropies, but instead takes all her needs to the Lord in prayer. As we might expect such faith has been rewarded and during the darkest days of Europe's tragedy, when thousands were dying of disease and starvation, she never lacked for food or funds.

In addition to gathering the orphans, Mr. Kohout employed four colporteurs, who worked with him in distributing Bibles and tracts and in house to house visitation.

The outstanding need of the evangelical churches is for workers and Christian literature.

Mr. Kohout was able to interest some promising young men of evangelical faith and nine of these candi-



Church and manse in Mr. Kohout's Native town in Bohemia

dates were started in a course of training for the Christian ministry.

Ninety-six per cent of the population were nominal adherents of the Roman Catholic faith and this great host is now adrift, making an opportunity for evangelical Christianity such as will never occur again. Due to the great depreciation of the local currency an American dollar has about ten fold its normal purchasing power

and a few thousand dollars sent our struggling brethren now will be more effective than a much larger sum a few years later.

Mr. Kohout supported himself and four assistants for sixteen months and published 50,000 evangelical tracts on a fund of less than one thousand American dollars, which was raised by friends when he went to the home land.



Orphans gathered into an orphanage in Czecho-Slovakia by Mr. Kohut. There are thousands more needing help.