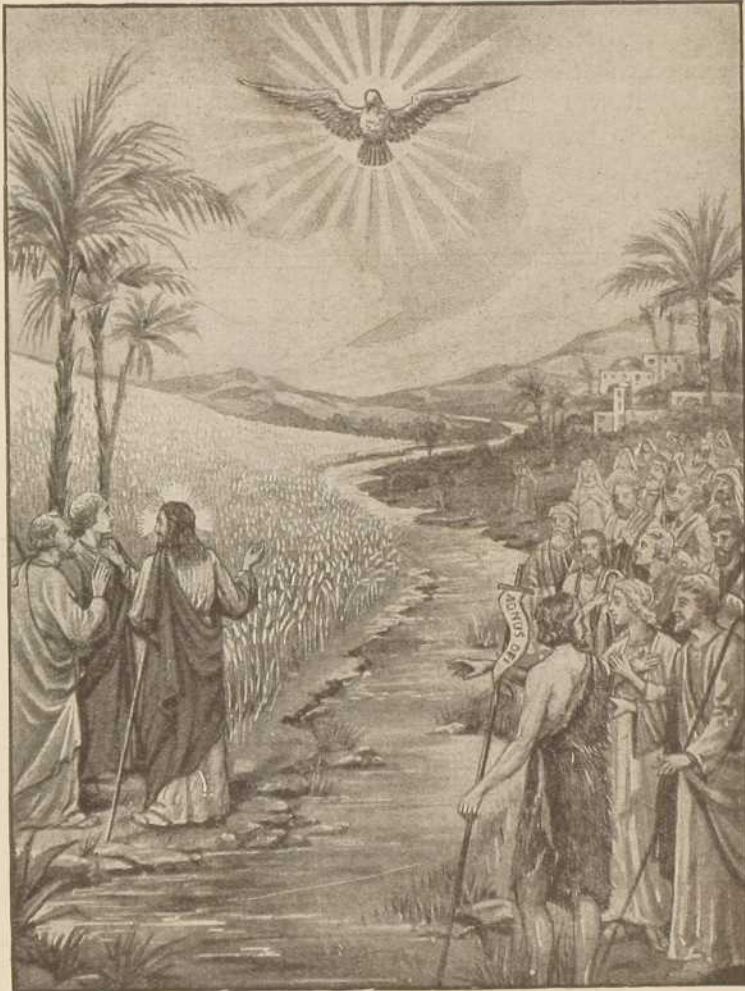


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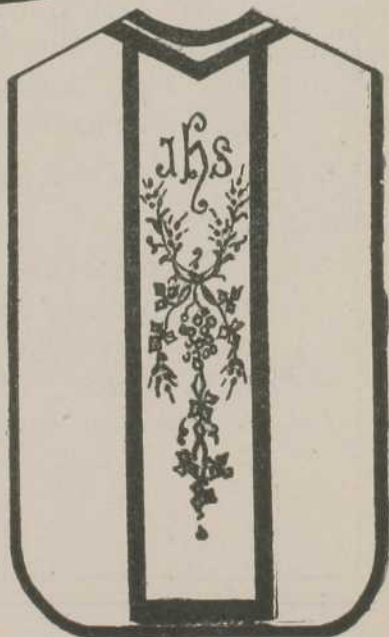
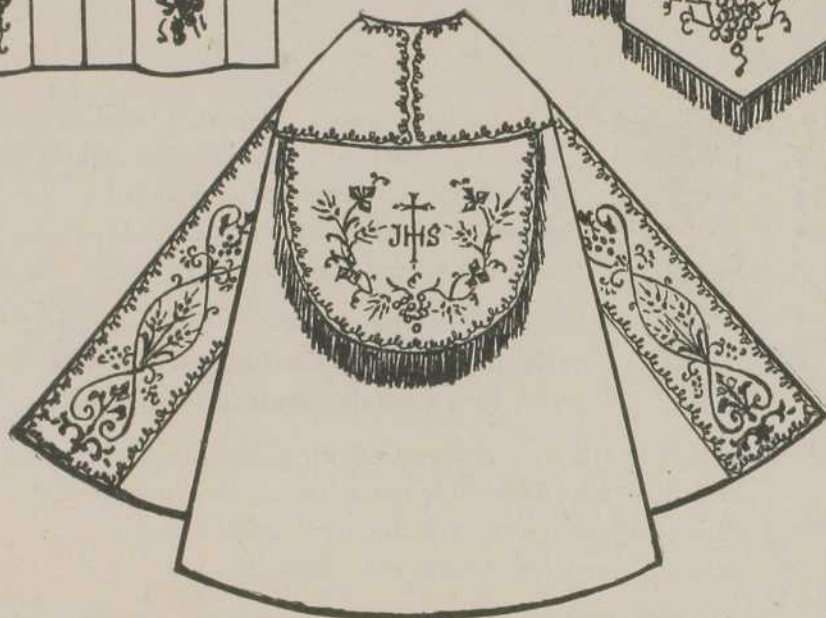
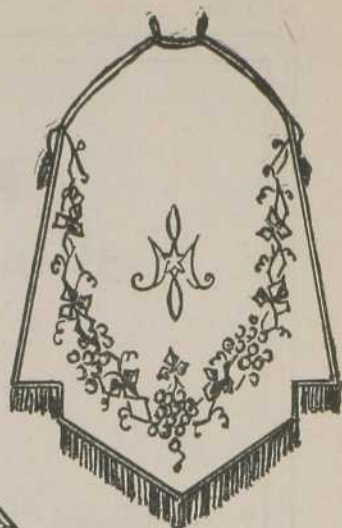
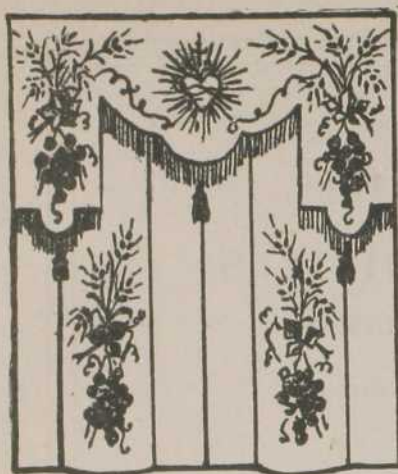
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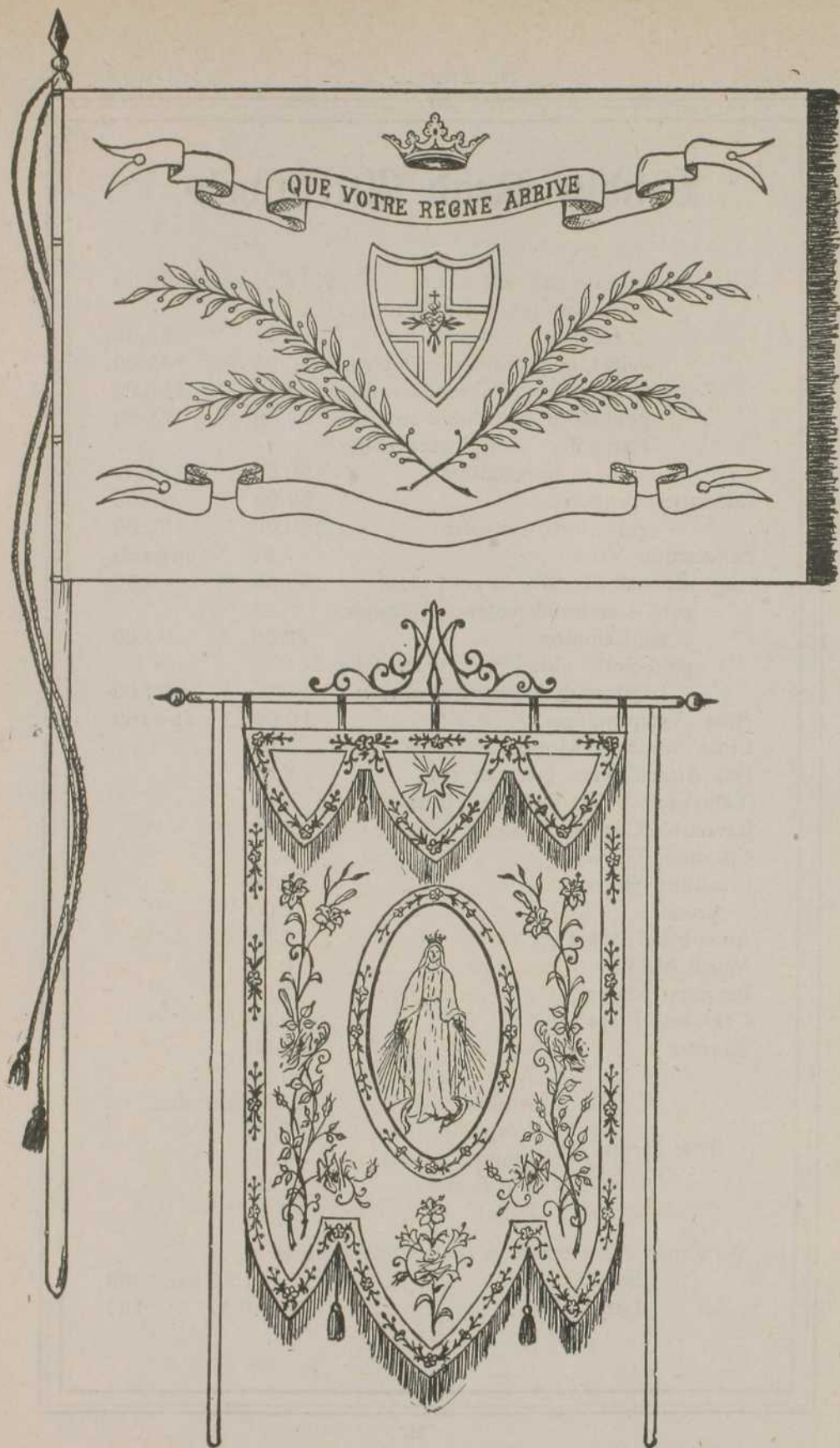


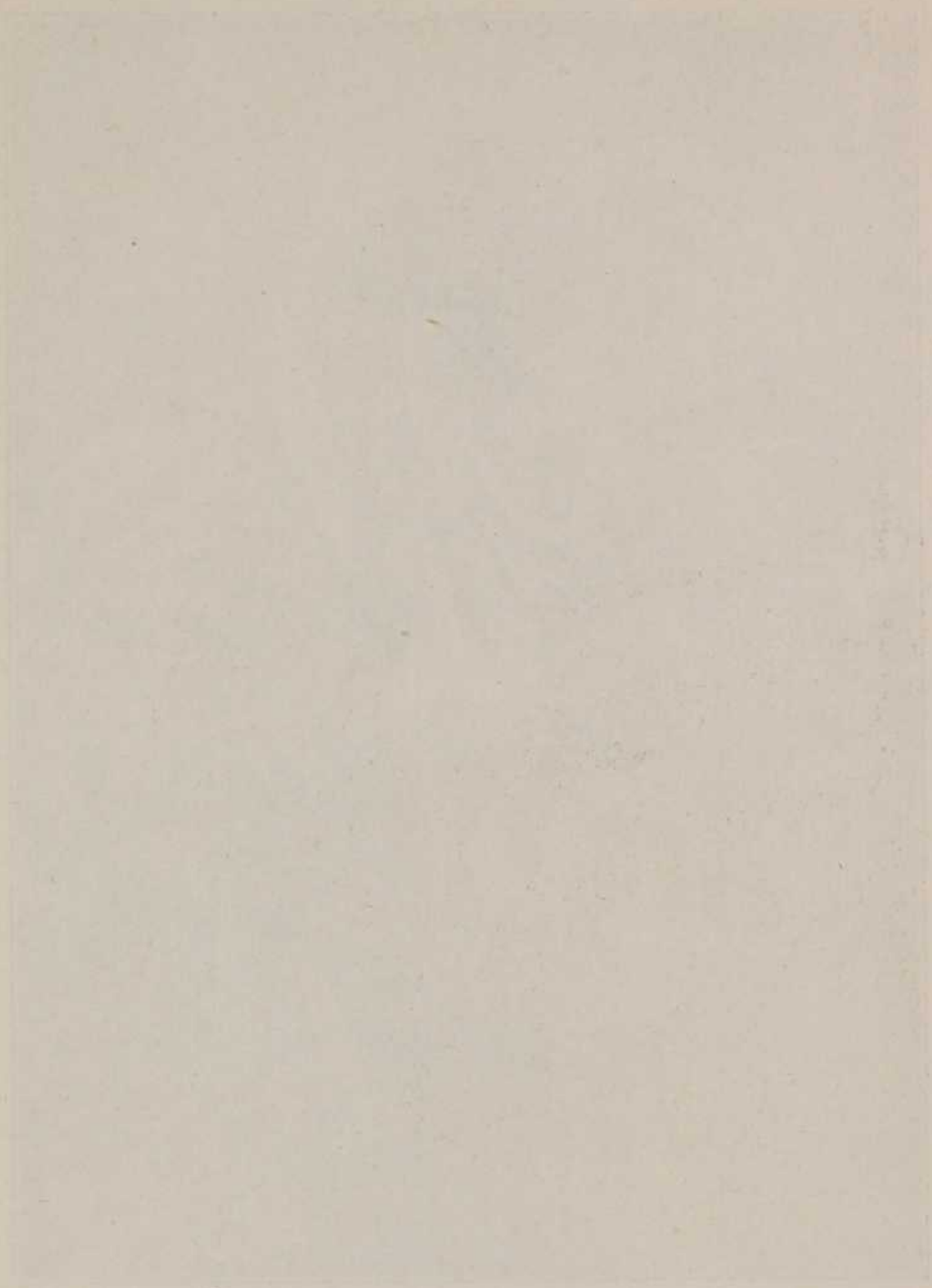
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His Holiness Pius XI

Encyclical Letter of His Holiness Pope Pius XI on the Missions.

To our Venerable Brothers, Patriarchs, Primates, Archbishops, Bishops,
and other local Ordinaries in Peace and Communion with the Holy See,
Pius XI. Pope.

Greetings and Apostolic Blessing.

Venerable Brothers,

In reviewing attentively the history of the Church, one cannot fail to see how from the very first ages of Christianity the especial care and solicitude of the Roman Pontiffs has been directed to the end that they, undeterred by difficulties and obstacles, might impart the light of the gospel and the benefits of Christian culture and civilization to the peoples sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death. For the Church has no other reason for existence, than, by enlarging the Kingdom of Christ throughout the world, to make all men participate in His salutary redemption. And whoever, by Divine Commission, takes the place on earth of Jesus Christ, the Chief Shepherd, far from being able to rest content with simply guarding and protecting the Lord's Flock, which has been confided to him to rule, on the contrary, fails in his especial duty and obligation, unless he strives, with might and main, to win over and to join to Christ all those who are still without the Fold. Now it is well known that Our Predecessors so carried out at all times the Divine Commission wherewith they were charged, of teaching and baptizing all nations, that priests sent by them—of whom the Church publicly venerated not a few either for holiness of life, or because they courageously suffered martyrdom—zealously strove with varying results to enlighten with our faith Europe and, later on, unknown lands. We say, "with varying results" for it sometimes happened that the missionaries, after laboring with little fruit, were either put to death or driven out. As a result, the field which they had begun to cultivate, whether just emerging from wildness or already converted into a garden, when left to itself, was once more gradually overgrown with thorns and briars. There is no doubt that this work was greatly aided by the Apostolic Letter which Our Predecessor, of happy memory, directed to the world on the thirtieth day of November, 1919, "On the Propagation of the Catholic Faith Throughout the World"; because in this letter, while the Pontiff stimulated the diligence and the zeal of all the Bishops procuring help, He pointed out with most wise counsel to the Apostolic Vicars and Prefects, the obstacles to be avoided and the methods to be followed by their clergy in order to render more fruitful the exercise of their sacred apostolate.

The Missionary Exhibition and Museum.

As to Ourselves, venerable brethren, you well know that from the very beginning of Our Pontificate, We determined to leave nothing undone that might day by day extend through apostolic preachers the light of the gospel and thus smooth for heathen nations the way unto salvation. It seems to Us, two special objects ought to be aimed at, both of which are not only opportune, but even necessary and intimately connected with each other: namely, that a much larger number of missionaries well trained in the various departments of knowledge be sent forth into the boundless regions that are still deprived of the Christian religion, and that the faithful may understand with what zeal, and what constancy in prayer, and finally with what generosity they are to co-operate in a work so holy and so fruitful. This is the object that We had in view when We ordered that the missionary exhibit be held within Our Own Vatican Grounds. We must give thanks to God, that as We have heard, many young hearts at the sight of these evidences, both of divine grace and human greatness and nobility, received their first call to the missionary life. So great was the admiration for the missionaries on the part of those who visited that We have every reason to believe that this exhibit will not be without abiding fruit. That the most weighty lessons which this exhibit in its silent eloquence witnessed to may not be forgotten, We have ordered, as perhaps you already know, that a museum be established wherein there may be exhibited in the best possible way the more noteworthy mission objects. This museum will be in Our Lateran Palace, in that place whence after peace had been given to the Church, so many apostolic men celebrated for holiness of life and zeal for religion, were, century after century, sent forth by Our Predecessors into those regions which seemed already white for the harvest. Thus all officials in the army of missionaries, and the privates, too, so to speak, who will visit this museum, after having compared notes on their respective missions, shall draw from it inspiration for even better and greater projects. All of the faithful who visit it will, We believe, experience the same emotion as did those who attended the original Vatican exhibit. Meanwhile, that the interest of the faithful in the missions which has already been stimulated, may be even further increased, We make Our appeal to you, Venerable Brothers, imploring your help. And if your help may rightly be employed in any undertaking, the dignity of your office, as well as your filial affection for Us, will not only prevent you from holding back but will impel you at once to employ it here particularly and employ it with all zeal and diligence. For Our part, as long as Divine Providence shall continue Us in life, this duty of Our apostolic office shall keep us always solicitous because, after pondering on the fact that the pagans still number almost a billion. We have no peace in our spirit (2 Cor. 13, 11) and We seem to hear sounding in our ears. "Cry; cease not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet." (Isaias 58, 1.)

EXHORTATIONS TO BISHOPS.

I.—*The Necessity of the Apostolate.*

There is no need to insist how foreign it is to the virtue of charity, which embraces God and all men, for those who belong to the Fold of Christ not to have a care for the rest who are unhappily straying without the Fold. Surely the duty of charity that binds us to God demands not only that we strive to increase with all our power the number of those who know and adore Him in spirit and in truth (John 4, 24), but also that we bring under the rule of the most amiable Saviour as many as possible, in order that from day to day, "the profit in His blood" (Ps. 29, 10) may be more fruitful, and that we may likewise render ourselves more acceptable to Him to Whom nothing can be more acceptable than that men be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth (1. Tim. 2, 4). Since Jesus Christ proclaimed that the special mark of His disciples would be that they loved one another (John 13, 35; 15, 12), can we vouchsafe to our neighbours a greater or a more signal charity than that of having them withdrawn from the darkness of superstition, and instructed in the true faith of Christ? Nay, this surpasses any other works or testimonials of charity, as the mind surpasses the body; heaven, earth; eternity, time; and everyone that exercises this work of charity to the best of his ability shows that he esteems the gift of the faith as much as it is meet and just that he should esteem it, and moreover, he manifests his gratitude towards the Goodness of God by sharing with the poor pagans this same gift, the most precious of all, and with this gift the others that go with it, or that are united to it. And if none of the faithful can claim exemption from this duty, can the clergy who by their moral election and vocation, participate in the priesthood and apostolate of Jesus Christ; and can you, Venerable Brothers, claim exemption who, adorned with the fullness of the priesthood, are divinely constituted pastors, each in his own diocese, of the clergy and the Christian people? For We read that Christ enjoined not only Peter, whose chair We occupy, but all the apostles, whose successors you are: "Go ye into the whole world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16, 15). It is evident from this that the responsibility of propagating the faith belongs to us, on condition that you must unhesitatingly share the work with us and help us as much as your own particular pastoral duties will permit. Accordingly do not consider it irksome, Venerable Brothers, to comply as good sons, with Our exhortations, for from Us, God shall one day demand a strict accounting of this great obligation.

II.—*Contribution of Prayer.*

First of all, both by the spoken and the written word, strive to have introduced and gradually to extend the pious custom of asking "the Lord of the harvest that He send forth laborers into His harvest". (Matth., 9, 38).



HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL G. VAN ROSSUM,
Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda.

and of imploring for the heathens the divine light and grace; we insist on the custom and the regular practice, for it is plain to all that this shall have more efficacy with Divine Mercy than prayer said once or only occasionally. Even though the missionaries labor zealously; though they work and toil and even lay down their lives in leading the pagans to the Catholic religion; though they employ all industry and diligence and all human means, still all this shall be of no avail, all their efforts shall go to naught, unless God touches the hearts of the pagans to soften them and to draw them to Him. Now, it is easy to see that everyone has the opportunity to pray, and so this help, the very nourishment of the missions, is within the power of all to supply. For this reason, you will do a thing comformable to Our desire and in keeping with the mind and sentiments of the faithful, if you order, for example, that some special prayer for the missions and for the conversion of the heathens to the true faith be added to the rosary of the Blessed Virgin, and to other such prayers, as are accustomed to be recited in the parish churches and in other churches, and let the children and particularly religious orders of women be invited and encouraged to this end. We desire namely, that in all institutions and orphan asylums, in parochial schools, in colleges and in religious houses of women, there should ascend to Heaven, every day a prayer that the Divine Mercy may descend upon so many unhappy beings and upon such populous pagan nations. What can the Heavenly Father refuse to grant to the innocent and chaste? On the other hand, such a practice leads us to hope that the tender-hearted young who have been accustomed to pray for the eternal salvation of pagans, from the moment that the flower of charity first began to bud in their young hearts, may, with the help of God, receive a vocation for the apostolate, a vocation, which, if cultivated with care, may perhaps in time, supply capable workers for the missionary field.

III.—*Mission Vocations.*

Let us touch in passing, on a subject, Venerable Brethren, worthy of your most attentive consideration. No one is ignorant of the grave damage done to the propagation of the faith by the last war, when some missionaries recalled to their own countries, fell in the terrible conflict, while others, being removed from the field of their activities had to leave their missionary work undone; damages and losses that have had, and still have, to be made good, not only to bring back the missions to the state in which they were before the war, but also to insure further progress. Moreover, whether we regard the vast territories which are still unopened to Christian civilization, or the immense number of those who are still deprived of the fruits of the redemption, or the necessities and difficulties which beset and impede the missionaries, through lack of numbers, it is necessary that the bishops and the faithful co-operate in order that the number of Christ's Ambassadors may increase and be multiplied. If there be, in any of your dioceses, any young men or ecclesiastical students, or priests, who seem called to this most excel-

lent apostolate, far from putting any difficulties in their way, encourage them in their ambitions and inclinations, by your favor and authority. And although you are permitted to give their vocations a fair trial to see if they are of God (I John 4, 1), still if you are convinced that their most salutary resolution springs from and is fostered by Divine inspiration, neither scarcity of clergy, nor any need of the diocese ought to discourage you or keep you from giving your consent, since your faithful have at hand, so to speak, the helps to salvation and are less further removed from salvation than are the heathens, particularly those who still are savages and barbarians. If the occasion, therefore, arises, suffer patiently the loss of one of your clergy for



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the love of Christ and of souls, if indeed it can be called a loss, since if you deprive yourself of a co-laborer and a sharer of your toils, the Divine Founder of the Church will surely supply the deficiency, by showering more abundant blessings on the diocese and by awakening new vocations to the sacred ministry.

IV.—*Missionary Union of the Clergy.*

Nevertheless, in order that this work may be linked up with the other cares of your pastoral office, see to it that the Missionary Union of the Clergy be established in your diocese, or, if it has been already established, encourage it to renewed activity by your advice, exhortation and authority. This Union which was providentially founded eight years ago by Our immediate Pre-

decessor, was enriched with numerous indulgences and was placed under the authorization of the Sacred Congregation of the Council; in these last years, it has spread over many dioceses of the Catholic world. We Ourselves have honored it more than once with testimonials of Our pontifical benevolence. All the priests who belong to this Missionary Union, and all ecclesiastical students, according to their status, pray particularly in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and encourage others to pray, for the gift of faith for the numberless multitude of pagans. Everywhere and on every possible occasion they preach to the people concerning the apostolate to be carried on among the pagans, or they see to it that, from time to time on certain days, very profitable conferences on mission work are held. They spread mission literature, and whenever they discover anyone giving signs of a vocation to mission work, they direct him to an institution where he may receive his preparation. In every way possible they encourage and promote, within the limits of their own diocese, the work of the Propagation of the Faith, and all other works that are subsidiary to it. You are not ignorant, Venerable Brothers, what means the Missionary Union of the Clergy has already collected to help this good work, and how much they have given signs of collecting in the near future as the generosity of the faithful increases from year to year. Some of you, Venerable Brothers, have been patrons and sponsors of this Missionary Union in your own dioceses, still it is to be desired that from now on there be no cleric who is not inflamed with the love of the missions.

V.—*Work of the Propagation of the Faith.*

All Christian people should aid, through their generosity, the work of the Propagation of the Faith which of all the mission organizations is the principal one. With due regard for the glory of the pious woman who was the Foundress of it, and of the city of Lyons, We have transferred hither the Propagation of the Faith; We have reorganized it, and upon it we have conferred, in a certain way, Roman citizenship, and given it charge of all the mission needs that exist at present, or that shall exist in the future. How many and great these necessities and how poor for the most part, the missionaries are, was made clearly evident by the Vatican missionary exhibit, although perhaps, many who saw that exhibit, dazzled by the abundance, the novelty and attractiveness of the exhibit, did not sufficiently realize this. Be not ashamed therefore, Venerable Brothers, to make yourselves beggars for Christ and for the salvation of souls and by your pen and the eloquence which flows from your heart, insist that your people, by their interest and generosity, multiply and render more abundant the harvest that the work of the Propagation of the Faith is gathering in every year. Since therefore none are to be considered so poor and naked, none so infirm or hungry or thirsty as those who are deprived of the knowledge and Grace of God, there is no one who does not see that mercy and a divine reward shall not be wanting to him who has shown mercy to the most needy of his fellows.

(To be Continued.)



VERY REV. CANON I. M. C. LECOQ, P. S. S.,
Devoted friend of our Community since its foundation.

A Saint and a Scholar

Mr. Lecoq has been for our Community, since its very foundation, a most devoted benefactor and counsellor. As a humble token of gratitude, may we be permitted to borrow the pen of Rev. Abbé Perrier, Pastor of St. Enfant Jesus Parish, to make known the eminent virtues of him whom we deeply mourn with the entire Church of Canada.

A MAN has just died who was both a saint and a scholar. This evidences anew that love of God and love of science walk hand in hand, and that faith and reason are sisters destined to live in the most perfect harmony.

In order to penetrate the mysteries of existence, man has need of recollection and quiet. He seeks silence and solitude. He offers his soul to the conquest of truth. He reaches God, the Supreme Being. And whosoever goes to the heart of Christianity will find a peerless Master, the Holy Ghost, Who possesses wisdom in plenitude. Has not Jesus Christ said to His apostles, "The Paraclete will teach you all things!" These words astonish but they abound in logic. For it is holiness that maintains our peaceful intercourse with the Holy Ghost and makes us attain truth.

It is the aspect which first appears in the beautiful life of Isaie Marie Charles Lecoq, 15th Superior of St. Sulpice.

His Society sent him to us fifty years ago. She already looked upon him as an elite character with which she gratified us. If a beautiful life is a beautiful dream come to reality, let us directly say that not one of the hopes founded upon the young Sulpician has been frustrated. In turn professor and director at the Grand Seminary, he was incomparable in obtaining from his pupils the *summum* of what they could give. The intellectual, moral, and religious vitality which sprang from him animated the Grand Seminary. He drew it abundantly in an intense union with Jesus Christ, the Sovereign Priest.

The spirituality of St. Sulpice is very dogmatical and very beautiful. Father Olier has wished that his sons have as first and principal devotion the adorable person of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Whom took place the ineffable union of the Word of God with our nature. And immediately reaching the practical side, Father Olier concluded, "A Sulpician must live intimately united to God by Jesus Christ, with Jesus Christ, in Jesus Christ. *Vivere summe Deo, per Christum, in Christo, cum Christo*". This is the doctrine of St. Paul which the venerated Father Lecoq liked to quote in his incomparable lectures of which none can form an idea unless he has had the advantage of hearing them. But this doctrine was lived in a remarkable degree by the Sulpician who is now mourned by the seminarians of that time, priests of to-day:

his personality was, in a way, absorbed by the personality of the Word to Whom he was united. That explains his profound humility. Who has forgotten his commentaries on life hidden in God? "Blessed are they whose life is hidden in God with Jesus Christ, whom the world knows not, who live in the secret of God, who are satisfied with His regard; for what error and folly it is not to be satisfied with such a spectator! They are even unknown... for they are not in the vain discourses of man; but they are known, God looks at them the more as no one thinks of them, and as they are as if not existing."

This hidden life entirely weaved with disinterestedness to the service of levites was that of Father Lecoq from 1876 to 1903. He lived solely for Jesus Christ without preoccupation of human glory; and this Master for Whom he lived, he desired to engender into the hearts of the future priests. He was a living and constant example of the faithful steward. He knew, from having meditated upon it, that, "the preacher of the Divine Word is recognized by these three signs: he maintains himself in truth, teaches it with exactitude, and, forgetting self, seeks the glory of God alone."

Father Lecoq throughout his life sought to be eclipsed: obedience and charity alone could oblige him to manifest his knowledge. Like every great soul, he hid himself and rejoiced in being counted as nothing. How often and with what ardent sincerity did he explain the words of the Imitation: "*Ama nesciri et pro nihilo computari*".

St. Gregory has said of his friend Basil, "He was a priest even before being a priest." We can equally say it of Father Lecoq. Who can tell his exquisite charity and delicateness for the sick seminarians? His detachment was so complete that there was not even a book in his cell, more humble and poor than that of a monk with solemn vows. Had he made the vow of poverty? Perhaps. What is certain is that no one carried as far as he the spirit of poverty and renouncement to everything; what is equally remarkable is the generosity with which he helped poor seminarians, and his solicitude to send to Rome for superior studies the young levites he had discerned. Father Lecoq was a saint, he was also a scholar: piety had enlarged the realm of intelligence, drawing therein light from the Holy Ghost.

The Greek and Latin writers were known to him. One day, at Montreal College, he hears *Antigone* which was given in the Greek Language; where need be he completes the verses which the young students try to shorten. He has read all the orators, poets and philosophers of Athens and Rome. He speaks and writes their language with astonishing facility.

These profane sources which would inebriate a humanist are not deemed worthy to fill his sacerdotal soul: he loves the Fathers of the Church; St. John Chrysostom, St. Augustine hold no secret for him. He scrutinizes everything; ecclesiastical history, councils, theologians.

Among all books, there is one, mingled with mystery and sublime clearness; it is good for both the little and the great; of this book Father Lecoq

lived delightfully. It is therein he sought the directing principles of his theological argumentations. This book has the Holy Ghost for author, it is Holy Writ. But it is in the Canonical Scriptures that he sought the interpretation which the Church gives him, with the infallible assistance of the Holy Ghost, author of the Church and of the Bible. No one has forgotten his admirable lectures on Modernism, at the very time when discording theologians were giving up our inspired book to the lacerations of modernist criticism, as though the Holy Writings had been a manuscript of Aristotle or of Virgil.

After the Bible, there is another book of which our venerated Director was a passionate lover. During the Middle Ages, as he told us one day, they knew how to construct cathedrals and write theological summae. St. Thomas could not fail to impress him by the geometrical ordinance of his work of genius, work which lives like a deeply-rooted oak in the soil of the past, and where it has drawn all the nourishing sap of Tradition. This doctrinal unity of theological synthesis was well fit to captivate Father Lecoq. All what he has read: Bible, Fathers of the Church, Philosophers, he has read with a mind marvellously illumined with the splendours of an intense interior life. He seems to live in the radiant light of an eternal sunshine. Listen—for unfortunately he has written nothing—listen to him,—everything is clear, orderly, full of warmth and life in this lucid, ardent and fecund mind. Principles surge in peerless strength and beauty; consequences follow principles in an imperturbable logic under the flow of words perfectly adapted to the loftiness and wealth of thought.

The elders remember his wonderful lectures on Protestantism of which he studies the immediate and remote causes, and of which he enumerates the occasional motives. He then brings up a rich synthesis of facts and shows what disastrous results free examen has engendered into the world. Nothing escapes his vast intelligence. Not a book is published that is not read, analysed and criticized by our director.

In the year 1903, Father Decoq was elected Superior of his Society in Montreal. He devoted himself entirely to his new functions. We may however surmise that our holy and learned director, always so submitted to Divine Providence's Holy Will, must have sometimes felt nostalgia for his chair as professor and director of the Greater Seminary where he has given the full measure of his high intellectual and ecclesiastical value. His work will be, above all, the generations of levites he has formed. We, his sons whom he so dearly loved, deposit on his grave the heartfelt homage of our profound gratitude. We beg him to continue to intercede for us near Christ, the Sovereign Priest, so that we may not be too unworthy of his examples, his lessons, of the apostolate of suffering which he has so valiantly practised during the last years of his long and fruitful career. As Dante said, "let us, at least, place the tip of our foot there where his heel has rested."

(Translated from the French)

Death of a Sister of Pius X



THE SISTERS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE PIUS X. family.

Donna Anna Sarto, the second sister of Pope Pius X., passed away on April 4, 1926, at the age of 76 years, in the modest apartment of "Plaza Rusticucci", beside St. Peter Plaza, where she had taken up residence in 1903 with her sisters, Rosa, who died in 1913, and Maria, the last survivor of this admirable family.

Rome furnished an impressive funeral for Donna Anna Sarto. The Holy Father desired that the obsequies be attended to by the Holy See and He was represented at the ceremony by the highest dignitaries of the Pontifical Court. The sister and sister-in-law of the deceased held, according to Roman custom, the ribbons of the pall, while her brother followed with the other members of the

Mass was celebrated by Mgr. Bressan, former secretary of Pius X., and in the "coretto" reserved for the members of the Sacred College, were seen Cardinal Merry del Val, former Secretary of State, with several other Cardinals.

The Governor of Rome supplied the hearse, which was accompanied by a platoon of "carabinieri" and Police officers, and the Italian Government saw to the transportation by rail, to Riese, where the interment took place.

The dirge was executed by the French Religious of Tincebray Community, which has its residence in the same estate as the Sarto family.

The Diary of a Guardian Angel

(Continued)

The Picture.—Weakened by age, the religious could do naught but let glide between her fingers the Rosary she recited for the salvation of souls.

How often would she bless and thank God for the favours He had granted her! how much happiness she had enjoyed during her long existence!

I called around her some of the angels whose wards she had saved, and asked them what had been the joys of their ministry. Each one answered in praising my protégée.

The little elect's angel unfolded the robe of innocence; that of the beggar made spring forth the roses of benevolence and charity; that of disconsolate mothers showed a cup overflowing with the balm of consolation; that of the lepers, a dazzling cloak and bodies illuminated with glory.

"Thank you, beloved brethren," said I to them with a grateful smile. "It is my treasures you have spread. How compose the eternal town of a religious without mingling with it a few rays taken from those of the souls she has given to God! Is it not from her that, very often, they have received the first gemmæ of sanctification?"

"Oh! yes," answered in chorus the heavenly spirits! She consecrated herself to the Lord so as to be the better able to give herself entirely to the work of redemption. We have seen her share the unfortunate's sufferings, weep with them, live for them alone after God."

"How sweet it is for me, beloved brethren," responded I with emotion, "to hear you celebrate the glory of the religious! Soon, before the Sovereign Judge of the living and the dead, I shall call upon you. When I shall be questioned on her life, I shall let you speak. The souls she has redeemed and their virtues will be the jewels and precious stones that will deck her brow in Heaven."

The Petition.—One night, while I busied myself in alleviating her sufferings, an angel came to me and said, "To-morrow, we celebrate a great feast in Heaven; we are actually preparing for it."

I understood for whom was this feast and what part I was to take in it. It was to be celebrated amidst tears on earth and joys in Heaven.

The moment had arrived to grant my ward a favor that God reserves to His most intimate friends.

I revealed to her the day and the hour on which would be loosened the bonds of her captivity: "I rejoice," exclaimed she, "in the words that are spoken to me: We shall enter into the house of the Lord."

When she could no longer speak to Jesus and His Blessed Mother, I spoke in her name. Years ago, while she was full of strength and life, she had deposited this request in my heart:

"My good angel:—

"I ignore at what time and in what manner I shall die. It may happen that I shall be suddenly taken away or that I be deprived of the use of my senses. How many things would I fain say to God, on the threshold of eternity!

"Free as I am to-day of all preoccupation, I come to beg you to kindly speak in my name at that dreaded instant. Please tell Him, O my good angel:

"That I desire to die in the Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church where all the saints since Jesus Christ have died, and out of which there is no salvation;

"That I beg the grace of sharing in the infinite merits of my Redeemer and that I desire to die pressing to my lips the Cross that was bathed in his Blood;

"That I detest my sins because they displease Him, and that I forgive, for love of Him, all my enemies, as I, myself, desire to be forgiven;

"That I willingly die because He so wills it and that I throw myself in all confidence in His adorable Heart, awaiting from Him all mercy;

"That in my inexpressible desire of going to Heaven, I am willing, with the help of His grace, to suffer all what it will please His sovereign Justice to impose upon me;

"Lastly, that I love Him before all, above all, and for Himself; that I wish and hope to love Him with the Blessed, the angels and the Immaculate Virgin Mary throughout eternity.

"Do not refuse, O my good angel, to thus become my interpreter before God, and to protest that such are my sentiments and my will!"

My heart united with my voice to repeat to God, at the appointed time, this beautiful protestation. The Most High received it as if it had just been expressed by the moribund herself.

The Arrival.—Where did Teresa find herself when she had breathed her last and seen the veil of time lift itself? In my arms. Her soul was not condemned to traverse alone and guideless the road that separated her from her Judge. I, who have always been so devoted to her, it is not now that I would abandon her! I know the path she has to follow; so often have I trodden it when I carried to God her prayers and sacrifices, and brought back to her God's favors.

From our first steps into eternity, we were surrounded by joyous choirs who greeted us and congratulated us on our victories.

I arrived at the feet of the Judge and presented the soul He had confided to my care. He held out His hands to her: "Beloved soul, do not fear, know the Spouse to Whom you have consecrated yourself, the Spouse you have faithfully served."

The devil came, not to take this soul into his possession, but to make justice shine more brightly!

He opened the Book of Death. I opened the Book of Life. This soul's name glistened there in immortal beauty. Her virtues and works had been

carefully recorded therein; her faults appeared only through the Divine Blood that ransomed them. The Judge recalled them only to sanction their forgiveness.

I placed the treasures of virtue on the balance; the good outweighed by all its value; forgiven faults never have any importance.

The sentence was delivered; a sentence of benediction that gave Heaven a new elect and brought to my heart an increase of happiness.

The Reward.—The courage shown during her life by the religious deserved a special reward. To refuse all to passion and give all to God by virginity; to remain incorruptible and pure; to devote one's self unreservedly; to practise mortification for love of Jesus, to submit to obedience; to do all that to gain souls for Heaven, such is the beautiful task of whosoever consecrates himself to the Lord in the religious life.

What human courage could accomplish this? what profane virtue would dare approach it?

There are three kinds of courage that God rewards by a distinctive sign in eternity, the courage of the Doctor, that of the Martyr and that of the Virgin. This sign is an accidental brightness of the body and soul that is called halo.

Luminous colour, or coloured light, the halo is white for Virgins, red for Martyrs and verdant for Doctors.

The nimbus of Doctors is composed of radiant stars; that of Martyrs, of glittering jewels; that of Virgins, of graceful flowers.

The Virgins hold lilies in their hands; the Martyrs have palms, and the Doctors carry laurels.

Crowned with her halo and holding her lily, the Virgin, my ward and sister, was called in the triumphant chariot of her Spouse. She mingled with the heavenly spirits, and, at my side began her immortal career, following the Divine Lamb wherever He goeth and singing, like us, the canticle reserved for virgins and angels.

(To be continued)

The cause of Christ is, first a little empire in each individual heart and then a mighty empire embracing all peoples and nations.

We have been treated so generously, especially by the great missionaries of the past, that we can ill afford to have any but the most sympathetic attitude toward all the countries of the world that stand in need of missionary aid. We have in the past been benefited; now is our opportunity to benefit others.

Pastoral Letter

Announcing the Establishment of the Missionnary Sisters
of the Immaculate Conception, at Three Rivers.

FRANÇOIS XAVIER CLOUTIER

By the Mercy of God and of the Apostolic See, Bishop of Three Rivers.

To the secular and regular Clergy, to the religious Communities and to the faithful of our diocese, Greeting and Blessing in Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Venerable Brethren,

It pleases Us to inform you that the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have arrived to dwell in our midst.

This Religious Community is of recent foundation, counting but twenty years' existence. An admirable sentiment of charity has presided its establishment. It was in 1902. A pious woman of Montreal, still living, Mother Marie du St. Esprit, Superior General of the Community, is deeply touched at the fact that, of more than 400,000,000 inhabitants in China, scarcely 2,000,000 are enlightened with the true faith. She is moved at the thought that all these souls are created after God's image to know, love and serve Him, and thereby possess Him in an eternal beatitude. She meditates in her heart the moral misery in which these peoples live and, above all, the sad fate to which are exposed the children born in those distant countries. A great number of these children, especially the girls, are killed at their birth, or cruelly abandoned, or thrown as feed for animals. It is as many souls that will never enjoy the sight of God, sharing only a natural happiness in the other life when they were destined, like us, for an eternal and boundless felicity.

These considerations gave rise in the soul of that woman whose initiative We admire, to the design of founding a Community of heroines who will go to China and other infidel countries to ransom abandoned waifs, open Heaven for them by Holy Baptism, or bring them up in a christian manner. Thus will they second the missionary priests, so few in the foreign field, and in many cases, supply them. They doubtlessly will have to face dangers of all kinds, even death, but that matters not. All is possible with the grace of God, "Omnia possum in eo qui me confortat", as Saint Paul says in his Epistle to the Philippians (iv. - 13). Such is the heroism of our Canadian women when religious impetus and the fire of charity animate them.

The pious foundress had a devoted helper and prudent adviser in the Reverend Abbé Gustave Bourassa, Secretary of the University, who later became Pastor of St. Louis de France Parish and died in 1904. His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, of Montreal, to whom the project was presented, warmly approved of it and, as he was to soon set out on a journey to Rome, accepted to present the Institute to the approbation of Holy See. Accordingly, in a private audience with His Holiness Pope Pius X., the Archbishop delivered his message, exposing pros and cons, advantages and difficulties, and leaving to the Supreme Pontiff, depositary of light from On High, the care of deciding if the Community were to live or if the project of its foundation were to be abandoned. The Pope answered, "Found it, Your Grace, and the blessings of Heaven will descend upon this necessary work." Pius X. himself wished to name the young Congregation, and on December 7, 1904, He gave it the definite title of "Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception."

This Canadian Community, the first to devote itself to foreign missions, has rapidly increased, thus proving it is willed by God. Like unto the grain of mustard-seed spoken of in the Gospel, it has become a large tree whose beneficent branches spread in divers parts of our country and have, long since, projected in China their salutary shade.

Wherefore, very dear Brethren, have We called these missionary Sisters in Our Diocese? First, in order that they may associate us the more with the admirable work they perform in infidel countries. We shall, in so doing, respond to the desires of the Sovereign Pontiff, Pius XI., who has iteratively, since his assension to the Pontifical See, but especially so in His recent Encyclical "Rerum Ecclesiae", so strongly fostered the mission cause, showing thereby how much He has at heart to spread Christ's kingdom among the heathen. Why has He held the Vatican Missionary Exposition, which lasted during the entire holy Year, if not to say to all: "See the needs of these missions, see the misery of these peoples, and give of your abundance to help these unfortunates..." Truly, it seems that the present Pontiff desires the propagation of our Holy Faith to be the principal aim of His apostleship.

Our Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception will not, however, introduce new activities among us. In fact, your charity has already been called upon in many different ways. They will simply have charge, here as in Quebec, Rimouski and Joliette, of what is termed the Diocesan Office of the well known Association of the Holy Childhood. They will probably be soon required to promote the Work for the Propagation of the Faith, since long established in our midst. Lastly, they will strive to propagate among our population the Bulletin of their Community, "The Precursor", which is certainly one of the most interesting religious reviews ever published in Canada. In every place where they will go, either in the homes or in the schools, a kindly welcome and a generous co-operation, We hope, will be extended to them.

In coming to establish themselves at Three Rivers, these Religious have, however, a secondary aim, which is also important. Responding to one of our most ardent wishes, they will help in the publication of Our diocesan newspaper, "Le Bien Public". They have acquired the printing-plant which heretofore belonged to our episcopal Corporation, and have given it the name of St. Joseph Press.

By the Act passed with them, and which is to the advantage of both parties, the life of the publication, "Le Bien Public", is assured. We wish to profit by the occasion of this Pastoral Letter, to give it a new impulse.

Enough could not be said nor written to impress the public mind of the extreme necessity of healthy literature. For the last twenty-five years, the successive Pontiffs of Rome have, in turn, repeated that the preaching of the press is as important as that of the pulpit in our churches; that it is the duty of all Catholics worthy of the name to encourage clean literature and proscribte unhealthy publicity; that every country, every region should have its newspapers to outweigh the pernicious influence of the press totally immoral or hostile to the Church, or even neuter or venal. We have, in the past, cited to you the fact of Pius X., then Patriarch of Venice, going from house to house to solicit subscriptions to the "Difesa", a newspaper he had founded, and concerning which he said he would even sell his pectoral cross rather than see its fall.

We have not, thank God, in our Province of Quebec, newspapers waging an open war against Faith, or filled with repugnant obscenities, as may be found elsewhere. But are these the most dangerous? Do not those that veil evil possess an even more noxious influence, by the very fact that they are the less suspected? And of this sort, too many are there, alas! Some have a very wide circulation, even among the best of our population. Those newspapers that seek the interest of their till in preference to the good of their readers; that give to crime a shameful and perverse publicity under the pretense of forwarding information to the public; that take pleasure in giving details of blood, filth and degradation at the occasion of judicial trials, thereby blackening reputations and lowering all that is most worthy of respect; these newspapers are working to spoil our people.

We must oppose them with our own newspapers, those that nobly fulfil the aim of good literature, that educate, give real information and that can be left without fear into every hand, even those of children, as soon as they begin to read.

Here, in Three Rivers, we have "Le Bien Public", which it behoves to propagate with newspapers of other places. We would say even before them. Charity begins at home. It is clear that there is more difficulty in up-keeping a newspaper in a region like ours, than there should be in a metropolis, like Montreal for instance. More good will, united generosity, sacrifices tending to the common end, are needed to achieve success.

All agree in saying that "Le Bien Public" has, since the last few months, become more attractive in every way. Its work of propaganda has been reorganized on novel bases and every family in the diocese will, in time, receive the visit of a priest who will solicit their subscriptions. This messenger of good news will be sent by Us, very dear Brethren, and We earnestly beg you, beforehand, to encourage his efforts either by willingly renewing your subscription if you already receive "Le Bien Public", or by welcoming it in your home. You will not have cause for regret, for the more you will encourage our diocesan publication, the better will it accomplish the good that may be expected from it. Its interests are the interests of all; then let all without exception, Clergy and faithful of the Diocese, freely give it their moral and financial support.

Trusting that God will inspire you to respond to the appeal We presently address you in favour of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, as well as in that of our publication, "Le Bien Public",—which will henceforth be printed at their printing press,—We paternally bless you, very dear Brethren, and heartily wish you the abundance of the Heavenly graces which We implore in your behalf.

We wish this Pastoral Letter to be read and published in all the churches of Our Diocese where public service is held, and in Chapter, in the Religious Communities, the first Sunday after its reception.

Given at Three Rivers, at Our episcopal Palace, under Our Seal, that of the Diocese, and the Countersign of Our Chancellor, the nineteenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

† François Xavier,
Bishop of Three Rivers.

By Order of His Lordship,
Philippe Normand, Chancellor.

Votive lights in honor of the Blessed Virgin

*In the Chapel of the Missionary Sisters
of the Immaculate Conception.*

To comply with the desire of several pious persons devoted to the Blessed Virgin, we are pleased to quote the prices of lamps and candles that may be burned at Mary's shrine in our modest chapel, in thanksgiving or to obtain some favor from this tender Mother.

A lamp or candle	{ 10 cents each.
	{ 75 cents for a novena.
	{ \$20.00 for one year.

"I will be a Missionary"

Is it very true, Mother dear
 —My book has perhaps deceived me?—
 So very true that earth, our sphere,
 Is large as they say it to be?...
 That everywhere, men and women,
 From Orient
 To Occident
 Have a soul to each one given?...
 She smiled:
 —Yes, my child!



And here below, are all the men
 Of all the times, in all the lands,
 The dear God's own little children?
 Did they come from His Divine Hands?...
 Adam and Eve do they have, too,
 As grandfather
 And grandmother?
 Tell this to me for I love you!...
 She smiled:
 —Yes, my child!

And these grandparents who had been
 Destined for bliss celestial
 Placed us under a fang unclean
 That wrought the sin original?
 Surnamed Satan until this day
 The angel seen
 In that strange scene
 That held but terror and dismay?...
 She smiled:
 —Yes, my child!



God, seeing that man, from his birth,
 Had lost all rights to Paradise,
 Sent His Divine Son upon earth
 To make hope in all souls arise.
 His blood became a holy Chrism...
 For Jesus came,
 Effaced our shame.
 Oh! yes! therein lies our Baptism!...
 She smiled:
 —Yes, my child!

Dear Jesus made no exception
To the salvation He has brought.
In His Book of Legislation
At this page which, for you, I sought,
He says, "Make all creatures incline,
"Bend very low,
"And see the glow
"Of My visage pale and divine!"
She smiled:
—Yes, my child !

"All must be told how I suffered
"On Calvary, upon the Cross,
"As in my divine Heart severed
"To save man from eternal loss."
See! He bids us!...—On the rivage
Whence, each day, come
The dawn and sun,
Maybe they expect His message ?
She smiled:
—Yes, my child !

There are thousands, millions of men
Who live afar, in East and West,
But who are all like us even.
Maybe in their hearts they have guessed
And waited through the long ages
For that Water,
Instant cleanser
Of hearts and souls of savages?...
She smiled:
—Yes, my child !



If, to save souls, our dear Saviour
Said, one day, one word to us: "Go!"
Must not at least someone answer
Him Whose great Heart hath loved us so?...
Mother! listen and forgive me!...
When I am grown,
—Though all alone,—
I will be a missionary!...
She wept, then smiled:
—Yes.... Yes, my child !

Rimouski

Bishop's Palace,
Rimouski, April 15, 1926.

You all have learned of the catastrophe which has struck our Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, the so devoted workers of the Propagation of the Faith and Holy Childhood Associations; the active auxiliaries of Closed Retreats for ladies in the Diocese; the foundresses of the Apostolic School for young girls, hope of recruitment for this Congregation consecrated to the holy labours of Christian faith in pagan countries.

Strong in trial, magnanimously submissive to the designs of Providence, they will take up with fresh courage and tenacity their works, for a time interrupted.

I know that your sympathy will not fail them, and that you will give them repeated proofs of the high appreciation we all have of their activity which expresses itself in so many useful works for the good of Religion.

† Joseph Romuald,
Bishop of Rimouski.

A distinguished visitor from China.

His Lordship Right Reverend A. Gauthier, Bishop of Pak Hoi, China, assisted by Rev. R. Caille, in charge of the Chinese Colony of Montreal, and Rev. U. Arcand, of Paris Foreign Missions, future missionary of Singapore, celebrated Holy Mass this morning in our modest sanctuary which we had decorated as magnificently as possible. We chanted our most apostolic hymns—it is in honor of the Messengers of the Gospel, of those who lay down their lives to extend Our Saviour and King's dominion. After breakfast, His Lordship entertained the Community of his dear mission of Pak Hoi where he would very much like to see the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception who, while exercising their apostolate, would give him the advantage of replacing his Chinese sacristan. The poor boy so little sees the specks of dust that one day he gave His Lordship a Chinese cockroach to drink !

If Bishop Gauthier does not boast of the cleanliness of his Chinese, he highly praises their good nature and religious sentiments. Among other things, he said that every time he spoke of "Our Father Who is in Heaven", especially to the poor and unfortunate among his flock, he would see them shed tears of compassion: "*A God Who has made Heaven and earth, Who is all-powerful, Who loves me, Who protects me, Who always thinks of me, poor Chinese!*" And their hearts overflow with gratitude! This explains the deep love and attachment that the apostle holds for his dear mission... Why are not missionaries a thousand times more numerous to bring to these millions of infortunates the Message of our God and tell them how much He loves us all !

A Few Roses Scattered

By the Little Sister of the Missionaries ...



"When I shall be in heaven, Jesus, Thou wilt fill my hands with roses and I will shower them upon earth.

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

A thousand thanks to the Little Flower of Jesus for a favor which she has obtained for me after I had promised to give an offering for your missions.

Mrs. I. G., Sherbrooke.

I am enclosing One Dollar as one little rose petal, given in gratitude to the missionaries in honor of their holy Little Sister.

Mrs. J. O. P., Montreal.

Please find enclosed Mass Stipends in honor of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus; she has greatly favoured us.

To help the Burse of the Little Flower, I forward the sum of Five Dollars, begging the Sister of Missionaries to aid me to obtain a position; I also desire light concerning a vocation.

A cure has been obtained after promise had been made to publish in THE PRECURSOR; many thanks to the Little Flower of Jesus!

Please find enclosed One Dollar in thanksgiving to the Little Flower for a favor obtained.

A Subscriber.

I am sending for your missions the sum of \$5.00. The dear friend of missionaries, St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, has obtained a position for me. S. G., Montreal.

To thank the Little Flower for a favor received, I am sending \$25.00. X.

For the support of your novices and in honour of their saintly patroness, the Little Flower, I forward the amount of Five Dollars.

Miss B., Montreal.

A cure has been obtained through the intercession of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus. In gratitude, a very small token indeed, I enclose Three Dollars for your missionary works.

A Subscriber, N. B.

I send herewith my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and Four Dollars for your Chinese Missions, to thank St. Teresa who has obtained a favor for our family.

Mrs. C. Le B., Fall River, Mass.

A slight alms is enclosed for your darling babies of China; would you also burn lights at Our Blessed Mother's altar, in thanksgiving for the sale of a property?

A. C. S.

I am sending you the sum of Two Dollars towards the Little Flower Burse, for a favor desired.

Kindly accept the enclosed amount of \$1.50 for two novenas of lights at the shrine of the Missionaries' little Sister, in thanksgiving for a favor granted.

Mrs. W. M., Montreal.

I have obtained the location of three houses through the intercession of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus; in gratitude, I offer you the sum of Two Dollars for your worthy works.

Mrs. B. B.

It is with the greatest feeling of gratitude that I renew my subscription to your review THE PRECURSOR: Saint Teresa has obtained a cure for us after we had promised to help your missionary works.

I feel indebted to the Little Sister of Missionaries for a favor granted. Please find enclosed my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and an offering for your works in China.

Mrs. J. G., Smooth Rock Falls.

Herewith find One Dollar which I promised to Saint Teresa who has greatly helped me during a recent illness.

G. P., Terrebonne.

A signal favor has been obtained through the medium of the Little Flower of Jesus.
X.

Numberless thanks to the Little Sister of Missionaries for a shower of roses she has favoured our family with. Herein my subscription to your review.

Miss C. L., Baltic, Conn.

I am pleased to send you Five Dollars in thanksgiving to Saint Teresa for a favor received.

Mrs. A. Fontaine, Woonsocket, R.I.

I desire to express my gratitude to the dear Little Flower for a favor she has obtained for us. Please find enclosed Five Dollars as a rose to be scattered on your missionaries in their heavenly Sister's name.

Mrs. U. D., Montreal.

Two cures have been obtained through the powerful intercession of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus; many thanks to the generous little Saint!

Mrs. L. A., St. Charles Caplan.

I know how needy your missionary works are. So please find the enclosed amount of 5.00 which I send you as a feeble token of gratitude towards the Sister of Missionaries, the Little Flower, who has greatly favoured me.

Miss A. B., Montreal.

As a pledge of my grateful sentiments towards Little Teresa of the Child Jesus, I forward the sum of One Dollar for her Burse in favor of a missionary sister.

Mr. G. B., Montreal.

It pleases me to contribute the sum of Five Dollars to the Little Flower of Jesus Burse, in thanksgiving for a grace received after promise of publishing in THE PRECURSOR.
A Subscriber, Springfield, Mass.

Please find enclosed Mass Stipends in honor of the Sister of Missionaries, the holy Teresa, our Little Flower.
Miss M. Demers, Jefferson.

For your missions I am sending my humble mite of Five Dollars. It is in deep gratitude for a favor I have received through the intercession of Saint Joseph and the Little Flower of Jesus.
Mr. R. C., Ville Lasalle.

I have promised the patroness of missionaries to send \$2.00 for your missions. She has answered my request; please find the above-mentioned amount enclosed.
Mrs. J. P. M., Outremont.

In thanksgiving for a very great favor received, I am sending Stipends for a High Mass, my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and a Novena of lights to be burned at the Little Flower's shrine.
M. N. Clement, Montreal.

Kindly receive my donation of fifty cents, a mite in reality but given with a big heart, to burn lights at dear Saint Teresa's altar.
Mrs. R., Hochelaga.

I hereby contribute Two Dollars to the Burse of the Little Flower of Jesus, in thanksgiving for a favor granted through her intercession.
Miss A. M. B., Manville, R. I.

Many thanks to the good Little Flower for a cure she has obtained of one very dear to me. Enclosed One Dollar for your works.
J. B., Chambord.

I am sending you Five Dollars for a Crib in honor of the Sister of Missionaries. May many mothers follow my example and favor the poor little ones of China.
O. B., Montreal.

I owe very much gratitude to Our Blessed Mother and the Little Flower for special favors they have obtained for me; in thanksgiving, I am enclosing the sum of Three Dollars.
Mrs. D. S., Longueuil.

Would you kindly have a High Mass sung in honor of the Little Flower for a favor received?
Mrs. J. R., L'Ange Gardien, Que.

I enclose the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars as a token of gratitude towards the little Sister of Missionaries who has very specially helped me in the sale of property.
Miss E. L.

We are sending you the amount of Ten Dollars for the Little Flower Burse, in a spirit of gratitude for a favor she has obtained for us after promise of publishing.
A family of Joliette, Qué.

Our most sincere thanks to Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus for a request granted.
A Subscriber, Montreal.



SISTER ST. JOSEPH, MISSIONARY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
Deceased at Canton, May 23, 1926.

On the 23rd of May, Whitsunday, when the Community were united, according to our custom, to celebrate our venerated Mother Foundress' patronal feast, a cable from China announced the sad news of the death of our dear Sister St. Joseph, nee Emilda Charbonneau, of St. Jean Baptiste Parish, Montreal. She was born on the 21st day of September, 1868, entered our Novitiate on September 21, 1904, and, on September 8, 1909, left for China. For seventeen years did this dear Sister consecrate her whole strength and energy to alleviate sufferings of all sorts in the land of China.

Upon her arrival at Canton, she was charged with the care of the blind, infirm and idiots. Her companions were struck by the compassionate kindness she always showed for these unfortunates. After a lapse of two years in these laborious functions, the direction of the Holy Childhood Home was confided to her. She was endowed with a mild character and inclined to pity; thousands of little ones received from her, during fifteen years, the care and attention of a mother. Her devotedness towards these frail waifs never gave way: how often did she pass part of the night near a little stove, drying the clothing destined to cover, on the following morning, the limbs of "her dear little angels" as she called them. She sacrificed herself, to the last minute of her life, to these dear babies and thousands of little souls have been regenerated through her means. We beg our kind readers to ask God to grant eternal repose to His faithful servant.

Echoes from our Missions

A few sayings of the dear old patient of our
Quebec Chinese Home.



OUR AGED CHINESE.

The other day one of our Sisters in charge at the Home said to him "Pray hard for Sister Superior, for she is ill." He immediately began to recite every prayer he knows, starting from the Act of Contrition and not forgetting to invoke St. Joseph to whom he feels indebted for the daily rice he has enjoyed during the past year.

When he had finished his prayer, he beckoned me, "What is Sister Superior's name ?

—But why do you wish to know her name ?

—I want to say it to God!"

On our arrival, the day of John X's baptism, our old patient came to me with a beaming countenance. "Look! Sister, the decorations ! all those nice banners! Won't it be solemn?...John will be so glad! Many Chinese will surely be converted..." Since this ceremony, our dear old

man urges his compatriots: "Why don't you become a Catholic? if you could only know how happy we are..."

When Sister told him that little John would not only be baptized but would also go to Communion for the first time, the good old man who is one year a Christian, straightened himself and said: "For me, it is much better! I go to Communion every Sunday!..."

We are preparing him for his Confirmation. 'Tis a hard task, for his rusty memory refuses to welcome anything new. In learning that he should be ready to combat for Christ: "Must I then become a soldier? Alright, I have my cane!...but what can I do with only one hand and one foot?... (he is paralyzed)."



REV. G. SAUVAGEAU, Pastor of Thetford, Que.; LING PING WING, the newly-baptized, and his godparents,
Mr. and Mrs. A. BLAIS.

A new Chinese conquest for Holy Church.

Pentecost Eve., May 22nd, 1926.

Our Chinese catechumen of Thetford Mines, Ling Ping Wing, has received Baptism in the new chapel of the Reverend Sisters of Charity, from the hands of the Pastor of that Parish, Rev. Father Gideon Sauvageau. Ling Ping Wing now bears the names of Joseph Marie Gideon Alphonse, which he received in honor of the Reverend Pastor and of his godfather, Mr. Alphonse Blais.

The numerous witnesses of this ceremony could not but feel an increase of zeal for the salvation of pagans, on hearing the beautiful hymns sung by the Reverend Sisters during the solemn Mass and after the administration of the regenerating Sacrament.

The beaming features of the neophyte, his expressions of gratitude: *Ho foun he! ho foun he!* (how happy I am!) loudly bespoke the jubilation which filled his soul.

May he keep to his last day this spiritual fervour which so greatly edifies us !

CHINESE CHAPEL, MONTREAL.

Ceremonies of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.

THE Catholic Chinese pompously celebrated Pentecost which is the titular feast of their Chapel: the Chinese quarters of the city had been decorated for the occasion; streamers of the national colours could be seen across the different sections of Laugauchetiere St.

His Lordship Rt. Rev. A. Gauthier, Bishop of Pak Hoi, China, on a visit to Montreal, baptized seven Chinese boys, one whom had as godfather the Mayor of Montreal and received the names of Mederic Martin. His Lordship then celebrated Holy Mass, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Emile Girot, P. S. S., and Camille Poisson, curate at the Church of the Nativity. Several distinguished personages were present, among others, Honorable Mederic Martin, Mayor of Montreal, and their Excellencies the Consuls of France and China.

Reverend Father Caille, in charge of the Chinese Colony of Montreal, presented Rt. Rev. Bishop Gauthier who delivered the allocution, speaking on the missionary movement which is being presently directed towards China. His Lordship pointed out that by converting the 400,000,000 Chinese, the actual number of Catholics would be more than doubled. Since a few years, said the Prelate, in all the countries of the world, specially in Canada,

At the Chinese Chapel, Montreal.

after the imposing ceremonies of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

PENTECOST, MAY 23 1926



Among the distinguished personages present, were: Their Lordships Bishop A. GAUTHIER of Pak Hai; Mr. MARTIN, Mayor of Montreal; Their Excellencies the Consuls of France and China; Rev. Abbe Caillé, in charge of the Chinese Colony of Montreal; Rev. E. Girot, P. S. S., Rev. U. Arçand, M. E., Missionary of Singapore.

there is a great movement towards the missions, which is doubtlessly due to the extraordinary impulsion of the Sovereign Pontiffs. On terminating, His Lordship gave particular praise to Canadian missionaries.

The hymns sung at Mass were rendered by a choir of devoted friends. At the Communion, it was really impressing to see these little Chinese—yesterday still pagan—approach the Holy Table, hands joined, eyes cast down, just like the little ones of our good old Christian families. After Mass, the First Communicants recited aloud, in their native tongue, the prayers for thanksgiving.

His Lordship Bishop A. E. Deschamps, Auxiliary of Montreal, came at three o'clock in the afternoon, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the newly baptized, to the First Communicants, as well as to several other Chinese.

It was with true paternal kindness that the Officiating Prelate spoke to the favoured ones of the special graces that this Sacrament infuses into their souls. For the moment, he said, you cannot feel their salutary effects, but later on, in the course of your life, you will experience their invaluable worth. His Lordship then urged them to often seek light and help from those who had given them the preparatory instructions for the reception of this great Sacrament.

Montreal Chinese Hospital.

Tuesday, May 25th, 1926.

Our humble chapel received this morning His Lordship Right Reverend A. Gauthier, Bishop of Pak Hoi, China, who came to celebrate Mass. He was accompanied by Rev. Father Caille, who is in charge of the Chinese Colony of Montreal.

The young Chinese girls, come from the Mother-House for the occasion, sung piously in their native tongue. By a fervent "Veni, Sancte Spiritus," they implored the aid of the Holy Ghost; then with all their heart they intoned the "Pater Noster", prayer which the Chinese Christians love so much to repeat; finally, the "Ave Maris Stella", addressed to the Star of the Sea, obtained, we do not doubt, new blessings for His Lordship who is leaving this evening for the United States, whence he will sail on June 13, to return to his mission of Pak Hoi.

It was with real joy, that we greeted this ardent missionary who, since 52 years, devotes himself for the conversion of pagan Chinese. While the Sacred Species were being consecrated in his hands, we inwardly asked Our Lord that, through his worthy minister's means, these immaculate hosts be multiplied in heathen lands, and we begged Him to prepare for Himself loving hearts as meet tabernacles wherein He could be received.

During his breakfast, our illustrious visitor interested us in speaking of his mission. He then inquired about our Chinese patients whom he had seen and blessed at his first visit to the Hospital, last Thursday.

His Lordship then left us after blessing us anew and bidding us "Au revoir" in the "Celestial Empire".

Extracts from the Novitiate Chronicles



To love Mary, what consolation here below, to make her loved, what assurance for the hour of death!

St. Bernard.

Wednesday, April 7.

THE Mother-House communicated to us by telephone, yesterday, the telegram which had just been received from Rimouski: "Convent completely burned. Sisters and pupils saved; Sisters, Bishop's Palace; pupils, St. Rosaire Convent." Today, our dear Mother had the kindness of forwarding us the following letter, received from our Sisters of Rimouski, giving details of the destruction of their Convent.

"Bishop's Palace, Rimouski
(where your children are sheltered on this day of the destruction of our house).

April 6, 1926.

"Beloved Mother,

"Your telegram, so maternally sympathetic, has been a consoling balm for your poor children's aching hearts. Many thanks, dear Mother, for your kind words of encouragement.

"What also consoles us is to think that imprudence was not the cause of the fire. Here are the details of the sad event. Sister Superior had been obliged to leave this morning, by the 5.40 o'clock train, for Mont Joli. After Mass, which had taken place earlier than usual, I went up to the dormitory (it was about 6.45 A.M.) and I heard crackling on the roof, just like hailstone. There was no smoke however. I hurried to my companions, and after having together ascertained that the house was on fire, we went downstairs to the Reverend Chaplain, hastened the pupils from the chapel, called the firemen, etc. At this moment, a group of men going to their work noticed the smoke escaping from the roof and came to our help. The firemen also arrived and assured us that there was no danger, that they would control the fire. Meanwhile, they began to take the furniture out from the dormitory; the moving had scarcely begun when the ceiling of the corridor caved in, causing a draught which immediately increased the already raging flames. We saw at a glance that all hope was lost and instantly set to work. One side of the veranda was thrown down and through the windows were cast on the snow, beds, mattresses, covers, bureaux, etc., etc. The people gathered the articles according as they fell, and carried them to the garden.

"Our good Prelate, Bishop Leonard, had the extreme kindness of interrupting his thanksgiving after Mass to fly to our help. It was His Lordship himself, as well as the Reverend Procurator, the priests of the Palace and Seminary, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart who effected the salvage, helped by the pupils of the Seminary and several other persons. Thanks to their devotedness, the greater part of the furniture was saved.

"Towards 8.30 A.M., the roof completely gave way: nothing remained but ruins! We were there, looking at our dear Convent, the price of so much labour, unable to do aught else but repeat our "Fiat!"

"His Lordship Bishop Leonard, Mgr. Carbonneau, V. G., and the Reverend Procurator invited us with the most cordial charity to repair to the Palace to take a little food and rest. It was 9.30 A.M., and the Sisters were still fasting. Our pupils had taken breakfast, by groups, at the home of one of our good neighbours, Mr. Caron. We accepted the paternal invitation and went to the Bishop's Palace, where the good Sisters of Ste. Famille showed us the most delicate attention.

"During breakfast, His Lordship again addressed us the most encouraging words. On leaving, he said: 'You will remain here until you receive directions from your Mother-House. The third story is entirely at your disposal.'

"The Reverend Sisters of St. Rosaire had also offered hospitality for ourselves and our pupils. We accepted for the latter. Reverend Father Procurator said to us this afternoon, "All the Religious of Rimouski wish to receive you in their Convents, but your "home" is the Bishop's Palace."

"When Sister Superior returned from Mont Joli, at 11.40 A.M., the house was almost entirely demolished. How sad for her to contemplate but remnants of the smoking and calcinated walls of our beautiful Convent !

"This evening, His Lordship again came to see us; he showed himself, as he really is, "our good Father"; 'You have begun seven years ago', said he; 'well, you will begin over again: God wills it!'

"To-morrow, day consecrated to Saint Joseph, we shall look for a house. We abandon ourselves into the hands of Divine Providence and our Immaculate Mother.

"Your children of Rimouski."

Thursday, April 8.

One of our little sister novices, Sister Mary of the Divine Heart (nee Maria Gagnon, of Sacre Coeur, Beauce) expired last night from the effects of grippe. It is from the Mother-House, where she was probating, that she left for Heaven. Easter-Tuesday the doctor declared that she was rapidly declining. We judged it more prudent to have her anointed, and our good Mother offered her to emit her vows of religion "in extremis". We cannot express with what joy and fervour our little dying Sister welcomed the happy news.

Sister Mary of Perpetual Help, a sister of the patient, also a novice, was called to the Mother-House to assist at the Profession and spend the day with her. Our dear companion who was somewhat grieved on hearing of the near departure of her sister, came back consoled and sharing the joy of the dear dying one. "When I arrived," said she, "Sister Mary of the Divine Heart joyously exclaimed, 'Oh! how good of our dear Mother to send for you...I did not expect at all to see you...How we must thank God for having given us such a good Mother! She thinks of everything that might please me...'"

The invalid received the Last Sacraments and pronounced the vows of Religion in a spirit of inexpressible joy which was inspired—we felt it—by the most lively and deep gratitude! Her gratitude! really, words failed her to express it. "During the day," again relates Sister Mary of Perpetual Help, "every minute that I spent with her was employed in speaking of the goodness of God and the Blessed Virgin in her regard, and of the kindness of our dear Mother and Sisters. 'You have no idea', said she, 'how I thank God and Our Blessed Mother for having brought me into their house. How happy I am ! ! ! 'Tis true that I left Mamma in the world...she was so good!... But here I have found more than one, all are mammas to me ! ! If you see me so happy and content, and if I have never thought of getting discouraged, it is thanks to our good Mother. Since I have been taken ill, she comes to see me very often, telling me beautiful things, bidding me, above all, to remain, very cheerful, not to worry about the morrow; to take the time as it comes, minute by minute. I listen and tell Our Lord to do with me whatever He wills, to-morrow as to-day. I do not ask Him to live nor die. All that I had asked was to become a religious; now that I have made my Profession, I desire nothing more... I know that it is not necessary to live long, we can do much good in Heaven. I make the sacrifice of my life for souls...Ah! When I think that there are so many souls who will never see God!...I would be happy to die now; it seems to me that I could never be as well prepared as I am to-day, immediately after Profession... How privileged I am ! ! I have also noticed that each time our Mother came to see me, she would say, 'My poor dear child!...' But to-day, she did not say that. It is because she finds me so happy!... I am more favoured than my sister Yvonne; (one of her sisters who died at her home a few months ago); she has not received as many graces as I. How good God and His Blessed Mother have been to me!'"

In the evening, the two sisters parted with no feeling of sadness, hoping to see each other before long. The little patient, just a day Professed, said teasingly to her older sister: "Go and make your Novitiate, my little novice... When you will be *Professed*, you may sleep at the Mother-House...as yet you are too young!..."

We learnt, this morning, that our beloved little Sister Mary of the Divine Heart has breathed her last, yesterday evening, in the arms of her

Divine Spouse. Her death was simple, calm and sweet, like her short existence. Not an instant of agony, not a fear, not a worry! A few minutes before she passed away, she asked the Sister Infirmarian to place on her bureau the cross she had borne in her hands... "Would you not like to keep it with you?", asked the Sister.—"Oh! yes, forever!", exclaimed the dying child, pressing it to her heart. These words were her last; she expired peacefully, so peacefully that those present scarcely believed it was the end.

Needless to say that one unique thought fills our minds to-day, that of the dear departed one who, after so short a religious life, has gone to take her place in the cortege of virgins, following the Lamb, and to receive the reward promised by the Divine Master to whosoever will have left all to follow Him. This separation makes us feel the nostalgia of Heaven, but on considering the whitening harvest of infidel shores, we wonder, if all laborers left earth when still young to enjoy rest, who would gather the precious sheaves already swaying under the breeze of Divine grace.

Oh! for as long a life as Thou wilt, kind Master, our feeble hands are at Thy service. Deign to make use of them for Thy glory!

Saturday, April 10.

The funeral of our deeply regretted little Sister Mary of the Divine Heart takes place at the Mother-House to-day. The dear departed one will sleep her last sleep at Cote des Neiges Cemetery with those of our religious family who await there, in the peace of the Lord, the great day of Resurrection.

Thursday, May 6.

Two of our Sisters sail to-day for the Eternal City. Our Convent of Rome will welcome with joy these new recruits.

Our thoughts and, above all, our prayers, accompany them. Each evening, while they are at sea, our voices will raise to the Star of the Ocean, begging her to guide them safely to shore.

Friday, May 7.

Sister Superior reads us a letter from Reverend Father Berichon of St. Francis Foreign Missions Seminary, of Pont Viau, presently in Manchuria, which relates a very sad tale. Having gone out of the city on a errand, he perceived two dogs fighting over the body of a babe, whilst the passersby sneeringly looked on. "How sad", did we exclaim on hearing this, "how sad that the missionary did not arrive a few moments sooner! he could have baptized the poor little unfortunate and by this means have opened Heaven for him."

Tuesday, May 11.

On Saturday, May 1st, under the aegis of our Immaculate Mother, our humble Institute opened a new mission in the City of Three Rivers. His Lordship Bishop Cloutier has confided us the work of the Holy Childhood Association in his beautiful Diocese, and at this occasion, he deigned to write his clergy the following lines:

"We, the undersigned, François Xavier Cloutier, by the grace of God Bishop of Three Rivers, authorize by the present Letter the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception to promote in our episcopal city and in our Diocese the Work of the Holy Childhood whose aim is to save the life of abandoned pagan waifs, and procure for them the grace of Baptism and a Christian education. We also authorize these Religious to collect the subscriptions from the Holy Childhood associates and we instantly ask the latter to favourably receive these Religious.

"Given at our episcopal Palace of Three Rivers, under our seal and that of the Diocese, the eleventh day of May in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-six.

Signed: † F. X., *Bishop of Three Rivers.*"

And this morning, in the humble tabernacle of the very small convent, Our Eucharistic Lord came to reside permanently. His Lordship Bishop Cloutier had the great kindness of going himself to bless the modest dwelling of his new religious family and celebrate the first Mass.

A new altar for the Lord! How this thought brings sweet emotions to our souls! Would that we could erect as many as there are, in heathen countries, dedicated to infamous idols, to the devils themselves, in honour of whom waves of incense rise each day!

May the Immaculate Queen of the Missions obtain that Satan's realm be soon abolished and that Her Divine Son be the sole Dominator of nations! Is not Mary the supplicating power, and, as we sing in a pious hymn.

When, to the Saviour she demands,
'Tis a Mother who commands...

Christian parents, your child is called to a missionary vocation? Be grateful for it, for do you know that this child, your own flesh and blood, is privileged to the most glorious work that can be assigned to man — the laying of the foundations of God's Church.

The Purveyors of Our Lord and the Apostles.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE.



SAINT MARY MAGDELENE.

"At the age of fifteen," writes one of her ancient historians, "Mary was remarkable for her great beauty. It was then that this young girl, living in luxury, began, as is usual at that age, to take delight in self and to let herself be carried by her rising passions. Her heart wandered "in a strange land" and settled in flitting wordly love. Far from God, she soon had dissipated her gifts of nature and education." Her fall and the duration of her disorders were so well known, that she was called by the public, *the sinner, in civitate peccatrix*.

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How old was Mary of Magdalum when she was converted and became, by her inalterable and heroic devotedness one of the most endearing characters of the Gospel? As precise dates are lacking, we must rely on the tradition which tells us that Lazarus was younger than Our Lord, and that Mary was younger than her brother. Mary was converted at the outset of the Saviour's public life; she then must have been 27 or 28 years of age.

YOUNGEST sister of Martha and Lazarus, whose parents owned great lands at Jerusalem, and Magdalum or Magdala, Mary was born in this latter town. She was named after her birth-place, Mary Magdalene or Mary Magdala. It is believed that the surname, rarely given to women, was a title of nobility. However, it leads us to suppose that Mary held a distinguished rank in the country.

Though deprived of her parents at an early age, Mary received like her brother and sister, an education suited to her condition. She was endowed with a bright intellect and the most amiable character, and possessed a perfect knowledge of Hebraic script. To the gifts of the mind, she united exterior charms. Her stature was imposing as we can still judge by one of her feet, preciously kept at St. Celsus' Church in Rome.

With the new life of Mary of Magdalum, the christian mission of woman commences. Henceforth, nothing great will be done in the Church without woman having her share of it: virgins or sinners, all the daughters of Eve must become instruments of salvation; the Divine Master implies this salutary obligation by calling Mary after Him.

In Judea as in Galilee, in the cities as in the villages which Jesus honors with His presence, the heroine of penitent love appears; we find her in company with the Blessed Virgin, inseparable from her Son; of Joanna, wife of Chusa, officer of Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Galilee; of Susannah, noble and pious matron cured by the Saviour, and of several other holy women whom admiration and gratitude rivet to the steps of the Divine Redeemer. Living triumph of mercy, Magdalene, by her presence, reassures sinners and draws them to the kind Master.

In concert with her illustrious companions, Magdalene supplies the needs of the Saviour and the Apostles. Such is the glorious mission of woman which we see perpetuated throughout the different centuries of the Church. Thus, at Rome, the Saints Plautilla, Flavia, Domitilla, Lucilla, Priscilla, Praxedes and so many other great Christians, provide with pious devotedness the needs of Saints Peter, Paul, Clement, Pius, Caius, Marcellus and other Pontiffs, not forgetting the members of their clergy.

As for Magdalene who belonged to an opulent family, she delighted in offering hospitality to the Son of God. She had, with her brother and sister, received Him several times, either at Magdalum or at Bethany. The Saviour always paid for this hospitality by one of these words, a thousand times more precious than gold, and that reveal both Mary's eminent virtue and the divine tenderness of which she was the object.

Thus, when, after the Transfiguration, Our Lord went to Jerusalem, she received Him at Magdalum, some say Bethany. In this occurrence, Mary deserved to hear from the Master's lips those words of praise that will be echoed in all centuries, "Mary hath chosen the better part, which will not be taken from her." This better part was her intimate union with God, formed upon forgetfulness of creatures and of self.

A few days before His Passion, she once more enjoyed that happiness of receiving Him at Bethany. A great feast was prepared for Him, either in the house of Lazarus and his sisters, as St. John Chrysostom asserts, or at Simon the leper's, a friend of the family. The sixth day before the Passover which corresponds with the Saturday-eve of Palm-Sunday, Jesus came to Bethany where was Lazarus whom He had arisen from the dead. The Saviour had many friends in Bethany and it was in their midst that He wished to pass the last days of His mortal life.

Scarcely had He arrived, when supper was made ready for Him. Among the guests was Lazarus, drinking and eating like the others, thus proving the reality of his resurrection and the divinity of Jesus. Faithful to her calling, Martha served at table and Magdalene shared in the same work.

Towards the middle of the repast, Magdalene appears carrying a precious alabaster vase filled with exquisite perfume. She respectfully draws near the Saviour, as she had done three years previous at Magdalum, breaks the vase and expands it, no more on the feet, but upon the adorable head of Jesus. The banquet hall and even the entire house were filled with the suave odour. Instead of rejoicing in the honors rendered his good Master, Judas becomes indignant. He takes the liberty of saying, "To what purpose is this waste? for this might have been sold for much, and given to the poor."

Without deviating from His ordinary meekness, the Saviour takes occasion of this to highly praise Magdalene. All the generations will proclaim other actions, not less glorious, of Magdalene. He Whom, since several years, she has closely followed, He to Whom she has just given a striking proof of her respectful affection, He Whom she loves a thousand times more than herself, her good Master, is in the hands of the soldiers. After that of the Blessed Virgin during the Passion, the deepest anguish, we can say it with assurance, was that of Magdalene. But this anguish does not diminish her courageous devotedness. On the contrary, it makes it the better appear.

Jesus laden with His heavy Cross traverses the streets of Jerusalem : Magdalene follows Him. Jesus is on Calvary, lifted upon the Cross: Magdalene is there, standing, motionless, fearing nothing, seeing and hearing nothing; she is crucified with her Master, and, to give Him a last proof of tenderness, she keeps company with the Blessed Virgin, who stands eighteen steps from the Cross.

All is consummated; but for Magdalene's love all is not over: He whom she has loved she shall love even after death. Re-entered into her dwelling, she passes the night, with her noble companions, preparing spices to embalm her Divine Master. To satisfy her love, day does not dawn early enough. She precedes daybreak and, leading the holy women, hastens to the Sepulchre.

Instead of Jesus, she finds there two angels who say to her, "He Whom you seek is not here: He is risen from the dead.—But where is He?" and she begins to weep. Without making Himself known, the Saviour appears to her and says, "Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou?" She thinking



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that it was the gardener, said to him, "Sir, if thou hast taken him away, tell me where thou hast laid him and I will take Him away." She does not name Him Whom she seeks, her love persuades her that everybody must know. This love redoubles her strength and, feeble woman, she wishes to carry her good Master.

With an accent of ineffable tenderness, the Saviour says to her, "Mary!" Inundated with happiness, Mary exclaims, "Rabboni, Master, it is You!" She falls at His feet and as at Magdalum and Bethany, she yearns to kiss them and bathe them with her burning tears. She no longer wants to leave Him. But the Saviour makes her understand that He has entered His glorious life; that she is still upon earth and that, in eternity only, will she be inseparably united to Him. He says to her, "Do not touch me: *Noli me tangere*." But to leave her an eternal sign of His love and a pledge of her future happiness, while saying, "*Do not touch me*," the Master touched Magdalene's forehead with His divine fingers.

Thus, in 1497, when the tomb of the Saint was opened, the head was found totally stripped of its flesh, save the place touched by the Saviour. The skin was brownish and on it, could be seen two cavities formed by the touch of the two fingers. One is deeper and more visible than the other and, under the skin, the whiteness of the flesh is in part preserved.

Where stands the grave of Lazarus' illustrious sister, she, the eternal hope of all sinners and the admirable model of all penitents? To say it, we must recount Magdalene's life since Our Lord's resurrection.

After having been the first among the holy women to come to the sepulchre, and having been favored by an apparition of her Master, Magdalene became an ardent apostle of His resurrection. It is she who bore these great tidings to Saint Peter, to Saint John and, through them, to all the disciples. Whatever may have happened during the forty days that elapsed from the Saviour's Resurrection to His Ascension, it is certain that Magdalene was near Jesus on the day He ascended into Heaven.

Before leaving them, the kind Master wished to see for the last time those whom He had so much loved. His faithful friends, numbering one hundred and twenty, had assembled at Jerusalem, in the house of John Mark, cousin of Saint Barnaby. As they were partaking in a fraternal agape, Jesus appeared in the banquet hall, sat at table with them, and ate in order to prove again, by this action, his physical reality.

It was a day of untold jubilation on which took place this repast worthy of being recorded through ages. At table with Jesus were His glorious Mother, the Queen of angels and men, the Apostles, Mary Magdalene, Martha, Lazarus, Mary Cleophas, Salome, Johanna, and Susannah. When the repast had terminated, Jesus rose and, followed by his happy guests, directed His steps towards Bethany, a small town, situated half a league from Jerusalem, at the foot of Mount Olivet. He wished to honor with a last visit this place where He had so often been received, and also those who had received Him.

Thence, He ascended the Mount. Arrived at its summit, He made heard for the last time that divine voice which humanity will no more hear before the final judgment. With a sovereign majesty, He gave them His last instructions: "Go ye forth, baptize all nations...teach them what I have taught thee. Behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world." Having given His last farewell, He blessed them and rose in the air. They were, as we have said, one hundred and twenty. Obeying the Divine Master's order, they returned to Jerusalem and enclosed themselves anew in John Mark's house, of which the Cenacle, situated at its upper part, served as room for the exercises during their retreat.

Inseparable from the Blessed Virgin, Magdalene was there, with Martha her sister and the other heroines of Calvary. Upon them all, the Holy Ghost descended on the day of Pentecost. Both called to enjoy the benefit of Redemption, man and woman were wont to receive the spirit of apostolate. Through them, in its turn, the whole world was to feel its salutary influence.

During several years, Mary Magdalene remained with the Blessed Virgin and served her, says Raban Maur, with an admirable devotedness; with her, she applied herself to contemplation and shared the favors received from heaven: the Blessed Virgin loved her because of the affection she bore for her Divine Son as also on account of the proofs of kindness she had received from her. The Apostles also honored Magdalene because Our Lord had honored her by His presence a short time after His resurrection; they proposed her to the people as a model of penance and a proof of the pardon which God grants to repentant sinners.

But during the persecutions which followed Saint Stephen's death, Lazarus, Martha, Magdalene with several others were arrested by the Jews. That they may perish far from the people's sight, they were led to one of the ports of Palestine and thrown on a bark which was launched at sea, without oars nor pilot.

With Lazarus, Martha and Mary, were embarked Marcella, their maid, Mary Jacob, Mary Salome, Maximinus, one of the disciples, Joseph of Arimathea, the noble decurion and other dear friends of the Saviour.

Condemned to a death humanly certain, they did not perish. From on high, the Divine Master constituted Himself their oarsman and pilot. Like unto these autumnal seeds which the winds disperse in every direction, and which bring forth new plants and flowers, the illustrious exiles, led by Providence, landed on the shores of Provence, at the spot where the Rhone empties into the Mediterranean Sea.

This spot which tradition has never forgotten is the southern part of Camargues called the *Gras d'Orgon*, near which is built the Church of *Our Lady of the Sea* and the city bearing the same name. Mary Jacob and Mary Salome settled at the landing place. The other members of the apostolical colony went to Marseilles. By separating without being divided, they had as unique aim to hasten the preaching of the Gospel, in attacking idolatry on several points at once.

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Pauline Marie Jaricot

Foundress of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith.

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THE CATACOMBS

"A little before three, my dear companions, feeling themselves exhausted, sadly looked at each other as though to communicate the discouragement which invaded their hearts; their hands were numb with weariness, their position was becoming unbearable! They were going to lower the Tabernacle when Our Lord gave me to understand, as well as to her who shared my sufferings in a particular manner, that the hour of Mercy was at hand, and that we had to continue our oblation and prayers.

"Filled by this thought, I begged my dear daughters not to yield to the temptation of fatigue, but to remain at their post of penance. All obeyed, repeating the same supplications.

"A few minutes before three, an interior light warned me of a new danger that threatened us. Shortly after, we heard a great noise coming from Fourvière and hurried steps over our heads...My heart thumped as though it would break!

"When three o'clock struck—the time appointed to lower our arms—we continued a few minutes longer, to moderate our desire for relief. At that moment, though not knowing what had just happened, one among us intoned the thanksgiving hymn in which all joined: we were certain that our prayers had been heard and that the firing would end.

"Joy and gratitude filled our souls! We then took a little food, as soldiers do after victory.

"In fact, from that moment, cannon ceased to roar, and the rest of the day was quiet. As there was still great agitation on the hill and in the city, I did not, however, authorize anyone to go out.

"Night did not bring anything new; but the next morning, at dawn, it was impossible to keep back the gardener and his companions who insisted on going for information.

"On leaving the tunnel, they saw that the rebels had left the plateau of Fourvière and that the troops had taken their place. The strangers who had been with us in the tunnel returned home, and my daughters begged permission to go and receive Holy Communion at St. Just's. I consented and stayed practically alone, lying on my couch.

"The good Master inspired a priest in the neighbourhood to seek me. He was led to my obscure lodging, where he kindly heard my confession and gave me the Bread of Life.

"The minister of God then took away the Tabernacle and deposited it in a small room in the gardener's house. I was then taken from the *tomb* where I had remained for four days and four nights, without being able to change position nor take a breath of pure air.

"And yet, though I was in a dying condition, I found again, in this peril, a certain strength that I had not felt for a long time. *I again saw the light of day* as I had desired, but it pleased the Lord to deliver up my soul to fresh apprehensions, giving me to understand that if the sacrifice was differed, sooner or later I would have to drink the cup to the dregs...

"With greater love than ever, I offered myself to the Heart of Jesus with all my wretchedness, leaving to Him the care of triumphing over my cowardliness and of using against me the sincerity of my will.

"One word, now, on the kindness of Providence Who had taken care of our material needs.

"There was so little water in the reservoir, on our arrival in the tunnel, that a drinking-glass would have been but half-filled with it. The next day there was water in abundance.—Deprived of medicine, I had dressed a large wound with honey, and found it perfectly healed a few hours later.

"We had with us a little girl of five years... What would we have done if, during the hours in which we strived to melt Divine Wrath, this child had become afraid, hungry or thirsty? Maternal Providence saw to it by sending to the innocent little one, lying at my feet, a profound and peaceful sleep, which lasted from eleven o'clock in the evening till three the following afternoon, when we lowered the tabernacle.

"As to Loretto, *it was still standing*, though the troops has ceaselessly shot at it bullets, bombs and other destroying machines, among which were found several packages of tow smeared with pitch, sulphur and gunpowder, the whole tightly bound between iron slabs.

"The head mason declared that the bullets and bombs, etc., had penetrated the house where they would harm the least its solidity. Three shells, come from three different directions, exploded without setting fire, nor even damaging the furniture, except a writing-desk the marble of which was slightly melted, and a bed which had a leg twisted.

"The bricks, floors, and the splinters of the projectiles had been so totally pulverized that their dust, attached to the exterior walls, had reddened them as if they had been painted...

"The rest was so little damaged that it is not worth mentioning. How many more details could I not give if I did not fear to be long ! ! ...

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"When the troops had taken Fourvière, at the moment when we had heard such a commotion over our heads, the rebels, to avoid being taken, had climbed our wall and crossed the gardens where they threw their weapons; this nearly made us lose the day !

"At the sight of the ammunition heaped up, the soldiers, confirmed in their idea that the firing had come from Loretto, set about breaking through the garden-gate to make searches.

"The sappers had already given several blows of the ax when a neighbouring gardener dissuaded them and led them to Loretto by the longest way round to allow them to cool down; consequently, when they reached

the garden, they contented themselves with gathering the weapons of the fugitives with the bullets and bombs, and they at last understood that the shots had been fired from the road and the plateau and not from Loretto.

"These honest men admired the kindness of the Lord and expressed their regret for the evil they had done. They could not get over their astonishment at the sight of the house which had remained intact after having been used as a target for the artillerymen who, by the General's order, had fired on it during four days."

At the conclusion of a letter in which Pauline relates, to the counsellors of the Living Rosary, the rebellion of 1834 is found her great constant thought: *Jesus, the Immaculate Virgin and the Church, salvation of France and of the world in this tempestuous century.*

One would think that these pages, written more than one-half century ago, have just been penned to save us, at the present day, from "discouragement which sanctions the decrees of Divine Justice, whilst humble confidence always disarms it"...One would also think that this daughter of the *Immaculate Virgin* saw from afar the rocks of La Salette and Lourdes, for a long time yet to be deserted and sterile, draw the multitudes, become illumined and shower torrents of graces; for she traces with a firm hand these prophetic lines :

"At the foot of the Cross, Mary has received in her virginal and maternal heart the generations of all centuries...Ours, however guilty, has not been placed outside of this inheritance. It is, perhaps, more than any other, the century of her compassion, and that which may be so fitly called, the century of the Mother of mercies and of the salvation of sinners."

Then lifting her soul even up to the source of salvation, the *Bread of the Strong*, she makes heard this cry of rally and hope:

"Privileged children of the Saviour, if you but knew the gift of God, humanity would be saved !....."

I beg my brothers in faith, to pay for the guilty, to share in the sufferings of Holy Church and to act towards her as the faithful dog that goes back to the treasure and dies guarding it after having warned its master of approaching danger.....

How happy would I be if, after having fulfilled the mission of this incorruptible guardian, it was given me to die wounded by love and overwhelmed with suffering at the foot of the Holy Tabernacle, sole treasure of heaven and earth !

XVIII.—ROME AND MUGNANO.

Church of Rome! heavenly Spouse
of Jesus Christ, I love thee as a
daughter loves her mother.—Pauline.

When the revolutionary storm had calmed, the heroic invalid consented to be transported under her roof, only after the workmen, charged with making the repairs, had been able to fitly reinstall the Heavenly Companion of her sufferings in His Eucharistic abode.

It would have been very consoling to meet again, if the emotions of those dreadful days had not caused the near loss of a mother.

Religion and Science, for the third time, declared that it was urgent for Pauline to regulate her affairs and prepare for the dreaded passage from time to eternity.

Despite the presentiment that future held in store for her new and more fecund sufferings she unreservedly abandoned herself to the Divine Will, whether it be for life or for death. Then with an admirable calm and clearness of mind, she arranged all her temporal affairs maintaining, in the midst of cruel sufferings, power of thought and prayer; thus was she continually communing with God.

Our Lord, said she, who had strengthened me during the terrible days of 1834, found it fit to again reduce me to a kind of agony, and to do for me something similar to that which the learned physician does with the air-pump to the animal which he deprives of air; alternatively, I died to live again, and revived to die anew.

It is impossible to enumerate the sufferings I had endured for the last ten years. Up to the month of March 1834, I had nearly succeeded in dominating them, without allowing anyone to guess what I was suffering. But after the last revolution and the inexplicable relief that had followed, my case became so serious that it was impossible to entertain any further illusion.

This illness, which rested in the heart, redoubled its intensity, causing such violent palpitations, that my sides heaved, and the pulsations could be heard from a distance.

Owing to a movement or change of position, the blood would sometimes rush to the heart with such rapidity that it would almost smother it.

Then the pulse, the respiration, would become insensible; the most active movements only could put a little life in me, bringing a little warmth into my frozen limbs. Consequently, I was obliged to remain in a state of complete immobility, as I was unable to move, without exposing myself to imminent danger of bursting arteries. The extraordinary dilatation of the heart, compressing the pulmonary action, rendered my breathing a real torture.

I cannot explain all that in a scientific manner. I am telling what I felt and what the doctors themselves witnessed.

An interior wound having formed near that part of the chest where the beatings of the heart were felt with more violence, I was unable of receiving any alimentation; I also had to take untold precautions so as to avoid suffocation. Two large artificial wounds had been made on the exterior, destined to hinder the spreading of the disease. Other sufferings, still more complicated, reduced me to a state such as offered every symptom of approaching death.

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GATHERING OF BANANAS.

Vocation

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The Spiritual Director of Blessed Cuenot, who happened to be his cousin, could see in the seminarian's aspiration but youthful enthusiasm; he absolutely refused for several years to believe that a divine calling echoed in the heart of his spiritual son.

On this matter the martyr's biographer, a successor at Besancon's Grand Seminary to the venerable priest who had so harshly tried the future bishop's vocation, has written these prudent words: "Families and protectors seldom understand extraordinary vocations. The hour on which these vocations dare appear before them is one of coldness, reproaches and often, anger. It is true that they have a right—and it is their duty—to control them, to postpone their execution in order to examine by themselves or by others their nature, origin, motives and aim, not forgetting the qualities of the attractions which are their ordinary symptoms and authentic signs. The rights of God are superior to men's. It is strange that one dare resist Him. He is free to take back his own, where, when, and for whatever purpose it pleases Him. To whosoever disregards his peaceful appeal, He often sends the minister of His justice, Death, that speaks and summons with authority. Then one must obey and adore. Far from exciting murmurs and resistance, extraordinary vocations should call forth but thanksgivings. They are, from God, signs of predilection for the families as well as for the chosen one!

At other times, Bishops could not consent to deprive their diocese of a priest who would be useful: they wish to keep them and give them a charge.

On the point of terminating his studies at the Grand Seminary, Father Chapdelaine asks the Vicar General of Coutances permission to leave; the latter answers:

"Your vocation seems certain, but we have serious motives of telling you to adjourn your departure."

Mr. Chapdelaine obeyed: he occupied the post of curate at Boucey, near Mount St. Michael, where he remained several years.

In such a circumstance, others would have forgotten the former resolution; they could have decided that, doing good in the situation where authority has placed them, sufficed; the divine calling would make itself less distinctly heard in the turmoil of life and work; it may become the vague echo of a thought that is soon forgotten. The curate of Boucey did not meet with this temptation, he continued to fix his eye upon the aim that had captivated his youth.

The directors of conscience have finally given their answer, the bishops have authorized the seminarians to go to the Foreign Missions; another permission remains to be had. It is not the most difficult, it is always the most painful because the hearts that give it are the most tender, and also because—the expression is exact—it will cost them blood; it is that of the family,

of the father and mother. What heartrendings ! The chain that binds parent to child is so strong; its links cannot be opened, they must be broken. Besides affection, and a little less noble but very deep-rooted are human hopes—slightly terrestrial sometimes,—that strengthen this chain the more.

The father counts on the help of his son, he consents to give him to God, but on condition of keeping him near, of visiting him, and of perhaps later sheltering his white hair under the peaceful roof of a rectory. And the mother? Oh! the mother! how much more painful is her sacrifice! it is the flesh of her flesh, it is, in her heart's recesses, her beloved, for he is the honor of the house, he is, as Mrs. Borie said to her son, "all her consolation, all her life; "and he goes, he goes forever....

The struggle then begins. The future apostle must harden himself in order not to cede before the reproaches, entreaties, tears and sometimes wrath of those he so deeply loves and respects. Alas! it is not the first time that mothers try to keep their children near them. What have not St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, St. Jerome, St. Bernard said about maternal love that rises before the child desirous of entering the sanctuary or the cloister?

To his mother, Blessed Gagelin humbly and gravely said, "Mother, you are certainly very dear to me, but I feel that God calls me to the Missions: you would certainly not attempt to oppose His divine Will." And the mother consented.

Others, Schoeffler, Borie, Neel, Bonnard, do not dare face the parting scene, they dread the struggle of this heartrending separation; they debar themselves of the last maternal blessing so as not to be obliged to thrust back the arms that would like to keep them, and still more, perhaps, to spare to their beloved ones the acute sufferings of an eternal farewell.

Once at Paris, in the Foreign Mission Seminary, Bonnard writes this touching letter to his parents: "I well knew, in leaving you as I have done, that I would cause you great sorrow. I had duly examined; I had often weighed it during prayer. I had often represented to God that your heart, filled with so much love for me, would never be able to bear such a cruel separation. Oh! how often have I not struggled with Him that He might not thus snatch me from your arms! I would show Him all the love that you have lavished upon me until now, all the sacrifices you have made for me from childhood. But naught could keep back the impulsion of grace. I more and more lively felt the work of that grace in my soul. I heard God's voice which incited me to give up all. Yes, God ceaselessly placed before my eyes the numberless infidels nailing His Son to the Cross, and blaspheming His Holy Name! He begged me, if I desired to love Him, to fly to His help ! !

"Thus, after due reflection, after having taken advice, and prayed, seeing clearly the Will of God concerning me in the vocation I have taken, I fearlessly abandoned myself into the hands of Divine Mercy. I implored God, and still implore Him, at least to bless you a thousand times, since He does not wish to leave me in your midst, O my dear father and mother, and

you also my dear brothers; I beg Him to compensate a hundredfold the sacrifices you have made for me and to shower His graces and consolations upon the whole family."

Let us now read this pious letter of John Peter Neel:

"What has grieved me most was to learn that you were still disconsolate. It is especially for my mother that I say this, for I know my father, I know his firmness of soul. He has a sufficient measure of this courage which renders a man strong in adversity as without pride in prosperity. He knows that God does not bless the tears that are not shed for His glory, that he who will be, here below, entirely renounced to wordly affections will one day enjoy the delights of eternal beatitude. But let us return to my mother. Poor mother! Have you then such an abundance, such a profusion, of love that you cannot contain it? Have you not other children near you upon whom you may expand it? Is it so hard to be separated for a moment from a son whom the Lord has asked for His service? Is not that son as safe in His keeping as he would be in yours, and do you not see it is an act of charity you make Him by giving Him your son? If this bountiful God promises a recompense to whosoever will give a glass of water in His name, what may you not hope if you are resigned to His will? Hear the holy man Job, after having lost his numerous family, his goods and flocks; hear him exclaim, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord!" But here is another example, more in harmony with your character. Hear the mother of Saint Symphorian, this pious mother who had brought up her son in the love and practice of Christian virtues, "Be courageous, my son," said she, seeing him go to martyrdom, "look to Heaven, there awaits for you a crown of glory and immortality." And, nevertheless, she loved her son as much as a mother can love her child.

"If I leave you, it is to follow this precept of the Holy Scriptures: "We ought to obey God rather than man." It is to obey these words of the Master: "He that wisheth to follow me, let him abandon his father and mother, his brothers and sisters, and all that is most dear to him on earth; and after me, carry his cross; then shall I give him life eternal."

"Thus, dear parents, God has sent you a cross in calling me from your midst, and you have not known how to receive it. Why thus thrust back the Saviour's graces when they are so bountifully showered? Why persist in opposing them when they bring the most fruitful blessings?"

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It is the argument of self-sacrifice which makes the strongest appeal to generous souls.

No Catholic budget should be considered complete which does not include the foreign missions.

CHINESE SUPERSTITIONS

CONSTRUCTION OF A HOUSE.

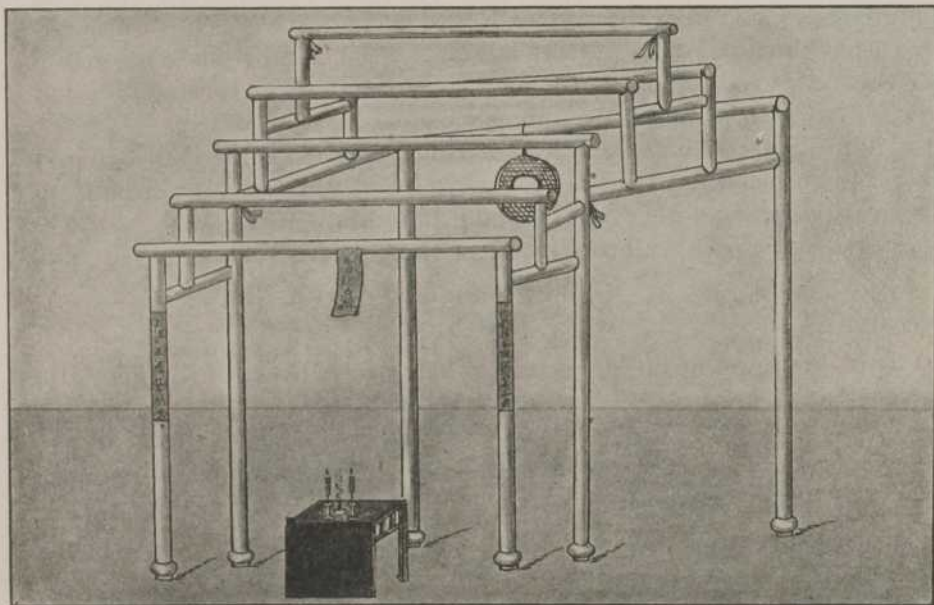
MANIFOLD are the religious ceremonies performed at the occasion of the construction of a house: offerings, incense, superstitious inscriptions, insertion of a bead in the purlin, a piece of silver hidden in the foundation or under the sill of the front door...all these so-called propitious omens are intended to draw good luck and riches.

In other localities, *Lou-pan-che-fou*, the god of joiners, and *Tong-liang*, the main beam of the timber-work, are honoured. *Lou-pan-che-fou*, patron of joiners, was the son of *Lou Tchao-kong*, who lived in *Lou (Chan-tong)*. He became celebrated by his mechanical inventions. It is traditionally known that he wrought auto-wheelbarrows for his aged mother *Ou*. Joiners honour him as the god of their trade.

The Chinese also have a ceremony that quite resembles the laying of the corner-stone in our public buildings. At Han-chan, there was found in the groundwork of a mandarinal house, a stone of perfect cut, on which was engraved the name of the sacred mountain of the East, *T'ai-chan*, with wishes for prosperity: "This building rests on the sacred mountain *T'ai-chan*, nothing can destroy it."

The Long-Hair rebels held no respect whatever for it, and to-day not a stone upon a stone remains.

The accompanying illustration shows, hanging from the beam, a sieve and a little brass mirror: these are two talismans or devil-chasers destined to remove every evil spirit or influence, *Pi-sie*, as the pagans say. Provided this is done, there is no harm to be feared should any one happen to speak noxiously, of death or of fire, on entering the house while it is under construction.



Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin for favors obtained.



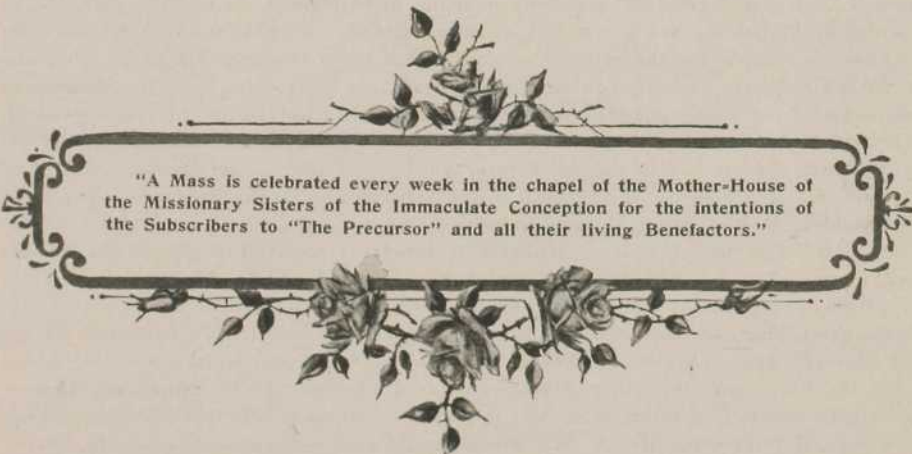
"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection."

BL. HENRY SUSO

Please find enclosed \$1.00 for a new subscription to the Precursor and \$1.00 in thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart for favor obtained. Please pray to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for a particular intention, if granted I will send another donation. Mrs E. L., **Gogama**.—Enclosed please find One Dollar which I promised to send you. Mrs. H., **Springfield, Mass.**—Enclosed you will please find One Dollar for the renewal of my subscription to the Precursor and \$5.00 in thanksgiving to the Little Flower of Jesus for having answered my petition. Mrs. A. H., **Waterbury, Conn.**—\$1.00 to become a subscriber to the Precursor and \$1.00 in thanksgiving for favor received through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Mrs. C. E., **Indian Orchard, Mass.**—Please accept this Dollar as a small offering for favor received from the Little Flower. M. K., **Ansonia, Conn.**—The enclosed \$5.00 is in thanksgiving for great favor received from Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Little Flower. M.

A. M., **Thetford Mines**.—Please accept the enclosed amount for my subscription and for the alms promised for your good works. Mrs. C. C., **Brilliant, P. Q.**—Enclosed you will find a money order for \$5.00. I am sending it for a favor that I asked; which favor has been granted and we thank God. A. L., **Central Falls, R.I.**—Please find enclosed \$2.00 for the renewal, for two years, of my subscription to the Precursor in thanksgiving for a favor just received, also \$1.00 for a novena of lights at the shrine of our dear Blessed Mother for a special intention. Mrs. G. L. L., **Worcester**.—I am enclosing \$1.00 for a favor that I have obtained. Mrs. A. L., **Central Falls, R.I.**—I enclose herewith, \$1.50 for two novenas of lights: one in thanksgiving, for favor obtained, the other to obtain special blessings for my husband in a new position. Mrs. M. M., **Outremont**.—Twenty-five cents in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for a favor granted me and twenty-five cents to obtain another favor. Mrs. J. W., **Preville, P. Q.**—Am sending \$2.00 as promised for your needy missions. My husband had obtained a position. Mrs. H. A., **Pawtucket, R. I.**—We are forwarding enclosed cheque for \$25.00 as an annual subscription and \$1.00 for the renewal of the Precursor in thanksgiving to St. Rita and St. Joseph for favors received in difficult construction work. Mrs. J. B. L., **Shawinigan Falls**.—\$1.00 for China missions in gratitude for favor received by intercession to St. Teresa with promise of publication in the Precursor. M. A. F., **St. Odilon**.—In thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin and St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, I am making an offering of \$5.00 and also 1.00 for the renewal of my subscription to the Precursor. Mrs. K. L. G., **Brooklyn, N. Y.**—Postal Money-order for \$5.00 for St. Teresa's Burse for the education of a missionary priest in thanksgiving for favor received. C. M. O. B., **Bridgeport, Conn.**—\$1.00 in thanksgiving for cure effected. A. T. K., **Montreal**.—To fulfil my promise to God, I send \$10.00 for the ransom of two chinese babies. M. T. L., **Willimansett, Mass.**—I promised if I obtained a special favor to have it published. Please find enclosed \$2.00. M. W., **Fairhaven, Mass.**—You will find enclosed \$11.00—\$1.00 is for the Precursor, the other \$10.00 for favor granted. A. T., **Longueuil, Que.**—Please find enclosed offering of \$2.00 for prayers answered; will also ask you to pray for a special intention. Mrs. A. W., **Bridgeport, Conn.**—Thanksgiving to the Sacred

Heart and His Immaculate Mother for health restored. A.H.M., **Fauvel, Que.**—After asking the prayers of your Community, my husband has secured a splendid business opportunity. Please accept this humble offering in gratitude and kindly continue to pray to the Immaculate Mother and dear St. Joseph for his future success. Mrs. H. W., **Montreal.**—\$2.00 for a remembrance in Holy Mass for favors received from the Sacred Heart, His Blessed Mother and The Little Flower. M. M., **Worcester, Mass.**—I am sending you by money-order \$10.00 for St. Anthony's poor, I have made him that promise for favors received. J. J. D., **Holyoke, Mass.**—Offering of 1.00 in thanksgiving for recovery from a serious operation. B. V. T., **Bronx, N. Y.**—My head and eyes are much improved, thanks to your good prayers to our Immaculate mother. Enclosed you will find \$2.00 in thanksgiving. Mrs. A. J. M., **Loggerville, N. B.**—Enclosed please find a cheque for \$5.00 for favor received from the Little Flower. W. K., **Naugatuck, Conn.**—Am sending you \$1.00 in thanksgiving and am asking another request. If granted I will send you \$10.00. Mrs. F. C., **Waterbury, Conn.** I promised to have a novena said if my brother would find work. My wish was granted so I am enclosing \$1.00 for Chinese babies. D. B., **Taunton, Mass.**—\$1.00 in honor of the "Little Flower" for favor obtained. J. M., **Worcester, Mass.**—Enclosed \$1.00. Thanks to the Blessed Virgin for favors received. S. M. G.—I enclose \$1.00 in thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother and St. Teresa for favor received. Mrs. J. B., **Indian Orchard, Mass.**—Offering of \$5.00 for favor received., S. F. W., **Montreal.**—Please find \$1.00 for a favor I received. I promised to send this amount in honor of our Immaculate Mother. J.H., **N. D. G., Montreal.**—\$1.00 for favor received. Mrs. E. J. B., **Waterbury, Conn.**—I am sending you enclosed herewith, a cheque for \$5.00 for your work, as a token of my gratitude to Almighty God, His Blessed Mother and St. Anthony for favor received. A. J. H., **Montreal.**—Herewith, find enclosed \$4.00 for your China missions in thanksgiving for favour received. Mrs. P. F., **St. Odilon, P. Q.**—Enclosed find \$1.00 for a novena of lights to the Blessed Virgin and the "Little Flower" for having cured my little boy of diphtheria and having spared my other children. Mrs. A. M., **Montreal.** — \$1.00 for special favor received from Our Blessed Lady. Mrs. H. L. W., **Outremont.**—Offering of fifty cents in thanksgiving to St. Anthony for one of my boys who has obtained a position. M. B., **Timmins, Ont.**—Offering of \$1.00 for the Foreign Mission in thanksgiving for a favor granted to my husband. Mrs. J. A., **Paterson, N. J.**



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Petitions

"O Mary conceived without sin,
pray for us who have recourse to
Thee".

Kindly make a novena to the Blessed Virgin and St. Anthony; if cure is effected will send an offering for your worthy works. Mrs. P. D. C., **Fairhaven, Mass.**—Enclosed please find \$3.00 for novenas to obtain a cure; if petition is granted, will send a donation. Mrs. M., **Montreal.**—Kindly pray for my cure; if obtained, will send offering. Mrs. I. Callahan, **Waterbury, Conn.**—Enclosed please find \$1.00 for a novena of lights to our Immaculate Mother, and if cure is obtained, I promise to subscribe all my life to the Precursor and give \$5.00 a year for the care of a Chinese baby. Mrs. Geo. Butler, **Waterbury, Conn.**—Please pray that Almighty God will give me strength and courage to make my Easter duties. M. C. Mc., **Chesterville, Ont.**—Please pray for my son, that his strength may be restored. Mrs. S. G., \$1.00 donation to get the benefit of your charity in prayers as I am suffering greatly. Mrs. G. G., **Rochester, N. 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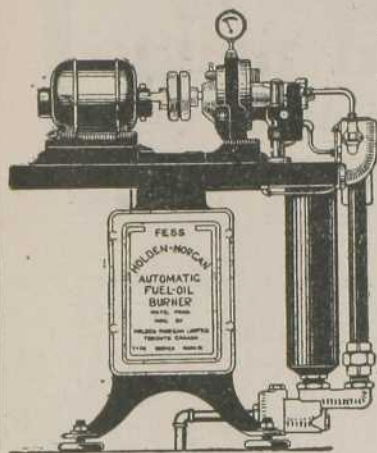
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