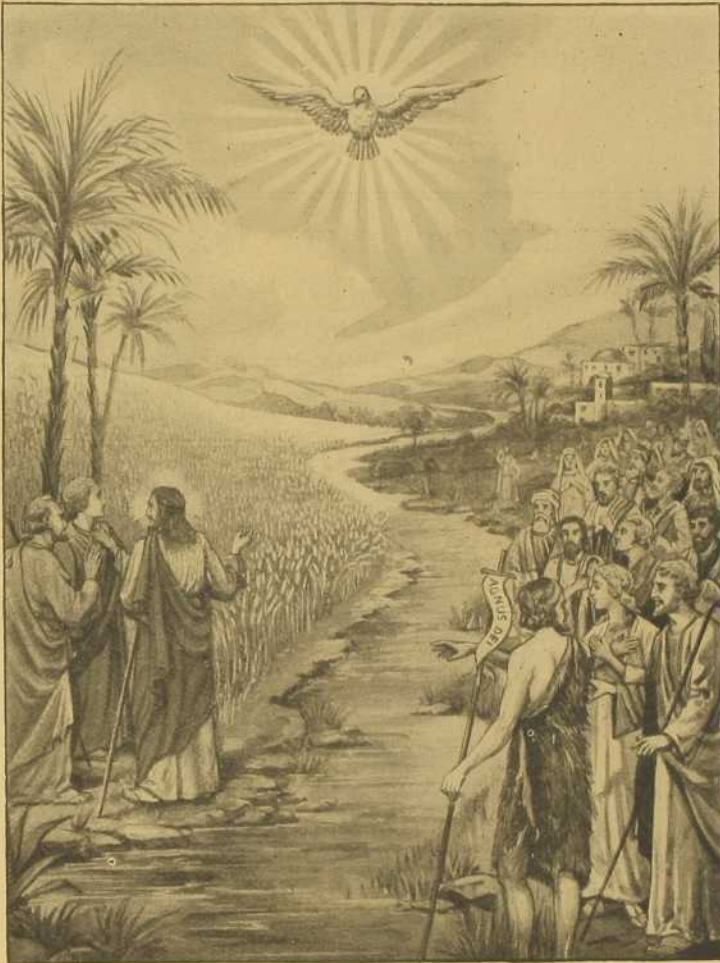
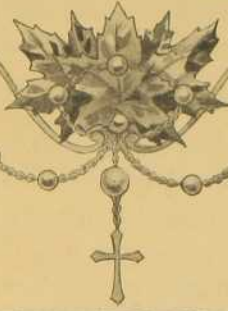


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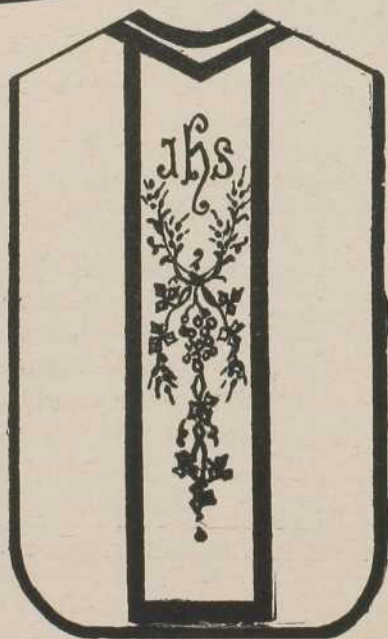
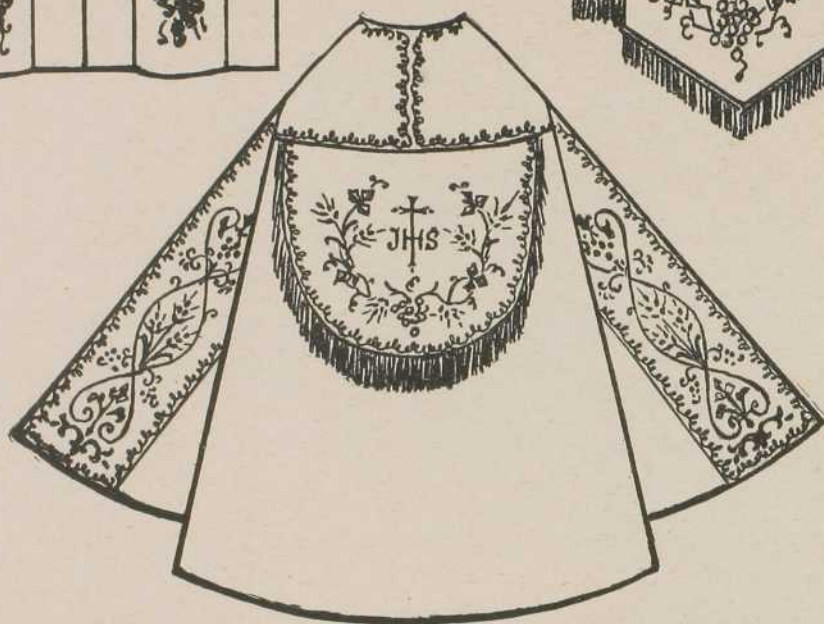
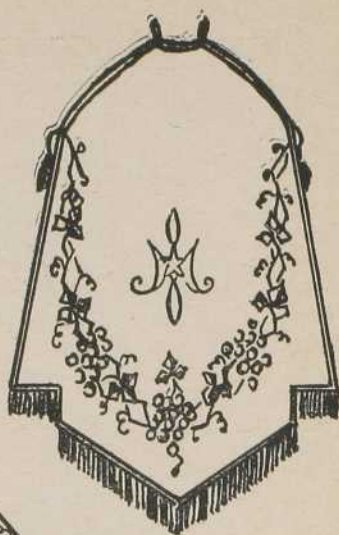
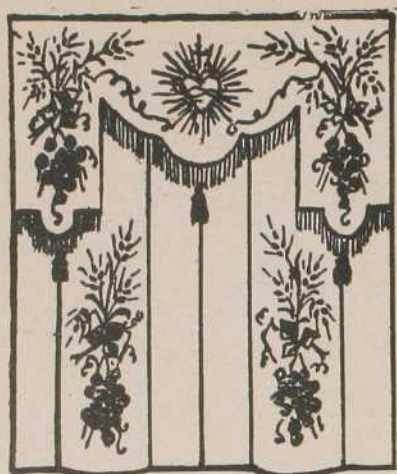
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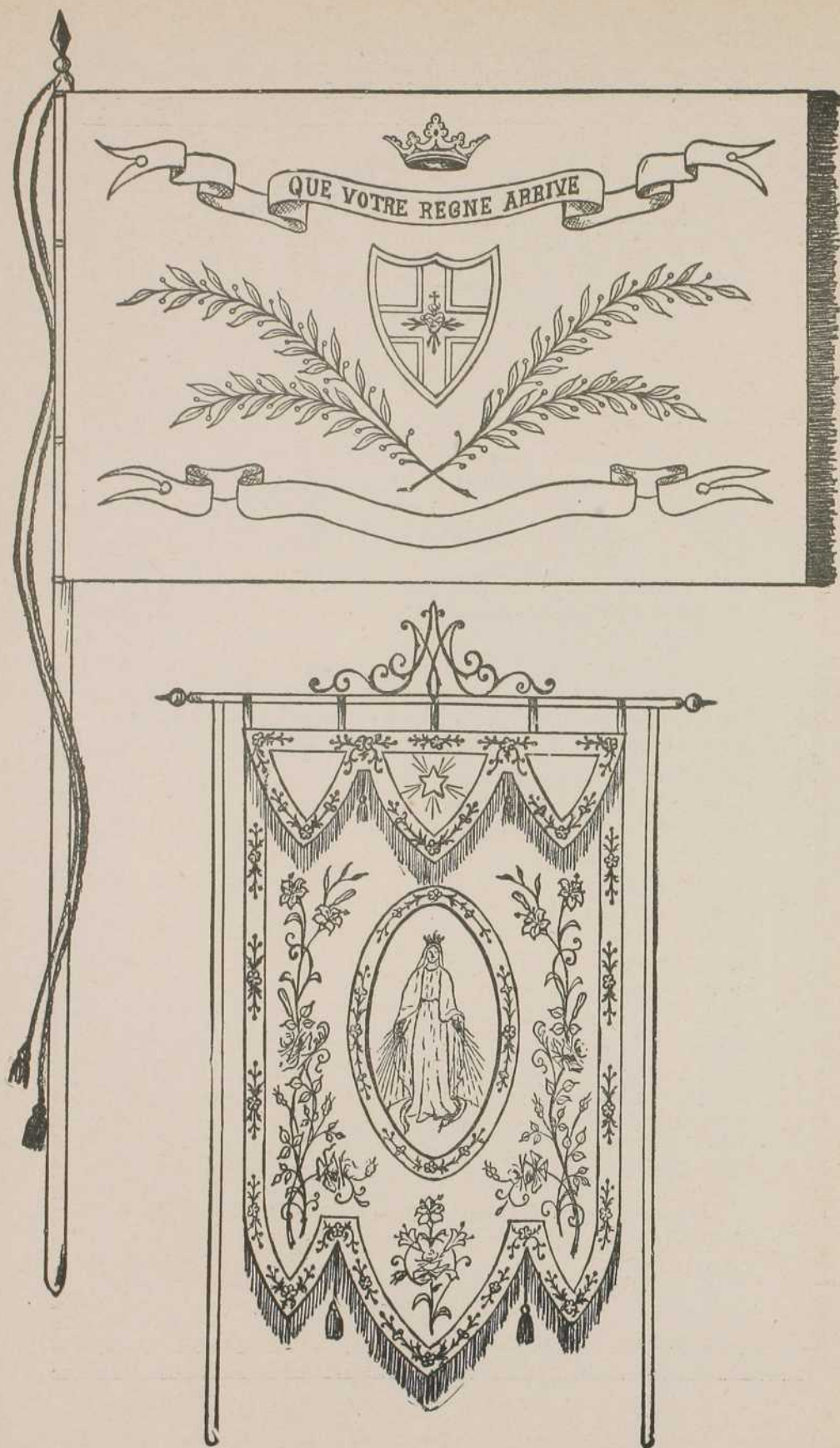


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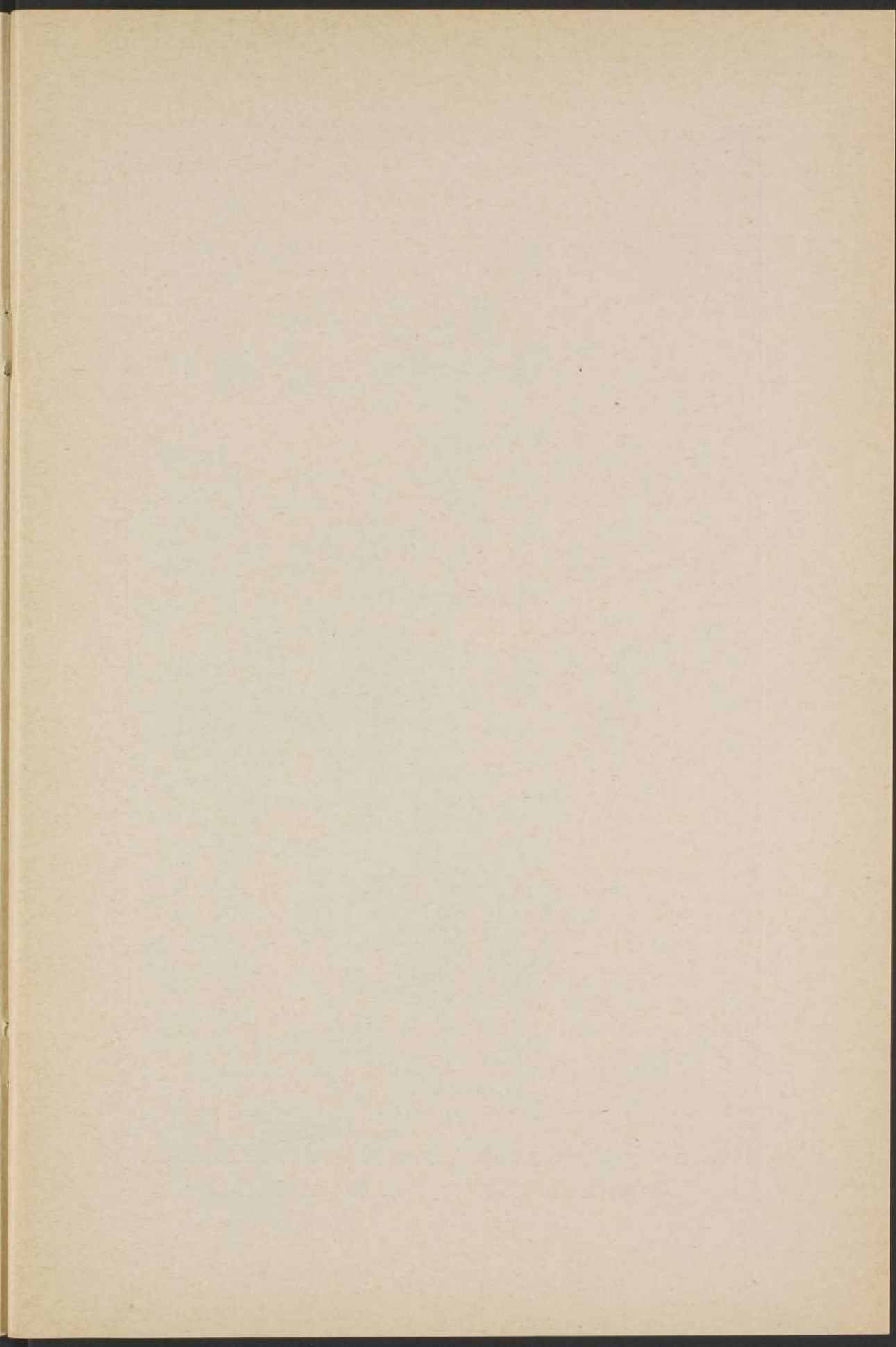
4.—For the same intentions, the members of the Community make, every day, the Guard of Honor to Mary, which consists in the continual recitation of the Rosary before the altar of the Blessed Virgin. The evening hours of Canada corresponding with the morning hours of China, as the Guard is closing here, it commences at the Lazaretto of Shek-Lung, where the poor lepers, in succeeding groups of fifteen, continue the Perpetual Rosary for the intentions of the Society's Benefactors.

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*Alla Rev. Suor Maria dello Spirito Santo ed all'Istituto delle Suore Missionarie  
dell'Immacolata Concezione da Lei fondato or sono 25 anni a Montréal nel Canada  
per le Missioni all'Estro, in segno di benevolenza e come pegno dei favori divini  
di tutto cuore impartiamo la Benedizione Apostolica  
Vaticano 3 giugno 1927*

*Pius PP. XI*







Nous soussignés de grand cœur la Très Sainte Marie du St. Esprit  
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 Conception à l'occasion du 25<sup>ème</sup> anniversaire de la fondation de  
 la Congrégation et du jubilé de 25 ans de sa vie religieuse et nous  
 souhaitons et prions par l'intercession la Marie Immaculée, la  
 pure Epouse du Saint Esprit, que l'Esprit de Dieu puisse de plus  
 en plus descendre sur la Congrégation et sur chacune des Sœurs  
 afin que toutes par la fidele observation à la grace de Dieu  
 se donnent entièrement à Jésus et qu'elles soient ses vases  
 et ses apôtres dans les missions.

Rome au Palais de la Propagande le 4 mai 1927

Le Cardinal van Rossum  
 S. R.



En ce vingt-cinquième anniversaire de sa  
 fondation, je suis de tout cœur l'assistant de solenn  
 de l'Immaculée Conception, et je demande à Notre Seigneur  
 de lui concéder le plus grand succès religieux -

+ Jean, arch. de son  
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le 3 Juin 1927



# OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

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*According to the intentions of the generous donors, the amount of the subscription was offered, by the Associated Ladies, to our Reverend Mother General, at the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the Institute.*

*We would have liked to have given a tangible proof of gratitude to our devoted friends by inviting them all to a solemn feast on the 3rd of June, anniversary of the foundation; but the painful situation of our Sisters of China obliges us to curtail all demonstrations, so as to enable us to help them the more efficaciously.*

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## Pius XI and the Propagation of the Faith

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In the solemn audience which closed the session of the Superior Council of the Pontifical Association of the Propagation of the Faith, His Eminence Cardinal Van Rossum delicately expressed the joy of the Sons in thus gathering each year around the Father.

This joy, the president of the Central Councils of France, Mgr. Béchetoille and Mgr. Boucher, have deeply experienced in the private audience which His Holiness deigned to grant them on the first days of their arrival, Wednesday March 30th.

From the outset of his Pontificate Pius XI. has attached his name to the development of the Propagation of the Faith, so as to everywhere intensify missionary apostolate. So does he always benevolently receive those who come to converse with him of their efforts to remind the faithful of the sacred duty which binds them, to sustain the missions in pagan lands.

Mgr. Béchetoille begged His Holiness to accept the volume of the "Missions Catholique". Pius XI. knows the value of the press. He is among those who cannot but recognize the necessity of spreading ideas to form the missionary spirit in a country. Chiefly in our days when it seems that the organization of missions has become more methodical and scientific, it is necessary that the public should be fully acquainted with the incessant and magnificent labors of the Church to spread the Gospel everywhere. It is expedient to make known through facts, the difficulty for the penetration of Christianity, either on account of pagan morals and customs, or of the influence of false religions. An entire programme for a review could be evolved from this pontifical thought. The Vatican Exposition has been its magnificent expression, which will be prolonged in a somewhat permanent manner by the Museum of Lateran.

The Holy Father then recalls the memories of his youth, his love for reading, his passion for travelling relations, the impressions of his childhood upon illustrations and beautiful engravings. He can smilingly tell Mgr. Boucher, who has given him the volume on the Togo and Dahomey, that it is a long time ago, since he has visited these countries. . by reading, and deigns to add with great kindness that he will gladly do so again while perusing these pages.

However, even if the press is of great importance in the development of the Association, Pius XI. who knows the Propagation of the Faith in its every detail, points out the necessity of recruiting promoters and organizing groups of ten associates. To assure the regular subscriptions and especially to stimulate generosity, nothing is more efficacious than the contact of one soul with another, the living words which sink into the very heart. If the propagandists speak in a warm and convinced manner of the missions, they reach souls and win from their auditors effective sympathies, which Annals and Reviews will have but to maintain. How many tracts are left unread! How many papers sent by mail are thrown in the waste paper basket without having been looked at! But if tracts were given by a friendly hand with a pleasant word, they would attain their end.



It is thus that Pius XI. praised the initiative of the humble Lyonese maiden and the marvelous invention of groups of ten associates which is owed to the inspiration of Pauline Jaricot. May the associates of the Propagation of the Faith appreciate its worth and do all in their power to extend and improve this organization around them.

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## BEATIFICATION OF PIUS X

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**Rome, May 21, 1927**

Proceedings relative to the cause of Beatification of Pius X. are being carried on according to canonical rules. A few days ago was ended the instruction opened in the diocese of Treviso, where Joseph Sarto was born, and where he commenced his sacerdotal ministry. The brief of this process during which 129 meetings have been held, comprises 1,752 pages and 305 annexes; it will be delivered in a few days to the Sacred Congregation of Rites who is also collecting all documents relating to the instructions opened in Rome, Venice, Mantoue and elsewhere.

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## Catholicity recognized in Japan

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A project of law has just been submitted to the two chambers by the government of Tokio granting legal existence to all christian denominations without exception. Up until the present time, apart from Buddhism and worship of the Emperor, all other religions were prohibited, though sometimes tolerated. The project, not only recognizes Christianity as a legal association, permitted to enjoy all the rights which law confers, but moreover allows the purchase of real estate and the disposal of all kinds of goods, without any danger of being dispossessed by the State: it moreover grants exemption from taxes. In a word absolute equality with the national religion. Until now the Emperor has been considered as a divinity and the christians who could not share such belief were treated as rebels. The learned Japanese of this new generation, daily abandon the worship of the Mikado; consequently the christians' attitude is no longer a scandal nor does it draw attention. Besides, Japan has now other enemies to dread: socialism and communism. The Japanese understand that Christianity can co-operate with the government to check the evil, so it is treated in a most benevolent manner and its development favored.

The project has been drawn up by a commission composed of delegates from every religion: catholics and protestants each had a representative. Father Hayasaka, designated by His Excellency the Delegate, represented the Catholics; His Excellency had formed a committee to assist him.

## China's Politic with regard to Education

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China's politic with regard to education may be reduced to two principal ideas. From a negative stand-point, a strong opposition must be made against all education that would tend to the ruination of the country. Consequently a political system tending to regain control of education, imposes itself. From a positive stand-point, form an educational system whose point of honour will be to aim at saving the country. Consequently it is necessary that political unification in matter of education be realised.

Unfortunately China has greatly alienated her power in matter of education to such a point that there are strangers in our country giving both religious and colonizationist education. Is not the education realized by our compatriots aimless and sometimes "beneficial?" As for ourselves, if we desire to entirely recover control over education, we must absolutely employ the four following methods,

- 1° See to those aimless educations;
- 2° Oppose to "beneficial" education;
- 3° Prohibit schools of colonization;
- 4° Forbid religious education.

The influence of education of the foreign sects in China extends, it may be said, over the whole country.

The different sects possess many houses of education: kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, universities and even normal schools. The majority of their pupils thus lose our mentality: for greater clearness, let us consider the two following points: follow the statistics of, 1° Protestant schools for 1922; 2° Catholic schools for 1920. The total number of pupils attending the schools of these two kinds of churches rises to more than 351 and 214 pupils. What kind of an education do they receive? The aim of this education, we have already mentioned it, using the very words of the "Work of Christian Education in China." We may therefore form the following judgment: christian education is an education which forms disciples to a foreign religion, it radically differs therefore from an education destined to form Chinese citizens. Being convinced that christian education is an obstacle to the progress of national education, a strong opposition must be made against religious schools and every step be taken to promote the retaking of the control on education. No country outside the aim fixed for education, can tolerate other special aims which would tend to contradict its own. With much more reason we cannot tolerate in our country that education should be an instrument of evangelization in the hands of strangers. How could she fail to promote, through pusillanimity, the retaking of control on education? We will give a short account of the effects resulting from education, relying on given proofs.

The two great results of religious education are: firstly to entirely overthrow chinese literature, history and traditions; secondly to destroy



that perfect unity of morals and intellectual formation of chinese citizens. According to strangers' plans, this education must absolutely be maintained, but according to chinese plans it must be abolished. Let us try to choose among the 351 and 214 pupils of religious schools, some model pupils, and it will be clearly shown how they differ from our own:

1° Their pupils beleive in the religion of Jesus and believe in God. As for ourselves we do not know who God is.

2° They recommend international sympathy. They speak everywhere in favor of strangers. As for ourselves we recommend reviving the national spirit and on every occasion to be proud of one's compatriots.

3° They praise the countries who keep up friendly relations, and unite their respective forces to sustain common interests. As for ourselves we intend, with regard to authorities, to hold our rights. Fortunately the 351, 214 pupils of the religious schools did not consent to completely adapt themselves to foreign spirit, otherwise the Chinese downfall would have been greater.

As it is evident that religious education ruins the country, the utmost should be done, not only to prevent strangers in China from giving this religious education, but also to see that compatriots abusing this beautiful word education, do not make use of it as a means of evangelization. That is also another thing that must be opposed to.

—From *The Chinese Educator*, Tchong-hoa Kiao-hio-kia.

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## FROM A MISSIONARY FATHER IN KIANG-SI

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### (Vicariate of Mgr. Ciceri) January 18

Notwithstanding our inaction caused by present circumstances, those who wish to remain at their post do so, in spite of the every day anxieties and dangers. An intense propaganda is waged against religion, clergy and faithful. We strive as much as possible to enlighten those who wish to reason and strengthen our flock against subversive doctrines. Our episcopal residence, parish and seminary are always occupied by the soldiers. The Bishop and his missionaries occupy the first floor. But Providence watches over us: the very presence of these guests has efficaciously preserved our establishment of Ki-ngan from pillage on Christmas and New Year's day. Many of our Christians are in many ways annoyed and in some places are asked to sign written statements in testimony of apostasy, otherwise their goods are confiscated and they are threatened with prison. May God and Our Lady of China soon calm this tempest.

# Assasination of two Jesuit Fathers

at Nanking, China

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The Catholic Missions are mourning the death of two Jesuit Fathers, massacred at Nanking at the same time as five other Europeans.

One of these religious was French, Rev. Henri Dugout, born at Paris, September the 18th 1875 and the other, was Italian, Reverend Candido Vanara born March 10, 1879.

Father Dugout was born at Paris September 18th 1875. His father has been for many years, the representative in France of the Count of Chambord. He has a sister who lives in Paris, and a brother also a Jesuit, actually residing at Angers, whose services in the Ruhr are highly appreciated by the government.

Father Henri Dugout left for China in 1902, and after having completed his studies was destined to the college of Zikawei (Kiangsu) in the Nanking Vicariate. With a meritorious patience and in spite of great difficulties he reduced to the 200000th of an inch, the map of the Kiangsu Province which is still approved. After a year's sojourn in France in 1915, he was named the following year professor of French, English and sciences at the Aurora Faculty of Shanghai, which combines three faculties of literature and law, science and civil engineering and medicine, where the elite of Chinese society, Catholics as well as pagans, learn to love France. Being again named missionary in 1919, Father Dugout evangelized the island of Ts'ong-Ming and Tang-Chan. It was in 1925 that he was destined to the great Ricci college at Nanking, one of the Nurseries of Shanghai University, where he has met his death.

Father Candido Vanara was born March the 10th 1879, in the Province of Turin, Italy. He came to France in his seventeenth year to complete his studies. He was sent to China in 1903. From 1915 to 1925 he was prefect of studies in Zikawei College, and had been transferred a year ago, with the same title, to the Ricci College at Nanking.

It was there alas! that he wrote this hopeful letter:

"I have given my third latin class this morning: 56 auditors, all eager to learn. All is pleasing which is new. No antipathy whatever. I have my admission everywhere within this vast enclosure. There is a hall for foreign professors, where I meet my friends, students from France, who are actually professors here. If things go on like this (let us pray that they will) Catholic missionaries will be better known."

Two colleagues of Fathers Dugout and Vanara, Reverend Jos. Verdier and Reverend Auguste Bureau, managed to avoid death and have escaped on the ship "l'Alerte" sent from Shanghai to Nanking by admiral Bazire.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, has received a detailed account of how the two Jesuit Fathers Dugout and Vanara have been put to death at Nanking.



Contrary to what had been first believed, the two missionaries have not perished accidentally in popular troubles or in a street battle. Their execution has been deliberately ordered by the Cantonese authorities. Their corpses were afterwards terribly mutilated and left without burial for several days. It was only on the intervention of a few Catholic Chinese that the bodies were finally buried.

The French Government has officially protested against the murder of these two Fathers.

No news has been received at the Parisian Office of the Foreign Missions, Rue du Bac, from the 250 missionaries scattered throughout the fourteen Chinese Vicariates, including that of Manchuria.

They say in the Province of Canton, that the southerners are occupying the Fathers' properties and have installed themselves in a certain number of their churches, so much so that the Blessed Sacrament had to be taken away.

But the Minister of Foreign Affairs has received on the 1st of April, a telegram from Shanghai announcing that according to a telegram received from Chang-King, the Province of Seu-Tchouen is calm. The events of Nanking have had no repercussion in the region. The French missionaries of Seu-Tchouen have not been molested.

No other news has reached the Lazarist Fathers, Rue de Sèvres, apart from a telegram received on March the 25th from their Shanghai Mission, and thus drawn up, "Are out of danger."

At last we learn from Washington that six American Religious of the Order of St. Dominic who evangelized the District of Kianning-fu, have been obliged to leave their mission and have received at Manielli the instruction of their Provincial, Father Meagher, calling them to Seattle whence they shall reach New York. All the institutions founded by them have been destroyed; everything is to be recommenced and they appeal to the Catholics of the States to help them to rebuild. At Tsoochon also, the American Dominicans have witnessed the destruction of their houses and orphanages: they have had a hard time to reach Hong-kong where they must await a favorable occasion to return to their mission and repair the ruins.

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"As a recompense for your generosity in following the Saviour's calling, I cannot promise you either wealth, pleasures or honors; I know that your generous hearts despise them. I cannot even assure you that you will always experience those sensible joys that sometimes accompany the exercise of the sacred ministry; the work which is here confided to us is one of devotedness and self-abnegation. Jesus alone will be your recompense, as He alone is the end of your labors. It is always a sufficient happiness to find only God, when He is the only object of our desires."

A missionary

# The First Missionaries

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Feast of St. Bartholomew: August 24th

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**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW.** — What a beautiful episode is that of the apostolic vocation of this honest son of Cana!

He is returning home to his village on the banks of the Jordan with a heart overflowing with religious emotions stirred by the words of John the Baptist, the Precursor.

Philip meets him on the way and tells him that he has found the Messiah: that He is Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph the carpenter.

Bartholomew who, according to the custom of oriental travellers, was sitting under the shade of a fig-tree, listening quasi-incredulous, replied: "But can anything good come from Nazareth?"

"Come and see," said Philip pointing to Jesus who was approaching. Bartholomew rises and goes forward to speak to Jesus who, on perceiving Him says, "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom there is no guile." Bartholomew heard this praise, but far from being allured by it, coldly asked, "Whence knowest thou me?" "Before that Philip called thee, when wast under the fig-tree I saw thee," answered Jesus. These words were a revelation to him. "Master," he exclaimed, "Thou art the Son of God, thou art the King of Israel." The dialogue was ended by these words of the Savior, "Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig-tree, thou believest: greater things than these shall thou see!"

The greater things that Bartholomew saw, he announced them to the wondering world. A philosopher from Alexandria admired the traces of the apostle in far-off India where Bartholomew had spread the gospel of Matthew. The courageous missionary went to greater Armenia where antique tradition follows him, converting the king and his court, and giving the light of Christ to twelve kingdoms. The martyrdom of this holy apostle was hastened by the savage persecutions of the pagan priests who had bribed the king's brother.

St. Bartholomew was flayed alive and afterwards beheaded. 'Tis thus that the first intrepid missionaries of the Gospel ended their lives. The Master's gaze had so fascinated them, His words communicated them such ardor, such strong convictions, that they became exultant and magnificent in the midst of the most atrocious torments. The martyrdom of this apostle of India and Armenia has become the model of the quasi-secular martyrdom of the Armenian race. Even in the present day she is cruelly tormented by the rage of the Mussulmans but she ever gives to the world the spectacle of her dauntless faith and her marvelous heroism.



# A MISSION-DAY

AT POINT ST. CHARLES - - MONTREAL



BANNER OF THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH  
OF ST. CHARLES PARISH, MONTREAL

THE ninth of May was a great feast for the parishioners of Point St. Charles, Montreal, feast all to the honor of the Propagation of the Faith. Very Rev. Canon Ch. G. Decarries, renowned for his zeal for works of apostolate and charity, wished, on the occasion of the blessing of a magnificent banner of the Propagation of the Faith, (1) to allow his parishioners to experience the charm of a mission-day.

The day proved successful, and its remembrance will live long in the memory of those who have co-operated in such a beautiful cause as that of the Propagation of the Faith.

A solemn High Mass was sung at 9 A.M., in the parish church, by Canon Descarries. Reverend Fathers L. J. Gervais and E. DeGrandpre assisted as deacon and sub-deacon. Beautiful singing was executed. A sermon for the circumstance given by Rev. Father Gagnon, C.S.C., was highly appreciated. After High Mass took place the blessing of the handsome banner which will henceforth do honor to the parochial Committee of the Propagation of the Faith.

At 2.30 P. M., in the school hall of St. Charles' Academy, the school girls were given a conference and lantern slides on the missions of China, by Rev. Father Gagnon, C.S.C. At half past three, the same play was repeated for the school boys.

At 7. 30 P.M., a conference on the Propagation of the Faith was given by Very Rev. Canon J. A. Roch, Superior of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament closed that memorable day that must have greatly rejoiced the Heart of the Divine Master and drawn abundant blessings upon the parish, the zealous pastor and the devoted friends of the missions.

A FRIEND OF THE MISSIONS

1. Banner made at the work-room of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

# A Few Roses Scattered

By the Little Sister of Missionaries...



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

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

I have felt the effects of the consoling promise of your amiable little "Sister" who wished to "spend her heaven doing good upon earth;" she has obtained my recovery and has gratified a friend of mine with great favors. I am sending this offering to redeem a Chinese baby likely to live.

Mrs. E. P. G., **Timmins, Ont.** — I am sending my "mite" in favor of the Burse in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus as a pledge of my lively gratitude for the favor she has obtained for me. Mrs. A. D., **Montreal.** — For your China Missions I offer the sum of Five Dollars, certain that I cannot better prove my gratitude towards the "Little Sister of Missionaries" than by helping those who labor in foreign fields for the salvation of souls. M. G., **Montreal.** — I have obtained through the intercession of the Little Flower a great grace. To prove my gratitude I am sending One Dollar towards the Burse in her honor, destined to support missionaries whom

she cherishes with a marked predilection. I am enclosing a subscription to your publication. Other special favors requested. Mrs. R. M., **Tetereaultville.** — I ask you to pray for a special intention: also that my brother may make his Easter duty and give up drinking. E. D., **Spencer, Mass.** — Please find enclosed a sum of ten Dollars as a pledge of profound gratitude towards our Immaculate Mother and St. Therese of the Child Jesus for favors obtained.

Miss M. A., **Aldenville, Mass.** — Some time ago I prayed to the Little Flower to obtain a very great favor, promising an offering for your China missions. My prayers have been heard, so I gladly send my offering. Mrs. McH., **Sault Ste Marie, Ont.** — Enclosed please find Two Dollars towards the Little Flower Burse. Miss M. S., **West St. John, N. B.** — I am sending you this alms as well as an offering for a novena of lights in thanksgiving to your admirable little "Sister". Miss M. A., **Aldenville, Mass.** — The enclosed offering is to tell my gratitude to our Heavenly Mother and St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Kindly dispose of my offering as follows: One Dollar, subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and the balance in favor of the Burse founded in honor of the powerful little Carmelite. Mrs. J. A. N. C., **Montreal.** — For the upkeep of a crib for your little Chinese during three months. I am sending a money order for Five Dollars to

fulfill a promise made to the Little Sister of Missionaries who has graciously hearkened to my prayers. Mrs. F. L. T., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — My heartfelt gratitude to Saint Therese of the Child Jesus for having favored me with a beautiful rose. Am sending Three Dollars towards the Burse in thanksgiving. Mrs. W. C., **West Springfield, Mass.** — I thank St. Therese with all my heart for the relief of a sore throat. I am most happy to fulfill the promise of sending Twenty-Five Dollars for the Lazaretto of Shek-Lung, hoping that the dear little Saint will continue the good she has commenced. Mrs. R. P., **Webster, Mass.** — I heartily thank your "kind little Sister" for the marked protection she has granted my family in obtaining the recovery of three of our children. In thanksgiving I am sending Two Dollars towards the Burse in her honor. J. L., **Woonsocket, R. I.** — It gives me great pleasure to send you my offering in fulfilment of a promise made to the "Little Sister of Missionaries" who has scattered fragrant rose petals upon my home. Please join your prayers to mine that she may deign to soon scatter the entire rose, my needs are so numerous. Mrs. E. C., **Montreal.** — Deign to accept this humble mite of Two Dollars in thanksgiving for favors received through the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Mrs. A. M., **Wilimansett, Mass.** — I am happy to prove my gratitude towards my dear protectress St. Therese and am asking her to alleviate my mother's suffering. The enclosed offering is for your needy missions. Mrs. J. A. D., **Montreal.** — My sincere gratitude to the Little Flower for a particular favor obtained through her intercession. In thanksgiving I promise to help the missions according to my means. Mrs. E. St. L., **Timmins.** — The Little Sister of Missionaries "has scattered on my home a few rose petals. In thanksgiving I am sending a subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and One Dollar for your works. Mrs. L. R. F., **Stur-**



**geon Falls, Ont.** — After having promised to give Three Dollars for your missions and to have it published in "THE PRECURSOR" I have obtained through the intercession of the Little Flower the "rose" I desired. Grateful thanks to the dear little Saint. **Mrs. L. C., Alfred, Ont.** — Enclosed find Five Dollars to redeem a Chinese baby in thanksgiving for a temporal favor obtained through the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus with promise to have it published in "THE PRECURSOR". A Subscriber, **Montmagny, P. Q.** — St. Therese so dearly loved missionaries, that I think the best means of proving my gratitude for a favor obtained through her intercession, would be to give an alms for the upkeep of an apostolic laborer. Enclosed an offering of Five Dollars. Anonymous, **Toronto, Ont.** — I am sending Three Dollars towards the Burse of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in thanksgiving for a cure obtained through her intercession. **Mrs. A. F., Montreal.** — I am pleased to enclose the sum of Two Dollars as a token of gratitude towards St. Therese of the Child Jesus for having so well pleaded my cause. May the good little Saint now obtain for me the grace of knowing my vocation. A Young Lady from **Nouvelle, P. Q.** — You will find enclosed a cheque for Six Dollars towards the Burse of the Little Flower. This sum is given for a favor obtained. **M. E. J. F., Montreal.** — Offering of Six Dollars for masses in honour of the Little Flower and to renew my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" in thanksgiving for a favor obtained through her intercession. **Miss L. V., Attleboro, Mass.** — My heartfelt gratitude to St. Therese for having cured my hand that was pierced by a needle. Here is my modest offering to her Burse. A Subscriber, **Montreal.** — Having obtained a favor through the intercession of the Little Flower, I am fulfilling my promise by sending you Five Dollars for the ransom of a little Chinese girl, wishing her to bear the name of Therese. **Mrs. W. S., Quebec.** — I am sending you One Dollar in favor of your missionary works in thanksgiving for a grace obtained through the intercession of the little Carmelite of Lisieux. **Miss B. B., Central Fall, R. I.** — The Little Sister of Missionaries has more than once showed the effects of her powerful intercession near our dear Lord in my regard. In thanksgiving I am sending One Dollar for your works. **Mrs. F. V., Holyoke, Mass.** — The enclosed offering is in gratitude to St. Therese for a favor received. **Mrs. A. D., Tecumsee, Ont.** — Having suffered during two months from rheumatism, which hindered me from going to work, I invoked St. Therese and she has completely cured me. I thank her with all my heart. **Miss M. A. B., Montreal.** — Please accept this offering of Two Dollars in token of gratitude to St. Therese who has so graciously answered my request. **Mrs. M., Avida, Que.** — Grateful thanks to St. Joseph and St. Therese of the Child Jesus for the improvement of my health. I firmly hope that they will continue to help me and complete the good they have already commenced. **Mrs. K. C., St. Jerome, Que.** — Enclosed you will find Ten Dollars in fulfilment of a promise made to the Little Flower. I have obtained what I had asked and am happy to prove my gratitude by sending this sum towards the Burse in her honor. Anonymous, **St. Roch-de-l'Achigan, P. Q.** — I am sending my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and an offering of Two Dollars to increase the Burse of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in gratitude for her kind solicitude towards a poor little sick sister. **Miss M. C., Lachine, P. Q.** — Fervent thanksgivings to the powerful Little Sister of Missionaries who has obtained a position for me. I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and am sending One Dollar for your needy works. A Subscriber, **Montreal.** — The Little Flower has showered a rose upon me by relieving me during illness. In thanksgiving I am sending the sum of Five Dollars for your so needy works. **Mrs. A. D., Dunham, P. Q.** — I am sending you my offering of Two Dollars in favor of a poor little Chinese as a pledge of gratitude to St. Therese who has efficaciously interceded for me near Our dear Lord. May she deign to grant me health. **Mrs. I. D., Ville Emard.** — Please find enclosed Two Dollars, as promised, in honor of St. Therese for favor received. **M. K., Ansonia, Conn.** — The Little Flower having partly cured me, I gratefully send a cheque of Sixty Dollars in fulfilment of a promise. Please continue to remember me in your good prayers. **Mrs. J. L., Montreal.** — Enclosed please find two rose petals (\$2.00) for St. Therese's Burse for a favor received. **Mrs. T. N., Williamstown Mass.** — I am enclosing a cheque for Five Dollars to have lights burned at the Shrine of the little Carmelite of Lisieux in thanksgiving for favors obtained through her intercession. **M. C. F., New Haven, Conn.** — In fulfilment of a promise made to the Little Flower, I am sending One Dollar for her little missionary sisters. Hoping that they will continue to pray for me. **Mrs. I. J. S., Chicopee Falls, Mass.**



A fervent prayer is requested for the repose of the soul of the Misses  
 Simonne Paquette and Clarisse Boudreau of Montreal, members of the  
 "Little Flower" Sewing Circle, 314, St. Catherine Road, Outremont.

## Burse of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for the adoption of a missionary.

A **Burse** is a sum of money the interest of which forms a perpetual income for the support of a Missionary. **Burses** are founded in honor of a Saint whose name they bear. The religious whose support is thus assured becomes for life the missionary of the donor and takes his place near the poor infidels. The Founders of Burses participate in all the spiritual advantages of the Community. The sum of \$1,000.00 given in one or several payments by one or many persons forms a complete **Burse**.

We shall then receive with gratitude, any offering, even trifling, (thanksgiving for favors obtained or requests for new ones) for the complete formation of the Burse in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. May the Little Sister of Missionaries inspire generous souls with the thought of adopting a Missionary and let fall on them a shower of roses!

Our heartfelt thanks to the generous donors who have contributed to the formation of the first Burse in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus commenced in December 1925, and which has been completed last March. Necessity obliges us to begin another: we hope, rather, we are certain that the amiable and powerful little Saint will hasten its completion.

May 1927..... \$84.09

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The cry of Jesus agonizing, "I thirst!" re-echoed continually in my heart, firing it with an ardent zeal till then unknown to me. I longed to give to my Beloved to drink: I too felt myself consumed with the thirst for souls, and at all cost I would wrest sinners from the eternal flames.

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The Precious Blood of Jesus I poured on souls, to Him I offered these same souls renewed by the Dew of Calvary; thus I thought to quench His Thirst; but the more I gave Him to drink, the more ardently my poor little soul thirsted — and this I received as a most precious recompense.

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SOULS — dear Lord, we must have souls! Above all, souls of apostles and of martyrs, that through them we may inflame the multitude of poor sinners with love of Thee.

HIST. D'UNE AME





*Photograph taken at our Montreal Chinese Hospital on the occasion of the visit of Rev. Father Lee, S.J.*

# *Echæes from our Missions*

## CHINA

*Letter of Sister St. Paul, Missionary of the Immaculate Conception,  
Superior of Canton, to her Superior General.*

*Hong-Kong, April 4, 1927.*

VERY DEAR MOTHER,

What a time we have gone through!... In my letter of March 28th I mentioned that we were *en route* for Hong-Kong where we were to try to find shelter. Having been officially notified by the British Consul to leave



*Good little Jesus make all our benefactors happy!*

Canton we were obliged to find a dwelling, which was certainly not an easy task. On our arrival we went immediately to see His Lordship Bishop Valtorta of Hong-Kong, who was most kind and who did his utmost to help us. He sent his priests here and there to see if they could locate a house. His Lordship even deigned to go himself to ask His Religious if they did not know of some place to direct us, telephoned to his friends etc. The Fathers of the Foreign Missions were also very obliging, as well as many of the laity.

We had not yet found anything suitable, when Sister Marie de la Misericorde and Sister Marie de Lorette arrived unawares, with a very alarming letter. It was impossible to wait any longer, so I said to Sister St. George: "Let us take the first thing that comes, we must find shelter some place." At last we found two small houses a short distance apart, each two stories high and... four rooms in all... and we are paying \$105.00 per month for one and \$120.00 for the other!... We had just rented the second house



when I was called to the telephone by Rev. Father Pradel, M. E., "Come to the Procure, I have something important to tell you." Dear Mother, I was weak with anxiety, what could have happened?... "I have just received a telegram for you," said Father, "do not return to Canton, your Sisters and quite a few of your orphans will arrive in a moment." Sister St. George and I went immediately to the boat; in reality our Sisters and 35 orphans arrived. It was 4 P.M., and we had yet to cross to Kowloon where our two little houses were situated; our Sisters and the children were worn out... Dear Mother, I refrain from expressing our emotions! I leave that to those who can the better relate them, those who have witnessed the departure from Canton. They were given but one-half hour to leave; but as the Consul had warned them, for some time past, to keep on the alert, the dear Sisters had spent days and nights making preparations. Two Sisters have remained at Shameen and go everyday to Canton to see to the house and the personnel there. The City of Canton is in a terrible uproar: shouts, fireworks, drums, trumpets... it makes one tremble... Anything can be expected; we are strangers and they want to have nothing more to do with us. The Maryknoll and Salesian Sisters, as well as other religious, have been recalled from their districts.

A great number of soldiers have arrived at Shameen; the Government has rented a large house for them which means an expense of \$50,000 per month.

On our arrival at Kowloon, it was most consoling to see the kindness of our neighbors. Some brought boiled rice for all the children, others furnished supper for the Sisters and I saw to the baggage that had to be brought in before dark.

Good-night, dear Mother, I am going to Shameen to-morrow to join our Sisters who have remained there, I shall leave with them for Canton.

Your child,

Sister St. PAUL, M. I. C. (1)

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*Letter of Sister St. George, Missionary of the Immaculate Conception,  
of the Canton Mission, China, to her Superior General.*

*Hong-Kong, April 5, 1927.*

BELoved MOTHER,

I hurriedly pen these few lines to give you the latest news: on arriving at Hong-Kong, Sister Superior and I went in search of a house, and it was only after four days that we succeeded in finding two houses to rent. They are quite small, but we think that we are very fortunate to have them.

(1) Blanche Clément, Montreal.

At Canton, besides the national troubles, there have arisen disturbances between the Chinese Bolchevists and the Nationalists. We are at a loss to know what will come out of it all. Sister Superior is leaving this morning, with a companion, to go and help Sister St. Viateur and Sister St. Etienne, who remained at Shameen, and also see what is to be done for our works at Canton.



*The tots of the Foundling-Home of Canton warming  
their little hands on a winter's day.*

Our many trials of a while ago are now changed into cruel bitterness; Oh! How much they are costing us, these works of Canton!... At noon when I was alone with our Sisters, I assure you that I drank many a tear with my soup; but that matters little, dear Mother I am far from being discouraged, I feel ready for anything.

The Bishop of Hong-Kong was very kind to us. Hong-Kong has lately sent 2000 soldiers to Shameen. Reliable men say that these troupes are sent to protect Hong-Kong. To-day, aeroplanes are constantly flying overhead, there were five of them together at noon. They say that something serious is about to happen. I hope that our four Sisters who have remained at Shameen and who go to Canton everyday, will not expose themselves. May Our Immaculate Mother watch over them!

Now that we are somewhat settled, we take up our regular life. We have not enough chairs for all the Sisters, but what does it matter, we sit on the trunks... and everything else is in proportion.

I must now say Good-bye, I shall soon write again. Deign, dear Mother, to give me your blessing that I may be able to do a little good in souls.

Your very affectionate child,

Sr. ST. GEORGE (1)

(1) Corinne Crevier, Montreal.



*Letter of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception of China  
to their Superior General*

*Shameen, April 9, 1927.*

BELOVED MOTHER,

What a period of anxiety and anguish we have gone through. Informed, at different intervals by the British Consul, that at any minute we might be forced to leave Canton, Sister Superior and Sister Assistant thought it wise to secure a house at Hong-Kong. Meanwhile we made haste to pack the most indispensable objects. On the 28th of March it was rumored about that the Christendom was to be pillaged; that same day a crowd of strikers arrived and asked to visit the school, so as to know just to what point we taught religion to the children. The pupils were terrified and the more timid asked us to take down the crucifixes so that they would not be seen by the strikers. One of our Chinese Professors went out to see to them, and was mockingly called, "dog of a stranger", (which I assure you is no small insult for a Chinese) he succeeded however in dismissing them. Seeing that things were going so badly, we decided to send two Sisters to Hong-Kong to acquaint Sister Superior of the situation so that she might do impossibilities to find a house and come home as soon as possible. How uneasy we were to? seeing our two Sisters leaving for Hong-Kong! We warned them not to leave their cabin, and upon their arrival in the city, to telephone immediately to the Procure of the Fathers of the Foreign Mission Seminary, for most probably they would know just where Sister Superior and Sister Assistant could be located, then wait on the boat until the latter joined them.

During the entire day of the 29th, we were greatly annoyed by the



*A Missionary Sister filling the role of christian Mothers  
towards her children of adoption.*



DEPARTURE OF OUR ORPHANS FOR HONG-KONG



strikers...it would be too long to tell you all. On the 31st, about four o'clock in the afternoon we received an official letter from the British Consul ordering us to leave Canton immediately for Shameen or Hong-Kong. Two of us went to see His Lordship to inform him of the letter and to seek his advice. He told us that he also had received a letter from the Consul and that we absolutely must leave... "And what will you do with the children," asked the Bishop. — "We shall take them with us, Your Lordship." — "Oh! but not to Shameen, you could not shelter them!... Rather have them leave to-morrow morning for Hong-Kong; there is no danger for them at the house to-night, and let us hope that Sister Superior has found a house at Hong-Kong. As for the babies, whom you cannot take, the Chinese maidens will bring them to the Tong Chan Foundling-Home; but this must be done officially. I will give you a written document; do not be uneasy, everything will be alright." His Lordship inquired if our Sisters of the Lazaretto had been notified <sup>(1)</sup> if we had enough money for travelling expenses etc., etc. After having thanked His Lordship for his great kindness, we returned immediately to the Convent to lend a helping hand.

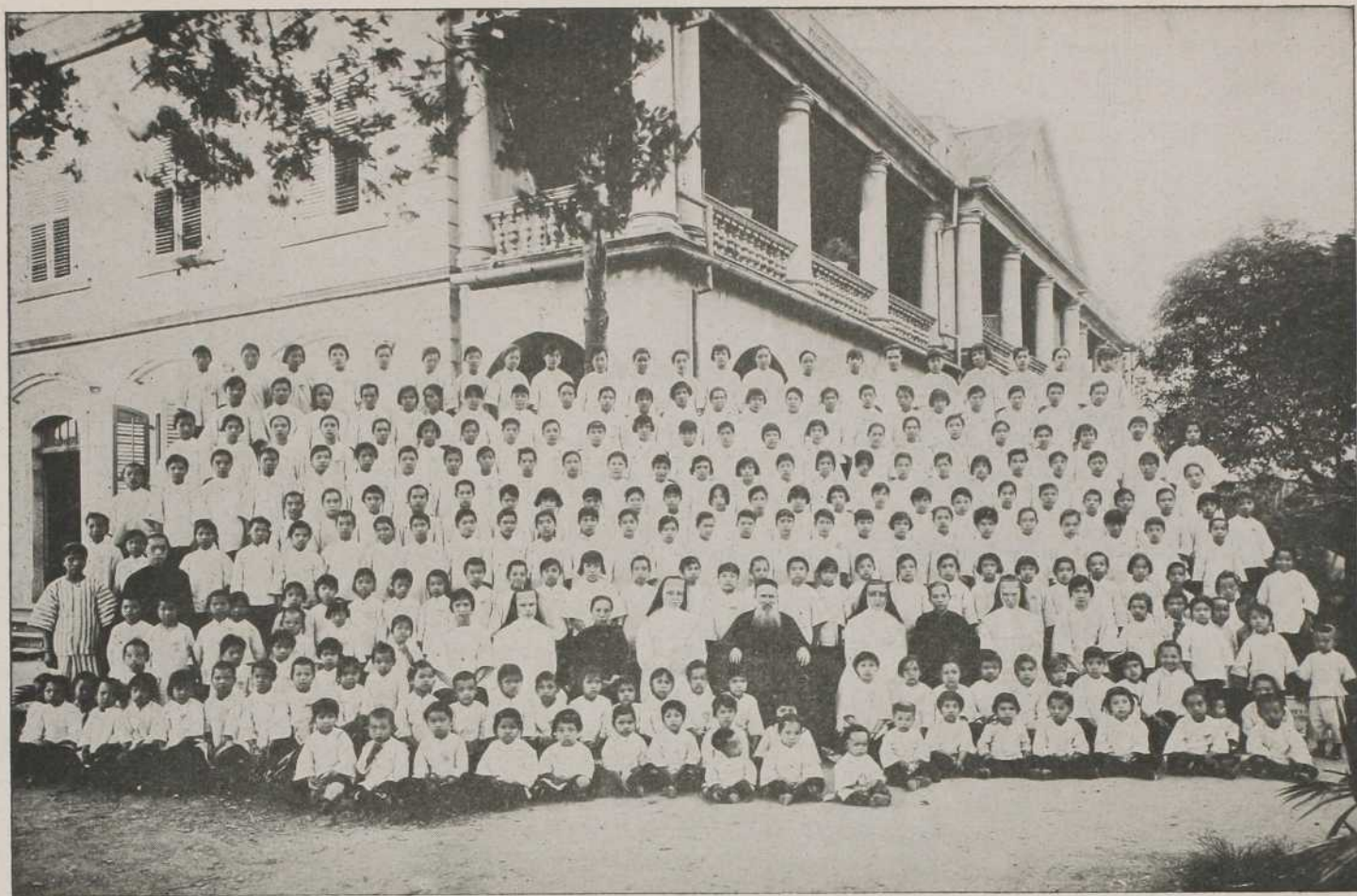
One of the Fathers came right away to remove the Blessed Sacrament from our Chapel...How sad it was to see Our Lord leave us!...A few minutes later as Reverend Father Pierrat was to leave for the Lazaretto, the Bishop sent him to see if we had any messages for our Sisters; this good Father told us that he would gladly transmit them. His kind offer saved us a great deal of trouble. We sent word to our Sisters of the Lazaretto telling them to go directly to Hong-Kong bringing with them all they could take of their belongings.

Our poor children seeing us making preparations to leave, without a word, began to do the same...Not a sound could be heard in the whole house...Soon everything was ready. How great was their disappointment when they learned that we must leave that very evening, without them, but that they would rejoin us the next morning. Our departure was heart-rending; they clung to us and stood in our way to keep us from passing...After repeated promises that they would rejoin us on the morrow we finally managed to make our way. It is in similar circumstances that we see the affection and attachment they bear us.

It was 8 o'clock in the evening before we left for Shameen; we were tired to death, and some of us had not had the time to take a mouthful of food all day and not one had had supper. It was only after arriving at Shameen, nine o'clock at night, at the Mission House, where we were permitted to take refuge, that we ate some bread and butter brought from Canton. You may well imagine, dear Mother, what an uneasy night we spent, each on our chair. We were up at four o'clock the next morning to see about the trip to Hong-Kong. So as to draw less attention on the boat and also to avoid greater expenses, we procured, before leaving, food for the Sisters and all our children. After making sure that there

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(1) Seeing no immediate danger, our Sisters had returned to their post since the 4th of March.



*His Lordship Rt. Rev. A. Fourquet—Pupils of the Holy Ghost School, Canton, China.  
Owing to the actual disturbances this school had to be closed on the 1st of April.*



was no danger to leave Shameen, we went to the boat to meet our orphans. According to the instructions given them the night before, they arrived in small groups. We had also told them to dress differently so as to be less conspicuous, and when they would see us to pretend not to know us. They played their part well. Still there were some who forgot themselves from time to time and would look at us and smile; it was quite natural, they were so glad to see us, they had been so much afraid that we would not take them. We bought biscuits for the older ones, and condensed milk for the smaller. It was no easy task to leave with our 35 orphans and moreover, we were not sure of having a house to shelter them in Hong-Kong... Two Sisters remained at Shameen so as to be the better able to watch our house of Canton. Thank God the departure was effectuated without any accidents. After the boat had sailed we went to see the British Consul to ask if there would be any danger for Sister Superior to come to Shameen one of these days. As he told us that it was impossible we immediately sent a telegram to Sister Superior giving her the Consul's answer and telling her of the contingent that had just left for Hong-Kong.

On the 5th Sister Superior arrived with a companion from Hong-Kong. She went immediately to secure permission from the Consul to go to Canton which was granted for a few hours.

On arriving there she first went to see His Lordship. "The school must be closed as soon as possible," said the Bishop, "but let the domestics remain so that it can be seen at night that there is somebody in the house, and let the Sisters who are in Shameen, try to come over every day." His Lordship wished that the Chinese maidens should also remain in the school, but they refused, finding it too much exposed, being built as it is facing the street without a protecting wall.

We afterwards went to the school. It was necessary to explain to the Chinese professors and pupils that school must be closed temporarily, but as we were obliged to return to Shameen for the night we postponed to the following day the arrangement of this important affair. We returned at eight o'clock the next morning. According to His Lordship's instructions, we bade our door-keeper, a young Chinese girl, to allow nobody in. Unfortunately she paid no attention and allowed all the professors and pupils to enter. At a given moment four or five strikers arrived and began kicking at the door. One of the professors went out, and the strikers began shouting and fighting: they called us "the white faces." The whole school was placarded, with threats I suppose... Seeing that there was such an uproar Sister Superior sent a message to the Bishop, who immediately dispatched armed police. The strikers then withdrew... His Lordship realizing that the situation was becoming more and more critical, said to us: "Sisters, you cannot remain very long at the mission; just as I told you yesterday, try and come every day, I now tell you not to come at all... and see the Consul this very day." Sister Superior left for

Shameen with a companion. The Consul said to her: "Do not return to Canton." She objected saying that two Sisters were still there, to which he answered: "Send for them." Sister added that it was necessary to return for the closing of the school. Then the Consul said: "Sister, you may go for one hour only, but notify me as soon as you return." The affair being settled at Canton, I assure you that we did not lose any time getting away... On our return to Shameen, we saw the Consul who said: "I am glad Sister, that you are back, you could have been arrested..." We noticed, on leaving the school, that the strikers had bored three holes in the wall of a house facing our garden, whence they could see everything that was going on.

### Kowloon, Hong-Kong, April 12

We are back from Shameen since the evening of Holy Thursday, April 14. So your children of China are now altogether at Hong-Kong. Our Sisters of the Lazaretto arrived April 1st, a few hours after our orphans. It must have been rather hurriedly that they, also, left their post. When, on April 1st, Reverend Father Pierrat arrived at Shek-Lung, he explained the situation to Father Deswasieres; the latter sent for the Sisters, and said: "Sisters, leave right away... the time has come... As soon as you reach Hong-Kong ask the Father in charge to kindly wire me immediately, to tell me that you have arrived!..." There was much excitement on the train, and red flags were flying all along the line. They arrived in Hong-Kong at 7.30 P. M.

As I already mentioned, we are in two houses, a few minutes distant from each other. Two Sisters occupy one of them with the orphans, among whom are nineteen older ones and fourteen from three to eight years, besides four babies, nine and ten months old. There are also A Sam, A Seuil, our door-keeper, Yulia, our poor hunchback, and A Yin the cook. The community occupies the other house. This morning Sister Superior went to see and encourage our little lace-makers, who are already installed at their looms and who work very well; the little ones from as far as they could see us, cried; "Sister, Sister!!..." They sing songs, clap their little hands, laugh, jump, teasingly pull our veils then run and hide.

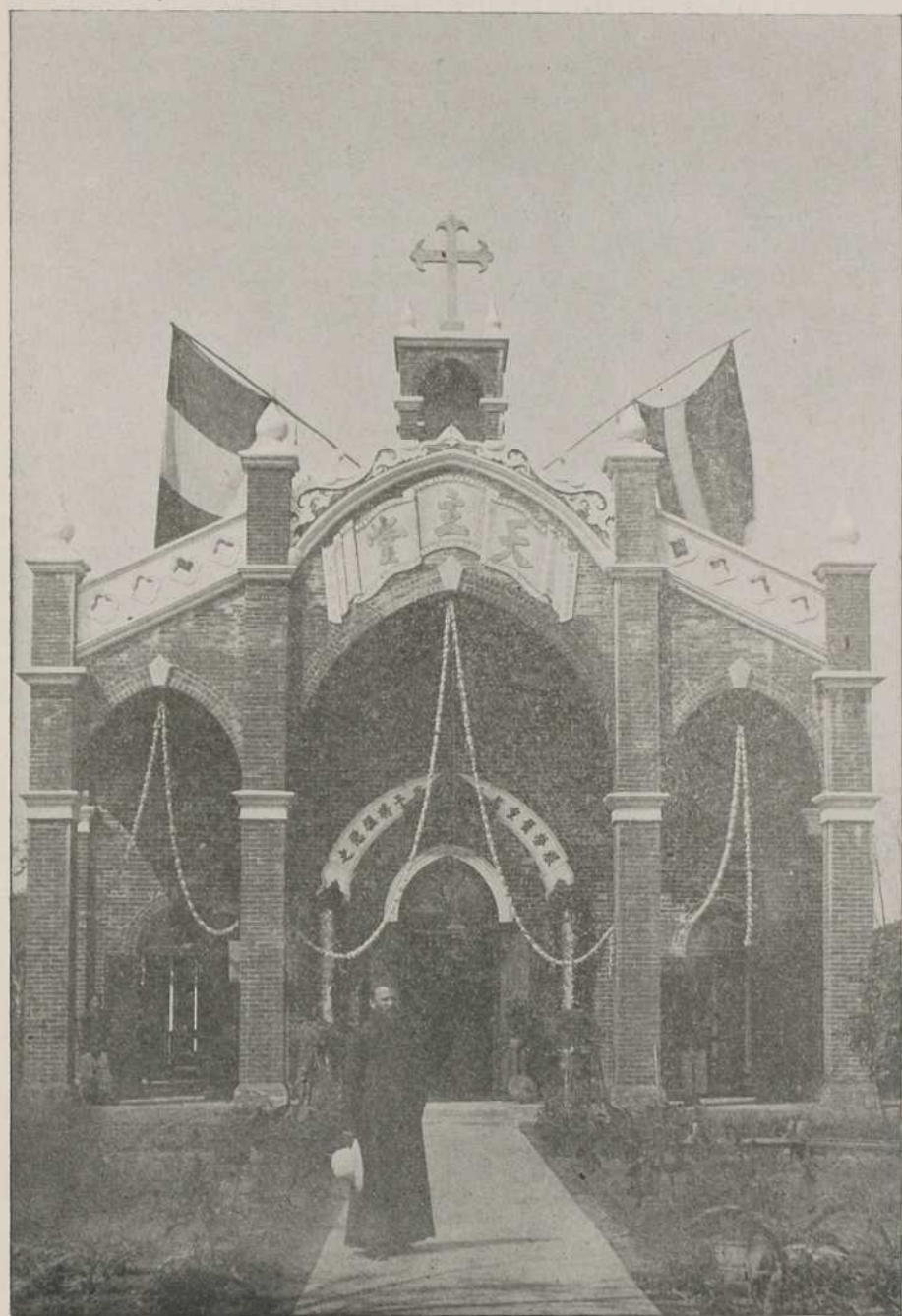
We have just learned that there was a battle in Canton Friday last; the martial law is in force.

Kindly excuse, dear Mother, the desultory style of this letter, we still feel the effects of the emotions of these last few days... we are worn out!... Surely, such events could happen but once in a lifetime.

YOUR LOVING CHILDREN OF CHINA.

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CHAPEL OF THE LAZARETTO OF SHEK-LUNG

## Manila, Philippine Islands

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL OF OUR SISTERS OF THE CHINESE  
GENERAL HOSPITAL OF MANILA

### Sunday, February 6

Sister Marie de la Visitation comes in jubilant to the recreation. "One more soul saved from the great shipwreck," she exclaims. In reality just before leaving the wards, she gave the finishing touch of a very summary catechism course to a moribund and while pronouncing the sacred words, traced on his brow the seal of regeneration. Our dear Sister also tells us of her anxiety regarding another patient who is rapidly declining and who refuses to hear a word about Baptism. He says he has no need of it, that heaven is open to him by the testimony of his conscience. Needless to say that we take a general resolution: masses, communions, all will be for the conversion of the poor obstinate.

### Monday, February 7

A little robber of Paradise! He certainly will owe a hymn of gratitude to the Queen of Angels, for he has had a narrow escape. Burning with fever for the last three weeks and badly cared for, he arrives in a most pitiful state; dirty, his face eaten by mosquitoes and scarcely a breath of life left. The first remedy to administer, is Baptism. A few hours more and this poor soul would have been forever deprived of heaven. While pouring the regenerating water, we wonder what prayer, what sacrifice has bought the crown for this little moribund. Perhaps it is some little friend of the Holy Childhood who, this morning, said this beautiful invocation with greater fervor: "Holy Virgin Mary, pray for us and poor pagan children", or might it not be the big sacrifice of a penny dropped into some mite-box of the Holy Childhood?... In any case, whatever be the name of the little saver of souls, neither will the Blessed Virgin nor the little soul ransomed to-day lose sight of him, and, until Eternity will his brow be sealed with a special benediction.

### Tuesday, February 8

A little boy stricken with tetanus was brought to us lately, by his father, from the provinces. The heat being almost intolerable, the two were practically overcome. The wound, whence came the great pain originated from a simple cut on his finger. The little boy, playing in the ground had contracted the germ which brought on his death. The convulsions were already so violent, that the patient touched the bed but by his head and heels. The least noise would make him tremble. It was really sad to see him. And the poor father!! He was heart-broken. It was his only boy. After a day and two nights, the disease had done its work and death had one more victim. Fortunately, a Sister who was watching closely by had



the happiness of baptizing the little one before he entered the great beyond. If we only could have made the father understand the inestimable grace that had just been granted to his child by the very death that snatched him away, perhaps the trial would have been less painful; but how can we reason with one who has neither faith nor hope?...

#### **Thursday, February 10**

As the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes dawns, a dying man asks for baptism. Few are the days when Our Heavenly Mother does not stoop to cull some fragrant floweret from our garden.

#### **Tuesday, February 14**

It was 10 P. M., when an urgent case was announced. A few minutes later a little girl about ten years old, unfortunate little victim of petroleum lamp accident, was brought in. The child was unconscious and it was evident that death was not far off: we wondered if the little one was baptized. Her parents being absent we were unable to make inquiries. Therefore, we conditionally poured the waters of Baptism on the child's brow, and five minutes later she was no more. When the parents arrived, we learned that the family belonged to the famous aglipayan church, whose baptism is invalid. We heartily thanked God for having given us the joy of offering Him one more soul.

#### **Wednesday, February 15**

We had the consolation, lately, of seeing a young man about twenty-five years of age, approaching the Holy Table for the first time. His mother was dying at the hospital and he used to spend nights at her bed side. Every morning he heard Mass but never received Holy Communion. One of the nurses having noticed it, asked him pleasantly: "Would you not like to receive Holy Communion?" — "Receive Holy Communion", he answered, "why that becomes you who live with religious, but as for me, I know practically nothing about religion, I have attended only public school..." Our young apostle then discreetly offered him a pious book which he gratefully accepted and over which he meditated several days.

One morning, towards four o'clock, our sister on night duty seeing that his mother would not be able to receive, said to the young man: "Would you not like to receive Holy Communion in your mother's stead?..." After a moment's hesitation he replied. "I... I have not gone to confession," but in a decided tone added, "But I want to go."

When the priest came in Sister explained him the case. The young man presented himself to the tribunal of Penance and was allowed to make his First Communion. Poor boy, how happy he was! A good son, a good citizen with cultivated mind, he lacked but one thing to make him valiant: Holy Communion. He has never failed since to approach the Holy Table every morning. Let us hope that God will grant him the grace of ever remaining what he is to-day.



*Corpus Christi Procession at the Chinese General Hospital, Manila, Philippine Islands*



**Friday, February 18**

Yesterday morning a young Chinaman about twenty years of age was brought to the hospital, who, the previous day, had had a feverish attack. In the afternoon he had a serious hemorrhage, but passed a rather peaceful night.

Towards 2 P. M., the religious nurse in charge of the ward, noticed that the patient was of a deathly pallor: she believed death to be at hand, still the dying man was fully conscious.

Feeling his life ebbing away, he asked for help. Sister profited by the occasion to explain to him that the most efficacious relief that could be given him at such a critical moment, would be the means to acquire everlasting happiness. She briefly exposed to him the principal truths of our holy faith, and while clasping the Miraculous Medal, God's grace did its work in his soul. He immediately asked for the remedy that Sister had just mentioned. Fearing that he might die before the priest's arrival, she hastened to baptize him under the names of Joseph Marie Bernard, in honor of little Bernadette of Lourdes, who at a similar date had the happiness of conversing with the Immaculate.

**Sunday, February 20**

A poor man was admitted to the hospital yesterday having twenty Easter duties on the debit side of the account book of his religious duties. Since the last fortnight we had loaned him pious books treating on the duties of a christian, which he read and even meditated; finally he took the resolution of going to confession but... to-morrow... but... later on... yesterday he was told that the priest was to come. "Oh! but I am not ready," he said, "I have not yet read all my book... This evening perhaps..." At the appointed time the priest came to visit the wards, but our patient gave for pretext that it was supper-time!!!! — "I have a conference to give the nurses," said the priest, "after which, if the hour suits you, I shall be at your disposal." The conference ended, our good man was at last ready and for him it was the hour of God's mercy. Another conference then took place between the confessor and the penitent. Thirty minutes later there was rejoicing in our hospital, as in heaven, for the conversion of one more sinner. But undoubtedly our poor man was the happiest of all... This morning as he was to receive Holy Communion, he was ready at 4.30 for the Mass of 5.30 and what joy beamed on his countenance.

My God, how good Thou art to Thy children, and what happiness Thou grantest Thy humble missionaries in making them the instruments of Thy Divine mercy towards souls!

**Tuesday, March 8**

To-day we have new little fishes in the pond which adorns the hospital garden. This being the season of spawns it has been forbidden to take out or stir water in the basin. It seems that an intruder having transgressed

the prohibition made over one of the basins, we are deprived of the pleasure of having a new family of little gold fish. We must not however, be satisfied with admiring them, we must think of putting them in safety that they may not be at the mercy of the older ones. After consultations, we decide to put the smaller into the interior basin and the larger in that of the garden; then the rescue begins. We afterwards spread nice fresh moss over the surface of the water to shield them from the sun for the first few days and also supply them with food for several weeks. Moreover, care will be taken that the water be continually renewed. At last being sure that they are safe and want for nothing, we breathe over them the: "Benedicite cete et omnia quæ moventur in aquis Domino" and bid them "good-night". But does not the life of the happy gold-fish so joyfully welcomed and so well protected in every way, inspire no reflection to a religious soul? And why is it also that speaking of fish we always think of the fishing of souls? Is it not because Our dear Lord was the first to make the comparison, since of twelve fishermen He has formed twelve apostles, fishers of men? In our pagan countries how many little souls made to God's likeness, have not such a beautiful entry into life! How many from their very birth are doomed to death by the cruel superstitions of paganism! Here, hundreds of hands lovingly stretch forth to soulless beings which have a right to be protected since they are the works of God's hands. But if the heart wishes to look further, it will be saddened to find out that in thousands of hovels where misery reigns and where apostolic charity has not yet been able to penetrate, countless little human beings await death, and not a charitable hand is there to pour upon their brow the blessed water which will make them children of God. Oh! how every christian heart should breathe this prayer which would bring about the redemption of souls: "O God, who desirest that all men should be saved, send forth, we beseech thee laborers into thy harvest."

#### Saturday, March 12

Six baptisms have taken place during the last six days of the novena in honor of St. Francis Xavier. The last and most consoling occurred today. Fully conscious, a patient received the great grace of regeneration a short quarter of an hour before his death. How can we express the happiness of our patients who have been baptized at their last moments! They pass without anguish or agony from the arms of the Church who has just made them her children, to those of their heavenly Father who is calling and awaiting them.

#### Saturday, March 19

The feast of St. Joseph so pious and peaceful, ever has the privilege of bringing us back to our dear Convent home. Already on the eve, we recall the good advice of our beloved Mother for the day, then with our dear family of Outremont, we enjoy the solemnity.



**Sunday, March 20**

Two little girls Dorothy and Alice, both sisters are at our hospital convalescing from the measles. At noon-time they have a quarrel... Sister had given them each a miraculous medal and it happened that Alice's was smaller than Dorothy's, and Dorothy preferred Alice's medal to hers; so she tried in every way to become its possessor. The occasion soon presents itself and she seizes it. At noon the trays are brought to the two little ones and Alice begins to envy the chicken on her sister's plate. Here is my chance thinks Dorothy... "Give me your medal and my chicken is yours..." The bargain is made... When the chicken has disappeared she regrets the agreement. "Give me back my medal," says our greedy little girl. — "Well, then, give me back my chicken!..." — "But how can I? I have eaten it?..." And the quarrel continues. The nurse hearing the uproar hastily comes in and quiets the little ones by promising that another medal similar to the envied one would be given; then peace is established.

**Saturday, March 27**

What a sad yet consoling fact we are relating to-day. Fact which will vividly describe the pagan mentality and bring to light the charitable spirit of our religion. At our hospital some time ago was born of pagan parents, a little girl who had a harelip and mouth without palate. In the eyes of her pagan and superstitious parents, she was a freak of nature who did not deserve to live and consequently could have been put to death, had she not had the happiness of coming into the world at our hospital, where she was received by christian hands. The parents are rich: they are told that a surgical operation is necessary. One moment they think of defraying the expenses, but immediately ask themselves what will be the child's lot... They consult a sorcerer who answers that the child's future will not correspond to their hopes. She is to be no longer cared for and is to be left to her sad fate. "Roast her," concludes the father glancing at the poor little one. On hearing this our nurses become indignant and one of them prompted by charity exclaims, "I will adopt the child, care for her as if she were my own daughter, have her baptized this very day and if she dies she will go to heaven where she will pray for me.

This young girl, house-surgeon of our hospital confides her to the care of a specialist. Another nurse wishes to be her god mother and help her companion in this great act of charity. They immediately set to work to make the baptismal robe, so that when the priest comes the little one may be made a child of God and of Holy Church. The Chinese Community having its monthly reunion at the hospital to-day, the lawyer is invited to draw up the official document which will deprive the unnatural parents of all right upon the child. At 8.30 P.M., a good Pastor arrives for the christening. The director of the hospital Dr. Tu Hen Ku is invited to stand as god-father; he graciously accepts, and here is our little lady, daughter of Miss Chan, godchild of Dr. Tu Hen Ku and of Miss Gonzales.

The young "adoptive" mother is radiant with happiness: however she has still one great worry... she fears that the baby cannot go through the operation... she would rather keep the little one infirm than see her die from the consequences of the operation!!!... Is not that true heroism in a young girl of the world?... O charity! how wonderful is thy power!!!...

### Monday, March 30.

Miss Chan, accompanied by the godmother and the adopted child's father goes to see the already mentioned lawyer, to sign in his presence the document which takes from the unnatural father his rights on her and confers them to the generous christian woman who is obliging herself to be a mother to the child.



VOCATION. — God has taken him one day... He was 10, 15 or 20 years of age. And God has spoken to him: Look! Do you see yonder, these boundless territories?... Look! *there* are souls... there are thousands and thousands of men who will adore and love me when an apostle will tell them to adore and love me... Mychild, do you wish to save these souls?

Rev. Father Epinette, Cong. Holy Ghost.



A missionary to his parents: — Thank you, dear parents, for all the sacrifices you have made! If you had been less generous, I would now be absorbed by worldly affairs, would not convert these poor pagans, I would not send hundreds of angels to Heaven! Thank you, dear, dear parents!... God Himself Who alone knows how to fitly appreciate your sacrifices will worthily reward you for them...



## 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 the tender Mother.

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



# Extracts FROM THE Novitiate Chronicles

*Dedicated to the Parents of our dear Sister Novices*



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

Sunday, March 27, 1927

Our Holy Mother the Church in the introit of the Mass invites her children to rejoice in the Lord... With docility do we respond to her maternal desire and joy becomes our pass-word for the day. Moreover everything renders this duty easy, for our beloved Mother, during her visit yesterday, has given us a grand *cong  *. We chat and sing merrily and organize games. Ah! how sweet it is to thus form but one heart and one soul even in the least details of life.

In the afternoon several of us propose making an excursion to the "Point". We gladly agree and gaily set on our way.

The discreet and vivifying rays of the sun permeate us, the singing waves of the ever rapid Riviere des Prairies accompany us, the birdlings rehearse their spring-time warbles and songs, while the future missionaries chat about the dear far away missions, object of all their dreams. Arriving at the "Point" we stop to rest a little and admire at leisure nature that God has made so beautiful in this spot. The limpidity of the flowing waters reminds us of Our Heavenly Mother's spotless purity, and in a hymn of praise we voice the admiration with which our hearts are filled.

As we are leaving, the chimes of distant bells are borne to us on the breeze, doubtlessly to announce the chant of the Magnificat, for it is the hour of Vespers in mostly all our churches. We mingle our voices with the harmony of the waves to give thanks to God through His Immaculate Mother for His innumerable benefits. With souloverflowing with happiness, that true happiness which flows from all innocent joy, we return home in time for our spiritual exercises. Near the beloved Master's altar, we freely express the sentiments of gratitude which fill our hearts.

Thursday, April 7

Our dear Mother has just received a cable from our Sisters in China and she has the kindness to impart it to us through telephone. We learn that our dear missionaries of Canton and Shek-Lung have been obliged by order of the British Consul to seek refuge at Hong-Kong. They have been able to take the orphans with them, but the babies had to be left at the foundling-home. However, two Sisters have remained at Shameen, British possession, in order to go daily to Canton to see to the little ones. As they have not the liberty to stay overnight at the Convent, they return each evening to Shameen where they are in greater safety.

This news is far from being reassuring: nevertheless it is less anguishing for our dear Mother and ourselves to know our Sisters to be still all alive and in relative security. It is better than to be in complete ignorance of what might have befallen them!... Our Mother urges us to pray for our poor Sisters more fervently than ever. We know that the Blessed Virgin will watch over them, but we must not forget that the salvation of souls requires not only tears and labors, but sometimes even the shedding of blood.

The most recent letters received from our dear exiles February last, reveal how little they fear death. Their only anxiety is to see themselves obliged to leave their unfortunates, and thus either be unable to lead them to heaven through the grace of Baptism or to help them to keep intact the precious gift of faith already received.

How fervently we shall pray for the poor pagans of China! How fervently shall we pray for our beloved Sisters that they may have the strength to ever remain faithful to their noble mission of charity and apostolate!... And may we, before long, follow in their footsteps, share their labors and sacrifices and if need be give up our lives for God and for souls.

#### Palm Sunday, April 10

*Hosanna filii David Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine!* The modest triumph that we give to-day to our Divine King resembles very little the grand ovations tended Him by the Jews at His triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Things are done so simply in our little chapel!... Still if it is not given us to make beautiful demonstrations that would recall the joys felt of yore in acclaiming the Messial we are consoled in thinking that perhaps our modest ceremonies resemble the friendly receptions of Bethany... The Divine Master does more than pass in our midst. He deigns to dwell with us in the closest intimacy. What have we to regret! Have we not chosen the better part. *Benedictus qui venit!*

#### Tuesday, April 12

What a pleasant recreation we spend this evening speaking about the country,...the harvest... and our dear Mistress begins to talk about Nominating. What poetry is attached to this word Nominating: does it not recall an epic, the valiant deeds of those who have preceded us in our dear vocation? Ofttimes, as we are told, they have gathered golden sheaves, and rich ripened clusters of fruit that abounded in the beautiful range of the Laurentian Mountains, and have joyfully returned in the evening, their arms laden with the day harvest, while singing sweet hymns to Our Lady.

And now...they labor another harvest field far dearer to their hearts, and to which the Master invites us all!... Oh! how our desires of apostolate are inflamed when we go upon that ripening harvest!... The illustration on the cover of our review "The Precursor" which we have in hand, represents very well these immense fields, where the ripened wheat sways under the breeze, waiting for reapers to gather them in... Those fields are the



infield countries: China, Japan, India, Africa, Oceania and the yet unconquered lands of the two Americas... And the Divine Master of the Vineyard is there also inviting laborers. Alas! how few answer His appeal! A small group alone stands at His side. O Jesus! O Master! we at least are thine! Deign to prepare our hearts and soon make use of them!...

### Easter, April 17

On awakening this morning our hearts thrill with joy. Sunbeams play hide and seek, all nature smiles, birds and souls are singing, for it is Easter, the feast of Resurrection and life.

At the sound of the bell inviting us to the chapel, a choir of joyful voices accompanied by the violin, gaily sings: "*Regina celi lætare, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!*" With increasing jubilation we continue, while descending from the dormitory to the chapel, that holy anthem which it is deeply rejoicing to address to our Divine Mother in union with the entire Church. Yes, Queen of Heaven, rejoice! and allow your children to share your jubilation.

Our modest altar wears a delicate raiment of tapers, palms, lilies and roses. During Holy Mass the Alleluias ring out glad and clear. It is so good to rejoice after the saddening scenes of the Passion. And then every religious festivity seems to hold a special charm in our dear novitiate. Very often one or another of our postulants exclaims, "I never thought that convent life could procure such happiness." And still, dear little sisters, you are yet at the time where one has to suffer most from home-sickness: but do not be uneasy, the Divine Master will be true to His word. He has promised a hundred-fold to whosoever shall have forsaken all to follow Him. He will repay royally. We who have already passed through the postulate and even part of the Novitiate, can speak from experience!

The day passes by with regrettable rapidity: games, music, singing, innocent frolic, parlor for our dear parents, take up all our time... and the evening is not less joyful: we improvise a concert where all have the occasion of displaying their gifts and talents. Every trial is not equally successful, but we enjoy ourselves very much and congratulate each and every one of our sisters because each and every one has done their best with great simplicity and good will. We really feel at home and amuse ourselves with all our might. May this spirit of fraternal charity, this real spirit of family life which our dear Mother strives to inculcate to each one of her children and which exists in such an eminent degree, that we cannot help noticing it from our very entry into the postulate; may this spirit, do we say, remain intact in our midst, so that, being ourselves deeply penetrated, profoundly impregnated with it, we may, later on, impart it to those who will follow us. And is not the Silver Jubilee of our Community which we shall celebrate in June a favorable epoch to stimulate us anew with the spirit which should characterize us? So, with the help of God and His Immaculate Mother, we shall work for its acquisition, and this year will be, do we hope, a year glorious for God and fruitful for our dear Institute.

**Monday, April 18**

The nice weather that we have been enjoying lately permits us to go out doors oftener. This evening it is as warm as in summer, so it is in the open air that we spend our recreation. Oh! how lovely it is! The horizon is beautifully tinted by the last rays of the setting sun, the waters of the river are as blue as the heavens, and the stars that are beginning to peep above reflect their golden rays on the sleeping waves below. Grouped in form of amphitheatre around our dear Mistress on the high stair-case, the conversation begins. The waves that are suddenly awakened by the light breeze and which briskly continue their course, give food to serious reflections: we speak of the rapidity of life and, naturally the most practical conclusions are drawn... but, as to illustrate our *wise* reflections the bell interrupts us... this is one more day that has, Alas! gone by too rapidly.

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Ah! May God deliver us from "half-wills", from those men of the "happy medium" who will and do not will; who will a certain thing but not anything: that is the greatest courage in religion, and one might say in the Church.

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Do some good and leave behind you a monument of virtue that the storm of time can never destroy. Write your name in kindness, love and mercy, on the hearts of the thousands you come in contact with year by year: you will never be forgotten.

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The letters of the missionaries are full of simple little traits of devotion to the Blessed Virgin. Sometimes they would want the Indian names, family names of the women, to distinguish in their registers one from another, and they would find the greatest difficulty in getting them. "My name is Mary," they would say. "But I want your Indian name — your Abenaki name." And the answer would be, "I have no other name; Abenaki name no good; my name is Mary!" Almost every woman was a Mary; if they did not get that name in Baptism, they took it in Confirmation, or they would go and ask permission of their pastor to be called henceforth by the beloved name. Or, after Mass, they would linger in the church, even in the depth of winter, to recommend their resolutions and their good thoughts especially to her. And after all, what else could they do, since they were consecrated to her individually and as a people?



# Pauline Marie Jaricot

Foundress of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith.

## FACING THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE

(Continued)

This constant spectacle of the imminent peril of all which her soul loves has made to bud and grow in her heart designs, boundless like her charity, destined to contradiction and persecution as is everything that, directly or indirectly, works for God's glory, the honor of His Church and the salvation of the multitudes. She names this design the *conservation of faith*, because, in fact, there must be revived, alimented and preserved among christian nations, the sacred light of Faith of which by means of the *Propagation of the Faith*, they send the light to the idolatrous peoples.

This eminently Catholic work comprises three principal branches:

*The first: A league of prayer and charity, opposed by the faithful to the league of blasphemy and hatred of freemasonry.* From 1826, she had formed it by the *Living Rosary*.

*The second:* which she designates under the name of *Bank of Heaven*, consists in the association of rich persons, giving, each 10,000 francs, destined to form a capital the interest of which would be loaned each year to Catholic works. These loans, fractionally redeemable, would gradually increase the capital which would, ever remaining at the disposal of the Head of the Church, form a sort of counterbalance to the *engrossment of gold by impiety*.

This generous inspiration has been understood and a certain number of devoted persons are ready to set to work.

*The third branch is the regeneration of the working class by christian charity.*

It is impossible to enumerate all that this admirable plan embraced: good to perform, evil to unroot or prevent; grief and pain to assuage; neither can we tell what was put into action to prevent Pauline from reaching this triple end.

"She had received from God: initiative, inspiration, intuition of the present, foresight on the future; superior gifts of intelligence with energy of character and will that determine the start of great works."

She was, however, far from believing herself capable of operating, without the help of anyone, this immense and difficult work of regeneration; but urged by an ardent love of souls for whom shone no beacon of salvation, she ceded to the temptation of erecting *at least one*, in order to inspire others, stronger, more powerful and more clever than she, the thought of placing one over every reef.

Was it a reprehensible ambition?

Love would willingly do more than it can; complains not of impossibility, because it conceives that it may and can do all things.

A particular, although very simple event, sanctified the moment when this daughter of the Church was, if it be permitted to thus express ourselves, to throw herself in the thick of the battle, to attempt the salvation of the most unfortunate, and henceforth meet at every step with sufferings, humiliations and ungratefulness proportioned to her devotedness and charity.

The 1st of June 1848, a traveler of venerable aspect came to Loretto in the name of Gregory XVI. (1) "Miss," did he say to Pauline, "I arrive from Rome; the Holy Father has spoken to me of you with particular affection, and has instantly begged me to go out of my way to bring you his blessing."

This fresh mark of kindness touched without surprising, the apostle who for the last eleven years had found in the Vicar of Christ the best and most tender Father. But what struck her and at the same time caused a deep and painful emotion, was to learn of the death of her august Protector who had left this world at almost the very same moment that his privileged daughter received the apostolical Blessing.

"I do not know if Gregory XVI. had foreseen that this blessing would be the last one, but what is striking is that the very day when this blessing was transmitted to me, telegraphs announced the death of the Venerated Pontiff."

This supreme pledge of tenderness and gratitude on the part of the Head of the Church, became for the child of martyrs, like the seal of her youth's prosperity and the unction of fortitude for the struggles she was to encounter.

## XXI — THE TRIAL

They repaid me evil for good: and hatred  
for my love.

(Ps. cviii, 5)

The general plan of the work for the Conservation of the Faith had been submitted to eminently christian, prudent and enlightened judges, who had found it marvellous and divinely opportune, but very difficult to execute. Difficulties had never repressed the zeal of Pauline who was never disconcerted by what was impossible, because she relied upon the Almighty.

Moreover, the few rich persons who were to furnish the first funds on *the capital of the Bank of Heaven*, urged her not to differ its organization. Such was her own ardent desire: if she had not yet done anything in this direction, it was because she awaited a favorable occasion of assuring this *Capital of the Church* on an estate suitable to the *christian colonization of working-men*.

As formerly for her *apostolic foundation*, she was solicited, inwardly as also from the exterior to pursue her design, when Providence seemed to point out to her the *solitude sought for the two aims we have just mentioned*.

(1) Rev. Father Berthier, missionary of Toulouse.



She sheltered in Nazareth an unfortunate *family*, worthy until then, of that protection. This family comprised the father, the mother and a young girl. The latter was sought for in marriage by a man whose practice of high virtue impressed everyone, and who gave himself as the proprietor of an immense estate situated near Rustrel (Vaucluse).

In order to obtain positive information on him who desired to become united to her protégée, Pauline addressed herself for the point of morality, to respectable persons who lived in Apt where Gustave Perre was known: and for the financial point to the most honest business men.

The answers were the best desirable: Gustave *was as good a christian as he was liberal*. He, in truth, owned beautiful properties which envy strived to deprive him of: to support him in his present distress would be to enable him to realize his generous project etc., etc. It was, in a word, virtue with the prestige of adversity. "I received him when he came to Lorette," writes Pauline, "as an unfortunate brother whose trials I strived to soothe."

In the indications given, the least subterfuge must not be supposed. The persons who had written them underwent like so many others, the fascination exercised by Gustave. And moreover, how many a time, in similar cases have not analogous guarantees been received. His marriage accomplished Gustave Perre did not change his *pious* habits; but with wonderful ability and deceitfulness he besieged Pauline to obtain gold for which he was exceedingly greedy.

And as he expressed his ardent desire of working for the Catholic cause, Pauline, in the uprightness of her beautiful soul, imparted to him her design of *christian colonization*.

"In realizing this design," did he answer, "you will realize my life's dream. Providence has evidently led me here that I may offer you the means of beginning this colonization without delay in my property of Rustrel. Many difficulties, aroused through malice, oblige me to let it be shortly sold by auction... Lose no time in taking every possible information in this affair, and rest assured that as soon as I have triumphed over my enemies I shall devote myself and my resources to the benefit of the working-class."

The first part of these assertions was true; the second was naught else but an odious falsehood: the impostor had *dreamed of anything but holy work*...

The factory of Notre Dame des Anges referred to here, offered in reality magnificent resources. God seemed to have gathered in that region abundant and precious mineral wealth, with the intention of delivering it into the hands of the workmen and by sparing them the danger of subterranean extractions.

Situated at the foot of the little mount of Lure, which, for centuries, has borne on its summit the chapel of *Our Lady of the Angels*, whence its name, the factory was limited on one side by the highway of Avignon and Marseilles; on the other by the river Dona. The proximity of the Alps, moderating the climatical heat rendered this sojourn delightful.



All, in this rich and charming place, seemed made to meet the charitable ambitions of Pauline. There were four large kilns and a number of outhouses proper for sheltering the work-men. The abundance of iron ore which lay there, could be extracted in the open, and from the first melting give first-class moulding, gearing instruments, etc., etc. Moreover the valley of Lure contained a considerable quantity of matter proper for ceramic, from the fabrication of plain brick to that of fancy china-ware, and the neighboring mountains, which retained incalculable substances, of a superior quality, could, later on, become part of the plant. The property for sale measured five hundred hectares, a pretty habitation for the supervisor, stores, workshops, etc., etc.

Such was the unanimous report of the respectable and intelligent experts, who had been sent on the premises. So, reliable people to whom Pauline asked advice would make answer:

"Proceed without fear: success does not lie only in probabilities of the future, since the four kilns connected with it are to be the perpetual property of the establishment; since one of these kilns alone could furnish a daily average of three hundred kilos of good quality cast-iron and the factory once entirely cleared from debt, a net profit of one hundred and fifty thousand francs could be obtained, each year, with only two kilns in operation."

"A like prospect was irresistible for me," writes Pauline. "Anyone who passionately desires the welfare of neighbor and the prosperity of religion will readily understand how, with such sureties, I passed from desire to execution."

This was the more simple, as besides what she herself could give, she had good reason to count on the allotments which several of her rich friends were to give her to begin the formation of the bank of heaven, and as these same friends said to her: "Take the lead and we shall follow, act and we shall support you with funds and our influence."

That is the reason why she decided to seize this opportunity of founding one of these beneficent refuges that she wished to see established in every part of France, and where the workingman could find prosperity and peace by placing himself under the law of God.

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts: nor you ways my ways," saith the Lord. (ISAIS 55-8)

The property of Our Lady of the Angels possessed all necessary elements to assure the prosperity of a christian colony for workman. Pauline is decided to acquire it and to commence, as soon as possible, the undertaking which, for so long, has been the object of her desires and prayers. And yet after having so strongly implored the Almighty to give her the means, she, so valiant in deeds, hesitates!...Why?... Does it appear to her that she has laboured enough for the salvation of her brethren? Oh! no, for did not her soul thirst with an unquenchable thirst, to work unceasingly to attain this end! She would sacrifice her life a thousand times to prevent



the demoralization of the working-class. But,... to appear at the head of a *social* work that would be noised abroad, terrifies her humility, so much does she dread what others seek: the fame and pomp of renown.

"The world will perhaps laugh at such things; but what matters!... For more than two thousand years past, humility deifies souls and this poor world has not yet been able to guess why...

"As in founding the Propagation of the Faith I was able to act and remain hidden," says she, "I wished to efface myself still more by offering to my country a source of blessings and peace. Moreover, as I had written to Philias, my vocation was not to absorb myself in such a manner with one undertaking that I should ignore all others. No: *I should remain at the disposition of each and everyone of God's servants.*"

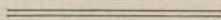
For these pious motives, she wished to confide to another the delicate mission of replacing her in all that could reveal her name and generosity. Thus, it was necessary to find one who was devoted, zealous, intelligent, and who possessed something more divine: a profound humility.

In truth, among the Lyonesse who had always assisted her, many would have been capable of devoting themselves under the gaze of God alone; but exigencies of position retained them there where Providence had placed them. Moreover, as adjudication, was to take place shortly, Pauline did not have the possibility of seeking far and wide; she was in such a way forced by circumstances, to choose Gustave Perre, in whom serious and upright persons, had seen aptitudes and qualities proper to render great services to the works, and to which Mr. Richard, deputy of Gard, had recognized in the highest Court of Appeal, a fortune of many millions. What was to be feared with like guarantees?... "Moreover," as Mgr. David wrote to us on this subject, "souls like that of Miss Jaricot, believe neither in wrong nor in base calculations."

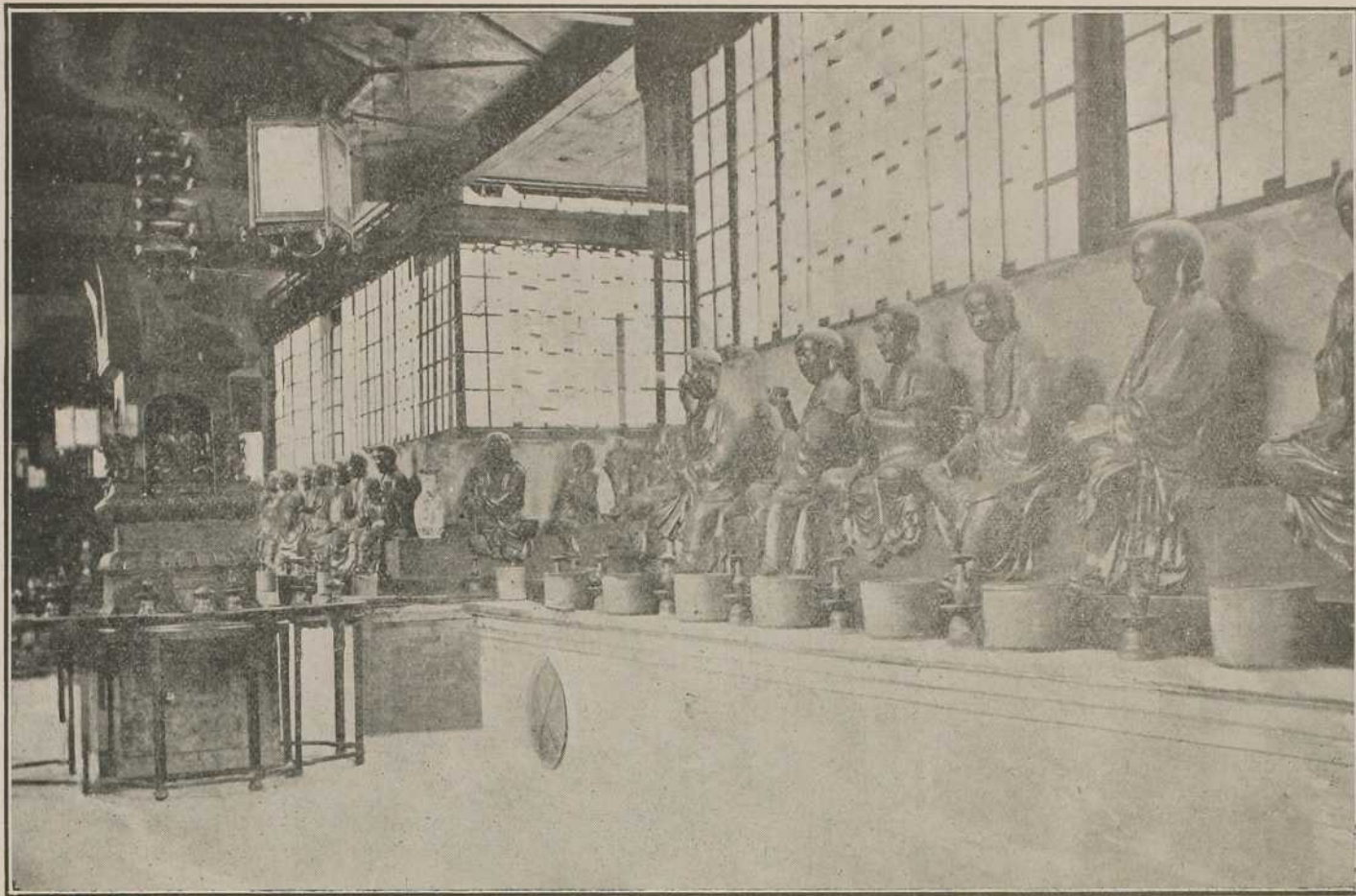
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Your joy will multiply as many times as there will be souls whom you will have risen to the life of grace and Heaven. Oh! who can tell the joys that you will share with the missionaries, the ransomers of souls! As many children baptized and who have died; as many poor forsaken people; as many aged men and women, and lepers for whom you will have procured the great privilege of Religion, of Faith: as many new sources of joy that you will have opened for your heart and soul, during life and for eternity!



The apostle's supreme anguish is to see souls which he yearns to offer to his Divine Lord and Master, escape him, because he cannot suffice to the task. Help is sorely needed in every mission field.



TEMPLE OF THE FIVE HUNDRED GENII IN CHINA



# Chinese Superstitions

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## STICKS OF INCENSE AND THEIR USAGE

The ceremony of worship which consists in burning incense seems to be very ancient in Chinese history, if not under its modern form, at least, in the offering of perfumes burnt in honor of the divinity. We read that in primitive times, the Emperors Yao, Choen., Yu-wang, offered their sacrifices to the Supreme Being; then when primitive traditions became corrupt, each family went so far as to burn aromatics and to offer sacrifices to their cherished gods.

We shall only treat here of the actual form in use for offering incense to Heaven, Earth and the divinities, and to make matters still clearer, we shall speak:

- 1° Of the substance of which Chinese incense is composed;
- 2° Of the assemblage of sticks into bunches;
- 3° Of the mode of using these perfumed sticks;
- 4° Of the principal occasions on which they are used;

### 1° The Component matter

The incense commonly used in China is composed as follows: about three quarters of its weight is wood-bran or rather saw-dust which is obtained by crushing with primitive hammers, pieces of wood in stone mortars. The fourth part is composed of, 1° Agglomerating substances, made of the bark of elm tree roots, *Yu-chou*, reduced to powder and diluted in water. 2° Of perfumed powders diluted in Chinese wine. The perfumes mostly used for this fabrication are: incense (*Jou-hiang*) clover (*Ting hiang*), a sort of camphor and of certain sweet-scented woods such as cypress (*Pe-chou*). Of all these powders mixed together a flexible paste is made, which is introduced into a certain kind of clyster-pipe: this paste energetically pressed, comes out in the shape of coarse iron threads, through holes bored at the extremity of the apparatus. This done, these pasty sticks are let dry, and are then cut the desired length for packing. These little sticks, generally six or seven inches long, are of a chocolate grey: this is the kind of incense commonly used. In their grand processions, the pagans carry, in honor of their gods, perfume burners of greater dimensions, disposed under gilt and carved-wood pavillions. Entire pieces of aromatic wood are thrown into the cast iron ovens of these perfume burners. I have been assured that pagans also sometimes burn pulverized aromatics in their family incense burner, to honor, in a particular manner, the god of Riches. It may be said that in

general the odour of this Chinese incense is rather nauseous, for, nine times out of ten, the love of lucre surpasses the zeal for worship, and the odoriferous components are very parcimoniously used, and are nearly always of a poorer quality, because they are dearer. The Pagados thus blackened by the smoke of this incense, are as if impregnated with this odour *sui generis* which is disgusting.

### 2° Packing of the sticks of incense

These little bunches of incense that are seen displayed in front of all groceries and incense shops, are made up of a certain number of sticks of different sizes, more or less brilliantly wrapped in bands of red or gilt paper. The number greatly varies according to the intention of the devotees, the local customs, or the divinities to be honored.

In our country, in the vicinity of *Ou-hou*, are found some 19, 37, 61, 91, etc... that is to say packages of 19, 37, 61, 91 sticks. Manufacturers of incense are to be found in all cities and large suburbs. This is a lucrative trade, for one has no idea how much of this incense is consumed in China.

### 3° Mode of usage

a) *In the incense burner.* — Enter a pagan house: in front of you, at the further end of the room, at the place of honor, you will see the little family sanctuary, where the dearly beloved gods are venerated. At their feet, in the middle of a long table, is placed the incense burner, a kind of vase with two handles, of a wide and square form: on each side are two red candles set in two candle-sticks. Whether rich or poor, every pagan has his perfume-burner; even extremely poor families secure an earthen one; in rich families it becomes a luxury.

The incense-burner is half filled with ashes; so, all there is to be done is to set the package of incense sticks, in the centre thereof, after having lighted it at the flame of the candle. These sticks must not be lit at the fire-place, which would be a greivous irreverence towards the god of the hearth.

b) *On the trivet.* — This trivet is a kind of a large candle-stick, three or four feet high, made of wood or even of iron, surmounted by a peak in which the odoriferous package of sticks is driven, so that it may be slowly burned, as a smoking flameless candle.

c) Sometimes the end of these sticks are lighted and the package thrown on the ground, where it burns or extinguishes. This is what is called "unceremonious worship!" The remains of these packages are often found half burned, near streams, in thoroughfares, or at the head of bridges:



they have been thrown there for the small secondary divinities, set over the different local administrations. This off-handed procedure is the easiest.

d) Boatmen burn these packages of incense before weighing anchor, or when they arrive at a difficult point, facing a renowned pagoda, to thank the god of the waters for their safe journey. The latter case is rather rare; the Chinese easily ask favors, they fear danger, but when they are safe, all is over; gratitude does not grow in the soil of paganism. In order to burn these perfumed packages the chain to which the anchor is bound is used. One of the crew spirely coils the chain at the bow of the boat leaving a small circular opening, wherein is set the package of incense. While it is burning, they beat the tam tam and a handful of *Tche-ma* is generally thrown in to enhance the ceremony.

N. B.—The Chinese sometimes burn incense in honor of superior mandarins. I have seen in the city of *Houo-Tcheou*, an Intendant borne through the streets of the city in his palanquin with incense fuming before him.

#### 4° Principal occasions when incense is burned.

Numerous are the instances when incense is used. This custom is daily practised in certain families who are either well to do or more superstitious. When there is question of asking a favor, a cure, any kind of protection, or to honor any divinity, always and everywhere these bunches of perfumed incense are burned; it is the popular form of worship to the false gods, the more universal as it is the more ingenious and less expensive. For a few sapecks a package of incense to satisfy one's devotion can be had. There are, however, certain circumstances when all, rich and poor, must burn incense, at least in our country: *Ou-hou*, *Fan-t'chang*, *T'ai-p'ing*, *Houo-tcheou*, *Han-chan* of *Ngan-hoei*, and in nearly all the cities of lower *Kiang*. North of *Hoai*, and in the *Sieu-tcheou fou*, this incense is more sparingly used: at the epoch of the New Year and on ferial days of the popular gods, the days of pilgrimage and processions to ask for rain or fine weather: in general, the 1st to the 15th day of each moon.

Any traveler who in the morning from the 1st to the 15th day of the Chinese moon, crosses the streets of cities and suburbs, may see, lined along the sides of the road, bunches of burning incense sticks.

This superstition is one of the most tenacious, and new converts proudly pose themselves as discharged from all superstitious practices, when they can say, in all sincerity, that they no longer burn incense. This abstention alone, separates them, so to say, from their pagan brothers, who without exemption, are faithful to the practice of buring incense.



# Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin for favors obtained



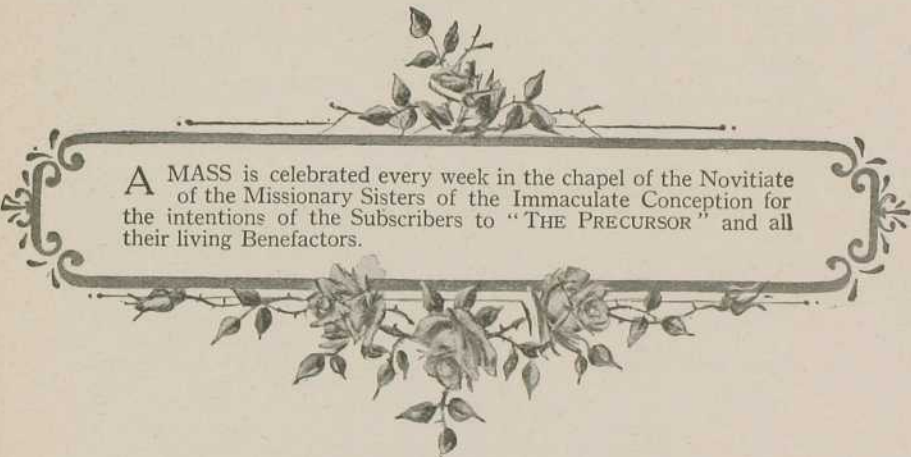
*"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection."*

BL. HENRY SUZO.

In grateful thanks to Our dear Lady for a favor obtained I am sending Two Dollars for your works. Mrs. F. J. S., **Ansonia, Conn.** — I come to express my gratitude for your kind prayers: my son's health is improving. I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" in thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother for her powerful protection. K. R., **Toronto.** — I enclose One Dollar for my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" in thanksgiving for favors obtained. I also ask the health of my baby. — Your kind prayers have obtained my brother's conversion: may our Immaculate Mother continue to protect us all. I will send an offering as soon as I obtain work. B. P., **Montreal.** — Enclosed you will find One Dollar to have a Mass said in honor of Our Blessed Mother in thanksgiving for a favor obtained, as promised. Miss D. A. B., **Gardner, Mass.** — My heartfelt thanks to Our Lady for favors obtained after having promised to have it published in "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. E. A. B., **Montreal.** — May Our Immaculate Mother be forever thanked for having granted me what I desired. I am enclosing an offering of Two Dollars besides my subscription in thanksgiving for favors received. Mrs. A. D. McC., **Point St. Charles.** — Enclosed please find an offering for votive lights to be burned in thanksgiving for favors obtained and also for other special favors. Mrs. V. T., **North Hattey, Que.** — It is with a grateful heart that I am writing to tell you that my little girl who has been ill for the past five years with bronchitis is greatly improved. Thanks to the Heavenly Queen and the Little Flower of Jesus, and to you dear Sisters, for your kind prayers. Please continue to pray, that in God's good time she may be completely cured. I am enclosing a Money-Order of Five Dollars and will send more in the near future. Mrs. C. T., **Bristol, Conn.** — I am enclosing a Two Dollar Bill in thanksgiving for favors received. I only regret that I am not wealthy enough to send you just what I think your prayers are worth. I guess then that I would have to be very wealthy. Mrs. J. B., **Waterbury, Conn.** — In token of gratitude to our Immaculate Mother for the successful operation of my sister, I am sending Five Dollars for the ransom of a little Chinese baby, as I had promised. Miss D. C., **Greenwood Ex. Marlboro.** — You will find enclosed a Money-Order for Five Dollars which I am sending in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother for the recovery of my son from a serious illness. Mrs. J. A. L., **Worcester, Mass.** — With the expression of my deep gratitude I am sending One Dollar for a novena of lights to be burned at Mary's Shrine for a favor obtained. A Friend, **South Hadley, Mass.** — After promising to renew my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and to ransom dying Chinese babies, I obtained a great favor. I am fulfilling my promise herewith. Mrs. J. R., **Toronto.** — Enclosed please find One Dollar for a novena of lights as a token of gratitude for favor obtained. Mrs. J. L. — A thousand thanks to the Blessed Virgin! My husband has found employment. Enclosed you will find two years' subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". A. N., **Cartierville.** — I am happy to send you my offering of Five Dollars for the ransom of a Chinese baby in thanksgiving for a favor obtained. Please recommend to the Blessed Virgin three sick persons and two who have fallen away from God. Mrs. L. D., **Burlington, Vt.** — Deign to accept the "mite" of the poor as a pledge of gratitude to the Blessed Virgin and St. Therese of the Child Jesus for a favor obtained. Pray a little for us who are sorely tried. Mrs. M. A. P., **Montreal.** — Cure of a dangerous illness after having promised to subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR". Thanks to our Heavenly Mother who has obtained me this great favor. D. L. P., — My offering of Two Dollars in thanksgiving for favors obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. This offering is destined to your China Missions. Mrs. E. D., **Montreal.** — Please find enclosed the sum of Five Dollars for the ransom of a little Chinese in thanksgiving for a favor obtained. Mrs. A. G., **Ontario.** — My heartfelt thanks to the Blessed Virgin and St. Therese of the Child Jesus for a favor obtained. An offering of Two Dollars and my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. J. L., **St. Jerome.** — I am forwarding an offering which I had promised some time ago: Five Dollars. I thank the Blessed Virgin with all my heart for having visibly protected me in a dreaded moment. Mrs. J. M., **Tring-Juction, P. Q.** — It is with gratitude that I thank Our Lady of Perpetual Help for a favor obtained after promising to have it published and to give Ten Dollars for the ransom of two little Chinese. Miss M. L., **Montreal.** — Please accept this cheque of Thirteen Dollars, fulfilment of a promise to contribute to your works. May the all-gracious Virgin deign to continue to protect my dear



children. Mrs. A. L., **Verdun**. — Enclosed please find an offering of One Dollar in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Sister of Missionaries for favors obtained immediately after having promised to give an alms and to have it published in "THE PRECURSOR". Miss M. D., **Worcester, Mass.** — In thanksgiving for favors obtained and to solicit new benefits, I am sending my offering for a novena of lights at the Shrine of the Immaculate Virgin. Mrs. A. V., **Beaurepaire**. — I promised some time ago to donate Ten Dollars for your works if my sister obtained her cure. To-day filled with gratitude I am fulfilling my promise and moreover sending you One Dollar, subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". Thanks to the Blessed Virgin who has deigned to hear my prayers. Miss D. P., **New Bedford**. — Please accept this cheque to the amount of Two Dollars as a pledge of gratitude for a favor received. I hope it will help your poor Sisters in China a little. Miss B. A., **Montreal**. — I have asked a favor to the Blessed Virgin and I have been heard. Full of gratitude towards this compassionate Mother I am sending my alms, Five Dollars, for your missionary works. M. A. C., **Montreal**. — Mary, our kind Mother, has hearkened to my prayers, and I am happy to forward you this offering of One Dollar which, henceforth, I shall send you every month. Mrs. L. O., **New Bedford, Mass.** — This offering of One Dollar is to have a Mass said in thanksgiving in honor of the Blessed Virgin for having obtained the cure of my two little nieces. Mrs. H. G., **Montreal**. — I have obtained the cure of my arm; in thanksgiving I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. J. V., **Leominster, Mass.** — I have asked two favors and promised to give an offering of Two Dollars if answered. Up until now, I have only obtained one favor, but as I firmly hope to obtain the other I am sending you my complete offering. Miss X., **Holyoke, Mass.** — For your China Missions please accept this offering of Two Dollars as a pledge of gratitude for favors obtained. A Subscriber, **Kedgewick, N.B.** — I renew my subscription in gratitude for the cure of my arm. Mrs. J. V., **Leominster, Mass.**



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## Petitions

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

May I ask the help of your prayers to obtain the conversion of my husband who is addicted to drink and who neglects his religious duties; if my request is granted I shall send an offering. Mrs. E. S., **Worcester, Mass.** — Please ask Our Lady to grant that my husband may succeed in passing examinations and secure business. Mrs. J. F. C., **Montreal**. — Would you kindly pray to the Blessed Virgin that we may sell our house and also that my husband may find employment. If my request is granted I shall subscribe to your review. Mrs. F. C., **Auburn, Mass.** — You will find enclosed my subscription and offering of Two Dollars for your missions. Please pray for a very special intention. A. S., **Toronto**. — May I ask you to join with me in making a novena for a great favor which I feel can only be obtained through persevering prayer. M. M. O'R., **Pointe aux Trembles**. — Enclosed find One Dollar for a Mass to be said in the month of May in honor of Our Blessed Lady for my baby's recovery. Mrs. D. A. B., **Gardner, Mass.** — Your fervent prayers are asked that Our Immaculate



Mother may obtain the improvement of my eyesight, and also that my husband may have steady work. One Dollar enclosed. Mrs. T. E., **Mansfield, Mass.** — Do ask Our Blessed Mother to bring a wayward niece back to the Faith and that I may rent my rooms. Mrs. B., **Worcester, Mass.** — May I beg your fervent prayers for my mother who has been ailing for some time. Am enclosing a small offering in honor of our Immaculate Mother. Mrs. R.A.H. — Please join with me in making a novena at Mary's Shrine that my daughter may be promptly restored to health. I am sending One Dollar for this intention and will send more if this request is granted. Mrs. J. E. G., **South Porcupine, Ont.** — Remember me in your prayers that God may spare my husband and myself to raise our darling baby boy. Renewal subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" enclosed. Mrs. W. H., **Detroit, Mich.** — Please say a prayer that if it is God's Holy Will I may obtain a special grace. You will find enclosed \$25.00 in thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart and our Blessed Mother for favors received. Miss A. K., **Montreal.** — Am renewing my subscription and promise more if my son obtains work. Kindly remember in fervent prayers, a humble friend. — Will you please think of me in your prayers that I may not lose my position. The enclosed Dollar is in honor of Our Lady of Victory and St. Anthony. Miss. I. C., **Adams, Mass.** — I have lost all hope in human skill and doctors to bring my daughter back to health. I recommend her to your good prayers. One Dollar enclosed. Mrs. J. G., **St. Jerome.** — I am sending you One Dollar for your works. Kindly ask our Immaculate Mother to cure my husband who has been ailing for some time. Mrs. R.B., **Central Falls, R. I.** — May I ask you to pray that my father may get better health. Find enclosed One Dollar for a novena of lights in honor of our Blessed Mother and the Little Flower that my brother may find work and give up drinking. 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