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of the Immaculate Conception

By procuring work for them

THE Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have a work-room in which are made church-vestments and altar-linens, the profits of which are destined to support their Mother-House and Novitiate.

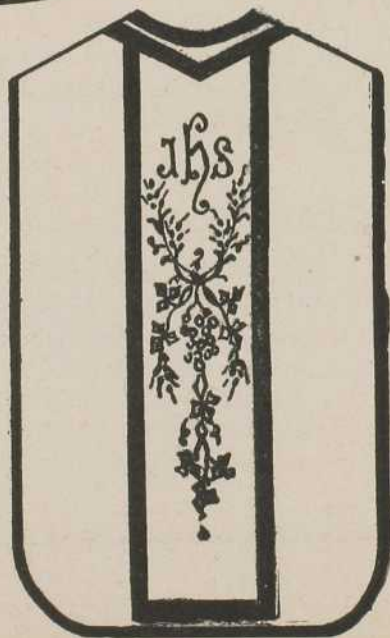
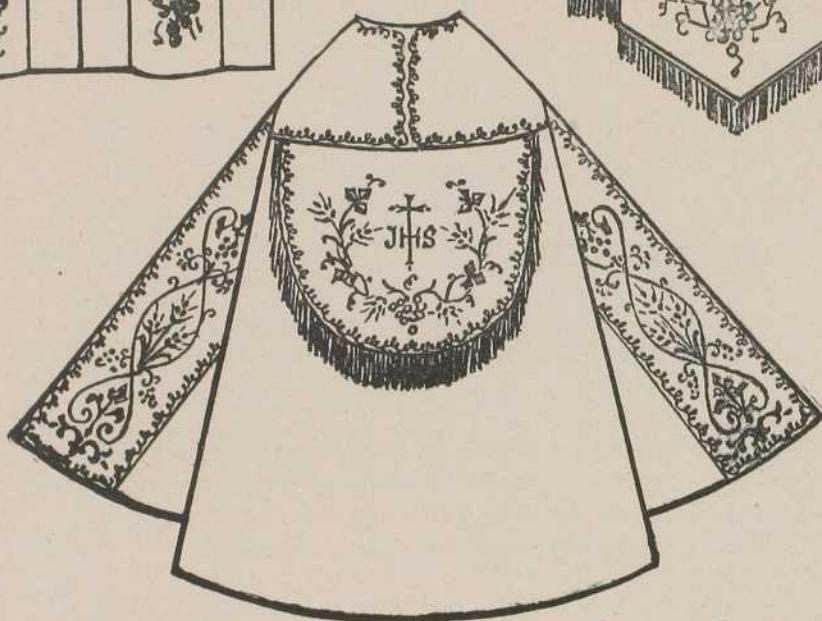
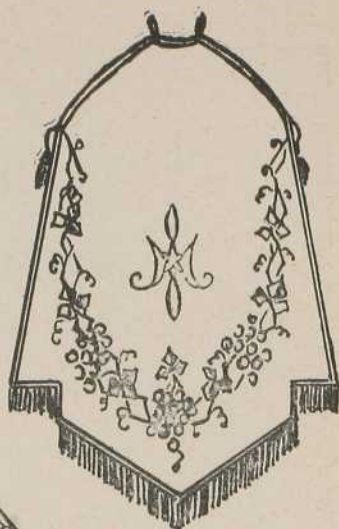
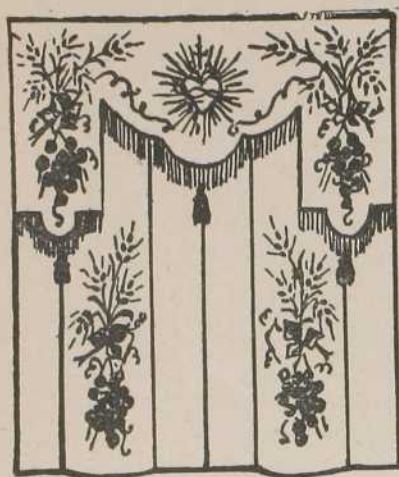
Missionaries must undergo several years' preparation before being able to commence their apostolic labors in foreign fields.

The articles mentioned on the following page may be procured, on reasonable terms, at the work-shop of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, 314 St. Catherine Road, Outremont, Montreal.

We paint to order, spiritual bouquets, calendars with pictures of Our Lady, the Holy Family, the Little Flower, and mission scenes. First Communion and Confirmation badges, scapulars, *Agnus Dei*, cushions, etc.

Wax infants for Christmas cribs, are also made in all sizes.

Chinese embroideries and laces are offered for sale. They are made by our Chinese orphans. By encouraging these sales you co-operate in the salvation of many young pagan girls who, while earning their livelihood in Catholic work-shops, receive at the same time the light of Faith.

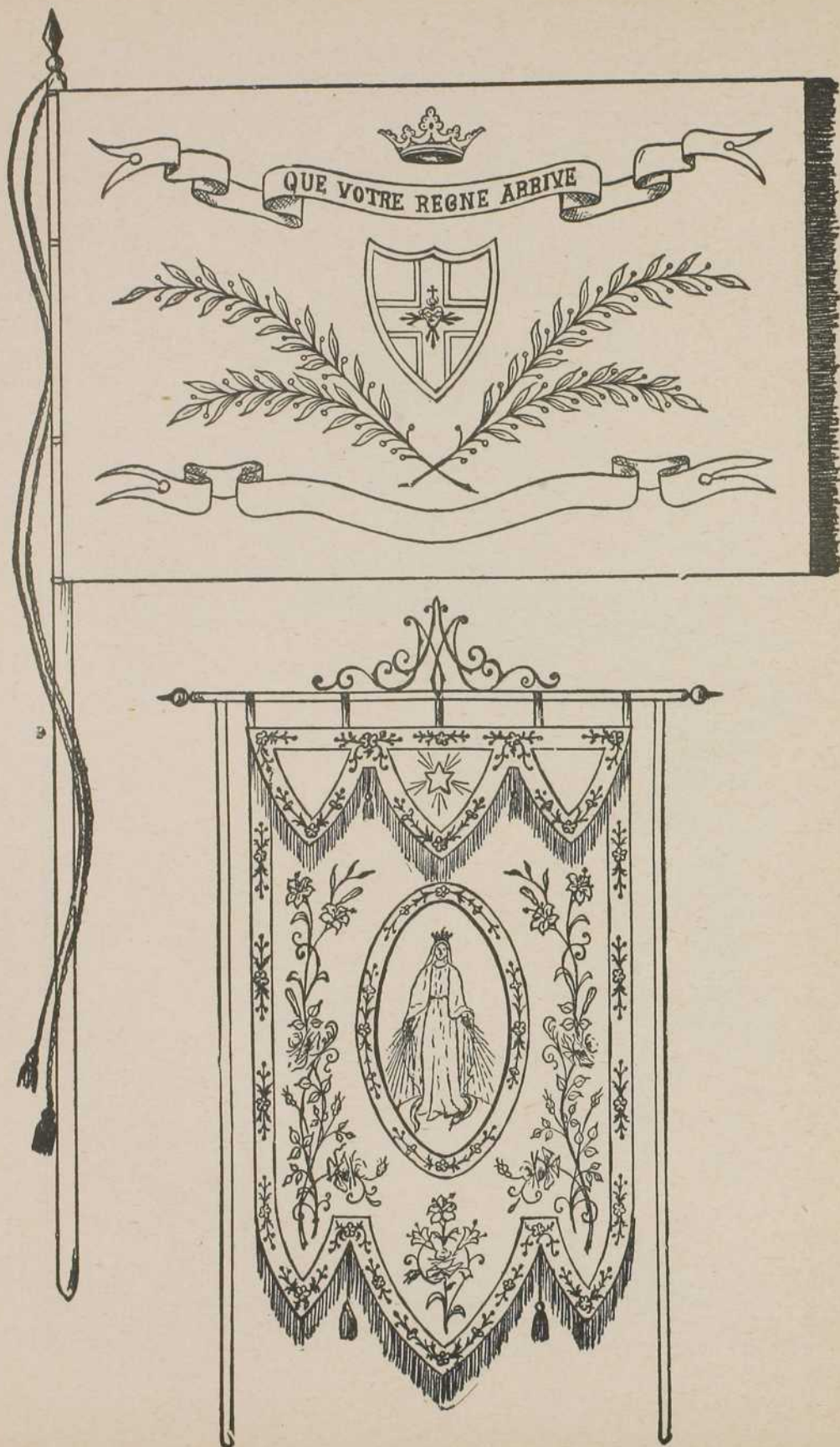


Kindly Read Attentively

Chasuble, damask silk, silk braid	\$ 18.00 and \$ 28.00		
“ moire - antique, with beautiful emblem	30.00	“	38.00
“ velvet, gold braid and emblem	30.00	“	45.00
“ gold-embroidered moire-antique	75.00	“	100.00
“ gold-cloth, gold braid and emb.	50.00	“	75.00
“ fine gold - cloth, very richly hand embroidered	90.00	“	150.00
Dalmatics, per pair	50.00	“	80.00
“ gold-cloth, per pair	100.00	“	150.00
Benediction Veils	7.00	“	upwards
Cope, damask silk, silk or gold braid	30.00	“	50.00
“ gold - embroidered moire-antique, gold emblem	70.00	“	90.00
“ gold-cloth, gold - embroidered by hand with a beautiful emblem.	90.00	“	150.00
Albs, Antependiums	10.00	“	upwards
Linen Surplices, Monstrance Veils	3.00	“	“
Felt Altar-Covers, green or red	5.00	“	“
Tabernacle Veils, Sick Call Burses	5.00	“	“
Reversible Confession Stoles	5.00	“	“
Ciborium Covers	4.00	“	“
Preaching Stoles	10.00	“	“
Cinctures	2.00	“	“
Altar-bread Boxes	2.00	“	“
Missal Marks	1.75	“	“
Breviary Marks	1.00	“	“
Canopies, Flags	30.00	“	“
Banners	60.00	“	“
<i>Altar Linen</i>	{ Altar Cloths	6.00	“ “
	{ Amices	12.00	per doz.
	{ Corporals	8.50	“ “
	{ Finger-towels	4.50	“ “
	{ Purificators	5.00	“ “
	{ Palls	4.00	“ “

We supply Altar-breads at the following prices:

Small	\$1.00 per 1000
Large	0.37 “ 100



Practical Means

of helping the Missionary Sisters of the
Immaculate Conception

By contributing alms to:

The erection of the Novitiate Chapel dedicated to
Our Lady of the Missions.....
The erection of Chapels in mission countries.....

By providing for the:

Annual supply for the upkeep of the sanctuary lamp in our houses of Canada and in mission countries \$	20.00
Foundation of a Burse for the support of a missionary sister.....	1,000.00
Annual support of a maiden-catechist.....	50.00
Annual support and education of an orphan.....	40.00
Foundation of a crib—in perpetuity.....	200.00
Annual care of a leper.....	60.00
Monthly upkeep of a crib.....	5.00
Ransom of a baby, likely to live.....	5.00
Ransom of a dying baby.....	.25
Monthly support of a missionary sister.....	10.00
Monthly support of a novice preparing for the mis- sions.....	10.00
Annual subscription to THE PRECURSOR.....	1.00

The alms that you will give to the missionaries, the help
that you will bring them, will be employed for the greater glory
of God, and will be for you the most certain and remuneratory
investment, the "hundredfold" promised by Jesus Christ.

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The missionary must not be alone to sacrifice himself. All
Christians must unite and help him in his work by their prayers
and alms.

Benefactors of the Society

1.—**Founders**, those who donate \$1,000.00 or more.

2.—**Protectors**, those who, by the donation of \$500.00, provide the dowry and trousseau of a poor novice. By combining their alms, a parish, community or family may have right to this title.

A Founder's or Protector's Diploma is awarded to persons making the above mentioned donations.

3.—**Subscribers**, those who give an annual offering of \$25.00.

4.—**Associates**, those who give the sum of \$2.00 per year.

The Society also considers as Benefactors, all persons who contribute to the maintenance of its works any offering whatever, in money or kind.

Privileges Accorded to Benefactors

While commending their Benefactors to God, that He Himself may reward them according to their generosity, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception assure them as large a share as possible in the merit of their apostolic labors, as also in the prayers and sufferings of all the unfortunates confided to their care.

Besides, Benefactors are entitled to the following spiritual advantages:

1.—A special intention in all the Masses heard and Communions received by the Sisters.

2.—A Mass offered every month for their intentions.

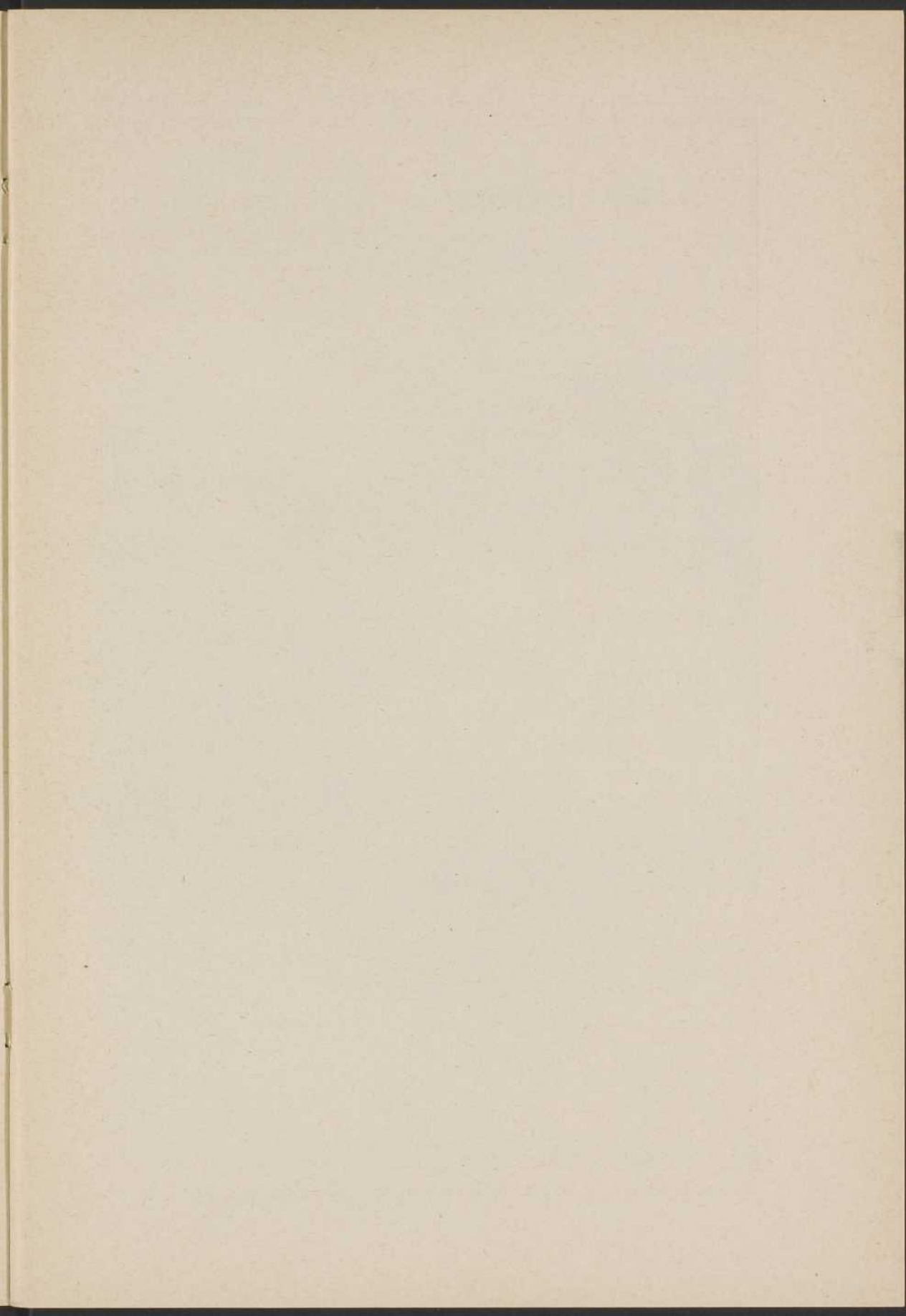
3.—Every Friday in the year, the Sisters offer, for their Benefactors' intentions, their hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the chapel of the Mother-House. (The names of Founders and Protectors are deposited on the Altar of Exposition).

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.

5.—A Requiem High Mass is sung every year for deceased Benefactors.

6.—A share in the merits of the Way of the Cross, made daily by the Sisters, is also accorded to deceased Benefactors.

7.—In the Novitiate Chapel of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, two Masses are celebrated every week for all Subscribers to "The Precursor" and for all living and deceased Benefactors.





"O IMMACULATE MOTHER, PROTECT OUR BENEFACTORS!"

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The Nativity of Our Lady

*Tender hearted
An Ave tell
To the Queen of Heaven,
With Gabriel*

*The night of sorrow
Was dark on earth
When dawned the morrow
Of Mary's birth.*

*Her look is might,
Her voice is prayer
And her smile of light
Our hope is there!*

*Beyond the lilies
That fresh unclosed,
Beyond the beauty
Of Sharon's rose.*

*Round her cradle
New songs were made
By festive angels
In serenade.*

*And evermore
To thy gentle feet
Let love chains bind us,
In triumph sweet.*

*Hearken! listen,
The heavens rejoice
With endless concert
Of angel voice.*

*Virgin praised
By white-winged throng,
Bless thy children
Of earthly song.*

*Mission pilgrims
We yet shall go,
Farthest lands
Thy love shall know.*

*Wouldst thou more?
Ah! then may we
In the lands of morning
Die for thee.*

*Guardian Queen,
Thy warriors keep,
Bless thine own
In battle deep.*

TO THE HOMAGES OF VENERATION AND
TO THE WISHES FOR A LONG AND HAPPY EPISCOPATE

that the people and Religious Communities
of the Diocese of Joliette
offer to their newly elected Bishop

His Lordship Right Reverend J. A. Papineau

may the INSTITUTE OF THE
MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
be permitted to join their modest tribute.

Institution of a Dominical Missionary Feast

"The Superior Council in 1926 expressed the wish that the Holy Father grant to the institution a day of prayer and propaganda for the Missions, a day which in no way whatever would be prejudicial to the missionary feasts already existing or hinder prescribed collections.

"The Council requested:

1° "That a Sunday be set aside, preferably the second last Sunday of October, as a day of prayer and missionary propaganda throughout the entire Catholic world.

2° "That on this particular Sunday at all the Masses be added as Collect *imperat pro re gravi*, Oremus *Pro Propagatione Fidei*;

3° "That the sermons of this Sunday be of a missionary character developed in such a manner as to excite the faithful to become members of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith without however limiting the sermon to the missions alone.

4° "That a Plenary Indulgence applicable to the Souls in Purgatory be accorded on this Sunday to all those who approach the Holy Table and pray for the conversion of infidels.

5° "The Superior General Council requested moreover that on the occasion of a missionary feast or congress the votive solemn Mass *Pro Propagatione Fidei* be celebrated even on the days of greater double and on minor Sundays;

"By a bull issued by the Sacred Congregation of Rites, dated April 14, 1926, His Holiness Pius XI. deigned to approve and to accord the aforesaid requests the execution of which being left to the decision of the Ordinary.

"The Ordinaries have therefore full liberty to grant in their diocese the favors conceded by Our Holy Father."

His Holiness Pope Benedict XV., in his encyclical, on the Propagation of the Faith, entreats us to help the missions by our prayers, and by sending selected men and pecuniary assistance.

A Departure of Fourteen Missionaries



SATURDAY, September 1st, four priests of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont-Viau left Montreal for Vancouver, thence to set sail for Manchuria to lend a helping hand to their confreres of apostolate.

They were the Rev. D. Bouchard, Rimouski Diocese, Nérée Turcotte, of Nicolet Diocese, A. Bonin, of Joliette Diocese and Léon Lacroix, of Quebec Diocese.

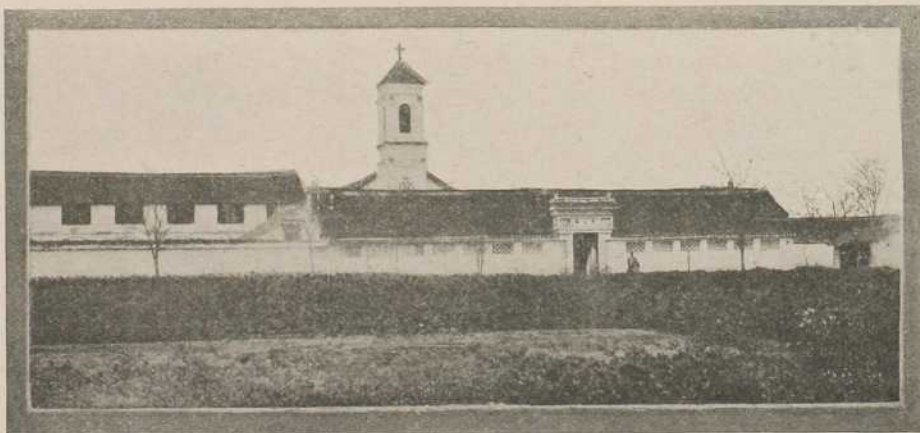
The same day ten religious Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception left their Mother-House at Outremont for their different missions of the Extreme Orient. Three will go to join their Sisters in Manchuria, two are destined to the new mission of Haimen, four are to open a new mission in Japan, at Kagoshima, where they have been called by Bishop Roy, prefect apostolic, the tenth will proceed to the mission of Manila, Philippine Islands.

They were, for Manchuria: Sister St-Luc (Maria Bourdeau, St-Luc, St-Jean Co.); Sister St-Vincent-de-Paul (Eva Dumais, St-Joseph-de-Le-page, Rimouski Co.); Sister Marie-de-la-Protection (Cecile Roberge, Quebec).

For Haimen: Sister Marie-de-Sion (Florida Ravary, St-Clet, Soulanges Co.); Sister Ste-Rose-de-Lima (Rose Bérubé, St-Damase, Matapédia, Co.)

For Kagoshima: Sister St-François-Xavier (Antoinette Jodoin, Worcester, Mass.); Sister St-Jean-Baptiste (Irene Pelland, West Glover, Vt.); Sister Ste-Justine, (Cleona Robitaille, Glenada, St-Maurice Co.); Sister Marie-de-Gethsémani (Cécile Sansoucy, Montreal).

For Manila: Sister St-Philippe (Annette Beaudoin, Champlain, P. Q.).



RESIDENCE
of the Missionary Sisters of the
Immaculate Conception

CHURCH OF TSONG MING
Haimen Vicariate

PRESBYTERY

The departure ceremony of the fourteen missionaries took place Saturday, September 1st, at 3 o'clock at Notre-Dame Church, Montreal.

Prayers are ardently solicited for a safe crossing for our missionaries and for the success of their apostolate among the infidels.

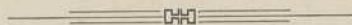


MOUNT FUJI, JAPAN

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No higher, no more sublime vocation can be bestowed upon a human being than the call to the religious life.

Little Missionary



Votive lights in honor of the Blessed Virgin

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

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

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

Coronation of a statue of the Blessed Virgin in the Philippines

THE festivities celebrated in Manila, for the coronation of a statue of the Madona of Antipolo, have attained such splendor that they will remain engraved in the religious annals of the Philippines, as one of its most glorious events.

For a long period of years, the communications between Spain and the Philippine Islands were effectuated by the Atlantic Ocean, Mexico and the Pacific Ocean; it was famous, the port of Acapulco (Mexico) whence sailed and returned the Spanish ship called "La Nao de Acapulco".

It was in 1626, just three centuries ago, that Don Juan Nino de Tabora, appointed governor of the Philippines, saw in the parochial church of Acapulco, an effigy of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, and was so much charmed, that he made a thousand promises to the inhabitants to obtain it; he succeeded, after great pains, and placed it on the ship the 27th of March, Feast of the Annunciation. July 18th of the same year of this expedition, placed under the patronage of the Madonna since invoked under the title of "Our Lady of Peace and of Good Journeys", he arrived safely at Manila. The miraculous image was afterwards entrusted by the same governor to the Reverend Jesuit Fathers, that it might be honored in the church which Father Salazar was having constructed in *Antipolo*.

Antipolo is a picturesque country situated towards the East, 20 Kilometres from Manila. It rises about 200 metres above sea level, on the plateau whence we contemplate, as in a magnificent tableau, the panorama of the city and bay of Manila, the province of Cavette, the plain and provinces of Bulacan and Pananga, and the cordillera of the Zambales.

Several times the miraculous image, with the permission of the Bishops of Manila, was removed from its sanctuary to serve as guidance and protection, during the journeys to Acapulco.

It was exposed in 1904 in the cathedral of Manila, where it received the homage of the faithful who, with incredible joy, were celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the dogmatical definition of the Immaculate Conception.

Finally we have had it here on the occasion of the solemn coronation decreed by the chapter of the Vatican Basilica.

The Congress in honor of Mary

To worthily commemorate the third centenary of the arrival, upon these shores, of the loved image and to better prepare souls for this great ceremony

it was decided to celebrate a Congress in Mary's honor, rather dedicate a few days to her honor, the 24th, 25th and 26th of January of this same year 1927. Mostly all the Bishops of the Philippines, a great number of priests and Catholic laity, have taken part in it. All the dioceses and the provinces of the archipelago and all the Catholic associations sent their delegates thither. There were four sections and each one had its day; the first for Catholic women; the second for Catholic men; the third for the priests and the fourth for the young students.

The themes were all of the highest import and after having been widely discussed and religiously listened to, the conclusions and deliberations were submitted for the approbation of the Bishop.

The distinguished orators who spoke in these sections pointed out the importance of the resolutions adopted and stimulated the congress men to firmly put them into practice.

Towards the close of this first evening, a proposition accepted and hailed by a spontaneous ovation was made to dispatch a telegram to the Holy Father, thus drawn up: "Archbishops, Bishops, priests and faithful of the Philippines, celebrating the first Congress in honor of the Madonna on the occasion of the coronation of Our Lady of Antipolo implore, August Pontiff, your blessing."

Precisely on the memorable coronation day arrived from Rome the following cablegram: "August Pontiff, accepting homage of the Congress invokes the Heavenly Queen supremely propitious and grants desired blessing." — Card. Gaspari.

The Triumphal Journey to Manila

On the day appointed for the coronation ceremony, a procession was organized in the early morning to accompany the Madonna from Antipolo to Manila. The image was placed upon a splendid silver chariot. The whole country of Antipolo repaired to the great square in front of the sanctuary. The children of the parochial school sang hymns greeting the Heavenly Patroness; the chariot then wended its way towards the large suburb of Pasig thronged with pious faithful; immediately after, the procession retakes its course preceded and followed by hundreds and hundreds of automobiles. The multitude increased at every moment. It was in the district of Paco, in the artistic little temple erected before the vestibule of the parochial church, that the triumphal chariot halted.

The Coronation

Words fail to describe the beautiful scene that presented itself that evening. In the centre of the esplanade, a grand platform had been elevated upon which the triumphal chariot was to mount by means of a long solid inclined plane. All around stood a multitude of about 150 thousand persons. Upon the platform were a great number of priests, secular and regular, the Metropolitan Chapter, the Benedictine Abbot, Very Rev. D. R. Salines, the Bishops of Lipa, Tuguegarao, Jaro, Zamboanga, Calbayog, Nueva Caceres, the Archbishop of Manila accompanied by his brother Mgr. Dennis O'Doherty, rector of the Irish college at Salamanca, and by the Vicar-General Mgr. J. Bustamante, the Apostolic Delegate, accompanied by his secretary, R. D. Luigi.

At the appointed hour the procession accompanying the venerated image arrived at "La Lunette". After the chariot, defiled the godfather and godmother required for the occasion, the President of the supreme court, Honorable Avancena and the Lady president of the committee for the coronation, Mrs. Jeanne Z. de Ocampo, the president of the senate and his wife, Senator Sergio Osmena and Mr. Jaime de Veyra, representative of the Philippines in the United States, etc.

When the chariot had arrived in the centre of the platform, the reading was made of the decree sent from Rome to his Grace the Archbishop; then took place the blessing of the golden crown set in pearls and diamonds. Afterwards, in the midst of a religious silence broke out loud applause and exclamations of praise in honor of Mary... The Archbishop of Manila mounted to the highest point of the magnificent carriage and reverentially placed the precious and artistic diadem on the head of the blessed image.

The hymn of thanksgiving was then intoned followed by two brief allocutions delivered by His Grace and the Apostolic Delegate.

The memorable ceremony over, the procession made its way to the Cathedral which was all illuminated. After an exhortation given by a Rev. Jesuit Father, His Grace gave solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

During the days that followed an interrupted concourse of people from divers regions of the archipelago came to render homage to the Madonna; there was even a group of Catholic Chinese; and for each of these groups there was preaching in his own language or dialect, upon the "Glories of Mary."

The Fifteen Promises of the Rosary



1. To all those who shall recite my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and very great graces.

2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive some signal grace.

3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and will dispel heresy.

4. The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant Divine mercies; it will substitute in hearts love of God for love of the world, elevate them to desire heavenly and eternal goods. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means!

5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.

6. Those who shall recite my Rosary piously, considering its mysteries will not be overwhelmed by misfortune, nor die a bad death. The sinner will be converted; the just will grow in grace, and become worthy of eternal life.

7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the consolations of the Church or without grace.

8. Those who shall recite my Rosary will find during their life and at their death the light of God, the fullness of His grace, and will share in the merits of the blessed.

9. I will deliver very promptly from purgatory the souls devoted to my Rosary.

10. The true children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in heaven.

11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.

12. Those who propagate my Rosary will obtain through me aid in all their necessities

13. I have obtained from my Son that all the confreres of the Rosary shall have for their brethren in life and death the saints of heaven.

14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are all my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.

15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.

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Montreal, Oct. 23, 1914.

First Missionary Exposition in Canada

AT JOLIETTE, P. Q., FROM THE 4TH TO 10TH OF JULY,
Under the distinguished Patronage of His Lordship Bishop Forbes

(Conclusion)

LIFE IN CHINA

The Canadian Mission

Of all these works, there is not one of them in existence in the Siutcheou Mission, save the primary education, organized perhaps in a still too primary fashion. An immense task remains to be undertaken by the Canadian Jesuit Fathers that of putting these works of charity and education into action. However, the Mission already numbers 50,000 Catholics, a beautiful nucleus for which it is more than the propitious moment to be consolidated by means of charitable works. But this number 50,000, not much inferior to the population of the diocese of Joliette, is lost in the midst of 6,000,000 inhabitants of the territory confided to us. Twenty-five missionaries to evangelize this mass, one missionary for 240,000 pagans! Can one imagine a greater dearth of priests? To visit the seven or eight centres which he has as his field of apostolate, the missionary of Siutcheou usually makes the round in the national carriage, a heavy wagon constructed so as to resist the rough Chinese roads, or if he prefers he travels on horse-back or on a mule. He teaches catechism, administers the sacraments to the Christians and sows good seed into the hearts of the numerous pagans with whom he comes in contact. Ah! what hard but consoling labor, especially when the time comes for him to pour the regenerating waters upon the forty or fifty brows inclined before him on a feast day an ordinary harvest of the annual work of the missionary of Siutcheou, without mentioning the number of children and adults whom he baptizes each year *in articulo mortis*.

Fervor of Chinese Catholics

And the Chinese, may we ask, do they make good Catholics? Before comparing them to other nations we must place them in similar conditions. Let us take for comparison, a parish of ancient Catholics, enjoying all desirable advantages to receive the sacraments, for instance the parish of Zikawei where the entire atmosphere is Christian and on account of the various charitable works grouped therein, priests are never lacking. There our Chinese Christians are on a level with the Catholics of other countries, even surpassing them in fervor. At Zikawei sacerdotal and religious vocations are most numerous. In the parish, not including schools and orphanages, which tend to increase the number, but only the population of baptized Chinese, even those who are yet too young to receive the Sacrament, we calculate in 1924 the great and consoling yearly average of fifty communions for each person. Are there many parishes, even in the province of Quebec, which are able to produce in their favor as handsome a proof of Christian fervour? And in the beautiful church of Zikawei, a gift of a generous Frenchman and a constant reminder to the pagans of the grandeur of the true God, the men and women who hear Mass daily before going to work would make our compatriots blush for shame, they who live so near the church and who are too indolent to assist at the most sublime, the most solemn rite, the Sacrifice of Calvary.

Protestants and Catholics in China

Let us conclude by a few statistics which will give us to understand the immense efforts of the Protestants to win China over to their beliefs. These figures date from 1922 when the Protestants made a minute calculation of their resources and the results of their labor in the country of Confucius. In all 31,215 preachers, while the Catholics numbered 2,526 priests and about 4,500 Brothers and Sisters. Nevertheless, the results obtained were in inverse ratio: 618,611 Protestants and 2,142,516 Catholics to which we must add the 500,000 Catechumens. In the last twenty-five years, the progress of the Catholic faith in China has been most consoling, fruit perhaps of the blood of martyrs which flowed so abundantly during the war of the Boxers in 1900.

Actual religious persecution

Will the Church of China again see her generous children give by hundreds their life for their beloved divine King. The truth is that at the present moment she is traversing one of the most serious crises of her history. The persecution arose in certain districts of the country. Let us hope that it was for the Faith that our two priests were massacred at Nanking on March 25. After a version which has not yet been certified of the tragic incident, the

soldiers who awaited the priests at the entrance to their garden put this question to the first: "Are you a priest?" "Yes" was the clear answer and with one shot from the gun Father Vandra fell, his beard burnt by the powder. To Father Dugout who followed, the same question received the same answer, followed in like manner by the same death-blow. But the latter did not die immediately. A Chinese Brother who arrived a little later realized that the priest was still living and asked the Chinese Red Cross Society to give him the necessary medical care. He was refused outright and the missionary, mortally wounded, suffered seven long hours of agony. Two or three days later, Christians found the dead body in the garden, despoiled of its clothing and cruelly mutilated. That which gives a little foundation to our hope that our Fathers were really martyrs is that the troops who seized Nanking bore a bitter hatred for Catholics as they have demonstrated by their conduct at Foukien, Kiangsi and Ngankwei. A letter received a few days ago from Reverend Father Proulx informed me that in Kiangsi a Chinese priest as well as a Chinese layman had just been put to death because they had refused to apostatize. The layman was buried alive.

Conclusion

May this blood, shed so generously, be the dawn of a new era of peace for the Catholic Church and of progress still more consoling than in the past! Let us pray for the suffering Church of China! Let us help in the reconstruction of the numerous churches and schools which have been completely destroyed! Let us ask our Blessed Canadian Martyrs to obtain for our country a real missionary spirit, for our youth, more numerous vocations to the distant missions. Let us ask this grace from these Blessed Martyrs with greater confidence since, may we say, the most intimate ties bind them to this diocese of Joliette since its venerable and beloved Pastor and Bishop has been one of their successors among their dear savages and that by this glorious missionary week, he wished to develop in you an apostolic zeal like unto theirs. May this missionary week be the first of a series of such manifestations for the greater glory of God, for the salvation of a greater number of infidels and for the honor of our dear country.

Final Oration of His Lordship Right Reverend Bishop Forbes of Joliette

"WISHES AND THANKS"

(Summary)

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The entirely apostolic wish which I am about to formulate is that of seeing all the missionary communities who have adhered to and taken part in this manifestation constitute each one in particular if possible in their convents by means of the objects exposed, a permanent museum; and that so as to facilitate, though not pretending to make plans for the future, the realization of other like missionary manifestations.

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Thanks

Firstly do I return thanks to the Christ King Himself for having inspired those to whom we owe these Apostolic celebrations.

Secondly, to our Holy Father, the Pope, His Vicar on earth, for the apostolical blessings with which he has deigned to gratify us.

Thirdly to St. Francis of Assisi (the herald of the Great King) the seventh centenary of the death of whom has been the occasion of these magnificent manifestations.

Fourthly, to his humble tertiary sons of Joliette; priests and laity, in particular to his intimate sons, the Reverend Franciscan Fathers who have inspired and assisted the committee of Joliette.

Fifthly, to all the Canadian missionary congregations or congregations having Canadian subjects on mission, etc., who have adhered to and co-operated in this great movement.

Sixthly, in particular to Reverend Father Paul-Eugène — whose humility must suffer from it — for the incomparable and untiring zeal which he has shown in the organization of these celebrations in their every detail; as also to his numerous brethren in St. Francis, and to all his fellow-laborers of the different missionary congregations and societies.

Seventhly, a word especially to express the warmest thanks to all those who have worked so ardently, so promptly and so skilfully in the erection of the various pavilions.

Eighthly, to all the citizens of Joliette: individuals, families, and religious congregations, for the cordial welcome, the boundless assistance and the generous hospitality offered to all.

Ninthly, to all the visitors of Joliette come from the different parishes, even from the distant cities, often at the cost of great sacrifices.

Tenthly, to the speakers, to the artists, in particular to their distinguished leaders, Contant Prévost, Gosselin, as also to the different choristers, to those who officiated and assisted at the Cathedral, and to those who supervised our exposition and academic halls.

Eleventhly, to the Clercs de St-Viateur for their so generous hospitality and to the religious communities, as also to their devoted helpers for having facilitated the realization of these great Apostolic Sessions.

Twelfthly, a special mention of gratitude to the distinguished Mayor of Joliette who in the name of all the citizens of this city welcomes with such enthusiasm the project of the celebration of these missionary weeks in our city.



The Devotion of the First Saturday



His Holiness Pope Pius X. has granted a Plenary Indulgence to be gained the first Saturday of each month.

"In order to increase the devotion of the faithful towards the most glorious and immaculate Mother of God, and to favour the pious desire for atonement which inspires the faithful to offer some reparation for the impious blasphemies which criminal men profer against the most august Name and the high prerogatives of the Blessed Virgin, His Holiness grants a Plenary Indulgence applicable to the souls in purgatory to all who, having gone to Confession and received Holy Communion, will, the first Saturday of each month, in a spirit of reparation make particular exercises of devotion in honor of the Immaculate Virgin and who will pray for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff."

Acta Apostolicæ Sedis, September 30, 1912

There are henceforth two days for communion, particularly recommended and specially endowed with spiritual favors: the first Friday and Saturday of each month. These two days generally follow each other. The intention of the first Saturday will be to repair the outrages committed against Our Lady.

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May 1, 1918

To comply, although in a modest measure, with the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff, on the first Saturday of every month, from 8 A. M. to 6 P. M. a special Guard of Honor is made before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, in the chapel of the Mother-House of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, 314 St. Catherine Road, Outremont, Montreal.

Persons desirous of taking part in this chorus of love, gratitude, reparation and supplication will be most welcome. The only condition necessary is to choose an hour at one's convenience and to come and spend it at the feet of the Immaculate Virgin, whose hands, filled with graces, are ever ready to shower favors upon her devoted servants.

If, at times, it be impossible to perform this pious practice one may be replaced by another.

The Apostolic School of Rimouski

ALITTLE, niece, "faithful reader of the PRECURSOR" wrote to me thus: "I would like to be a missionary, but I am only in the fourth grade; we are ten children at home and my parents have not the means of sending me to a boarding-school. So I will never be able to go beyond the broad Pacific to labor for the conversion of the little Chinese, for you tell me, that to become a missionary, one must have completed her studies..."

In order to dispel the anxiety of my little correspondant, and perhaps that of many of our young subscribers to the PRECURSOR, who as she, feel the call to the apostolic life and are unable to complete their course I believe it opportune to answer collectively by speaking of one of the numerous works of our Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception: the Apostolic School of Rimouski.

Founded in 1921 by the first bishop of Gaspé, His Lordship Right Reverend F.X. Ross, then Vicar General of Rimouski, the Apostolic School has for principal aim the recruitment of a greater number of labourers for the Master's vineyard, in facilitating the realization of the pious desires of those who aspire to consecrate themselves to the distant missions. For reasons, similar to those mentioned above, many young girls highly gifted, generous and ardent, will never have the great privilege of attending a boarding-school in order to complete their studies, and yet what apostolic devotedness in embryo in these candid souls! The Apostolic School opens



PUPILS OF THE APOSTOLIC SCHOOL OF RIMOUSKI AND THEIR MISTRESS, SISTER ST. GERTRUDE

its doors to them. From the age of twelve, young girls are admitted who have an attraction for the missionary vocation; that is a real attraction, a true ambition to work for the salvation of infidels together with a solid and sincere piety. Without those qualities it is useless to ask admission to the Apostolic School. Other qualities are also essential to the aspirant missionary: she must possess an upright judgment, be broad minded have a firm and energetic will, and an education corresponding to her age. This education will be completed during her sojourn at the school and moreover the aspirant apostle will receive a special training for her future apostolic career. It is not for the sole purpose of preparing Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception that the zealous directresses of the Apostolic School of Rimouski devote themselves to the welfare of the young girls confided to them. The instruction and education which they give has for object missions in infidel countries. They illustrate in an admirable manner the command of Our Divine Lord "Go, teach all nations!" Since the foundation of the School of Rimouski, numerous are the missionaries that have entered different missionary Institutes. Their number will increase year by year in proportion to the augmentation of these missionary apostles so well directed by the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception.

I trust my interesting correspondant of X... will not be alone next September in joining the twenty-two pupils actually attending the Apostolic School of Rimouski. I am certain that she will have many companions, for our beautiful country will ever remain the land where germinates the most devoted apostles.

To those who cannot participate actively in the works of the evangelical harvest, there remain two excellent means of being a missionary: to pray for the intentions of the Apostles of the Missions, and to help missionary works by alms or by daily sacrifices. Thus, each in our own way, will have corresponded to the ardent desire of our Holy Father, who through divine inspiration asks us all to be "missionaries".

AUNT ANNETTE

Note. — For further information concerning the Apostolic School of Rimouski write to: Reverend Sister Superior, Apostolic School, Rimouski, P. Q.

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That which must be spoken of and repeated over again, is the great spiritual want that is felt among the multitudes of pagans, their intense longing to know the true God, to drink at the life-giving fountain of the Sacraments. Alas! how often are the words of the Scripture verified: "*The children cry for bread, and there are found none to give it to them.*" What these poor pagans — so eager to know the Truth — these poor neglected Catholics ask for, is missionaries! Give them Missionaries!

Propagation of the Faith.

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. Teresa of the Child Jesus



My offering of Four Dollars for your missions of China in gratitude to St. Therese of the Child Jesus for having obtained numerous favors for me from our Immaculate Mother after promising to make three publications in **THE PRECURSOR**. A subscriber, **M. D. D. St. Jacques**. — Heartfelt thanks to the Little Flower for having heard my prayer. I am herewith enclosing One Dollar as a feeble token of gratitude. A subscriber. — I ask you to please publish in **THE PRECURSOR** my gratitude to St. Therese of the Child Jesus for having obtained the cure of my baby after promising to become a subscriber. **W. P., St. Come**. — Enclosed please find the sum of Ten Dollars for the ransom of a pagan baby besides my subscription in honor of the Little Sister of Missionaries for a cure obtained. **Mrs. G. L., Val Jalbert**. — I am sending Two Dollars in honor of the Little Flower in thanksgiving for several favors obtained after promise of publication. A subscriber, **Montreal**. — For having obtained the cure of a sore arm after promising to send an offering in favor of the Little Flower Burse, I am herewith enclosing Two Dollars. **Louison, P. Q.** — Many thanks to the Little Sister of Missionaries for a temporal favor obtained after promise of publication. **Mrs. A. C., Charlesbourg West**. — In gratitude to St. Therese for having obtained for us from our Immaculate Mother a visible protection in a serious accident and a speedy recovery after promising publication, please accept our humble offering of Two Dollars towards the Little Flower Burse. We continue to entreat her to shower numberless rose petals upon our path, particularly success in a position. **Misses J. and A. F., Napierville**. — My profound gratitude to St. Therese of the Child Jesus for favors obtained: herewith my offering of Five Dollars. A subscriber, **Montreal**. — The enclosed donation Six Dollars to St. Therese for a grace obtained. **J. L., Montreal**. — With my subscription to **THE PRECURSOR** I am sending One Dollar as a thank-offering to the Little Sister of Missionaries asking her to obtain for me from our Blessed Lady, the cure of my arm and leg. **Mrs. J. M., Lachenaie**. — With all my heart do I thank St. Therese of the Child Jesus for a favor obtained after promising to publish in "**THE PRECURSOR**". **Miss E. L., Three Rivers**. — A novena of lights in honor of the dear little Sister of Missionaries in thanksgiving for special favors. I am also requesting other graces. **Mrs. T., Montreal**. — Offering of One Dollar in honor of St. Therese for her marked protection, after promising to contribute to your missions. **Mrs. D. D., Granby**. — It is with pleasure that I am sending you Two Dollars promised in honor of St. Therese for a favor obtained and request you to pray before the shrine of this admirable little Sister for better health for my children. A confider in St. Therese, **Repentigny**. — My heartfelt thanks to Little Therese of Carmel for a favor obtained. Please find enclosed One Dollar. **Mrs. N. P., Albanel**. — Please accept my offering of One Dollar and fifty Cents that I had promised to St. Therese if she obtained a position for my son. He is working now and I heartily thank the powerful little Saint. **Mrs. A. L., Montreal**. — My heartfelt gratitude to the Little Flower who has heard my prayers after promising to ransom a Chinese baby. **R. D., Longueuil**. — Please accept my offering of One Dollar in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. She has obtained a cure for me after promising publication. **B. G., Ste Brigide**. — My heartfelt gratitude to Saint Therese who has obtained me new favors. Find enclosed Ten Dollars for your missions. **Mrs. G. B., Waltham, Mass.** — Enclosed Six Dollars in honor of Saint Therese for a favor obtained. I again promise Sixty Dollars for the support of a leperous woman if she grant me another important favor. **Miss S. C., Orleans, Ont.** — I am grateful to the Little Flower for a favor she has granted me. Enclosed find Three Dollars for the foreign missions. **A. B., Worcester, Mass.** — Thanks to good St. Joseph and St. Therese for great favors obtained after promising publication. Please accept One Dollar for your needy missions. **J. B., Abitibi**. — The enclosed Two Dollars in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus for a great favor obtained after promise of publication. I implore your prayers for the conversion and prompt return of my daughter. **Mrs. J. A; Montreal**. —

I heartily thank the Little Sister of Missionaries for a great favor she has granted me. In thanksgiving I promise to be a devoted apostle of her missions. Mrs. J. A. D., **Montreal**. — A child of Mary is grateful to Saint Therese for a favor she has granted her, she implores good health from the little Saint. Miss X. **Montreal**. — Five Dollars towards the Little Flower Burse for a great grace obtained through her intercession: I cannot recall ever having invoked in vain the admirable Little Sister of Missionaries. Mrs. J. N. F., **Quebec**. — My modest offering of Two Dollars for your missions, in thanksgiving to St. Therese. R. P., — Please find enclosed One Dollar for your missions in thanksgiving to the Little Flower for a favor obtained. I promise to renew my offering if this powerful little Saint obtain another grace that I desire ardently. Mrs. A. M. — As a feeble token of gratitude to the Little Flower, please accept the price of the ransom of a pagan baby, Five Dollars. A. E. G., **Montreal**. — How shall I express my gratitude to the powerful Patroness of Missionaries!... To you, her Sisters I offer my modest offering of One Dollar in favor of your missions. Mrs. P. **Montreal**. — As I suffered greatly from heart trouble I promised Five Dollars for the ransom of a Chinese baby in honor of the Little Sister of Missionaries if she obtained my cure. I have taken such a turn for the better, that I am sure the dear little saint will obtain me complete restoration and it is with happiness that I am enclosing the promised Five Dollars. A grateful Subscriber. — Please join with me in thanking the dear little Saint of Lisieux for a favor obtained after promising to have it published in "THE PRECURSOR". Kindly accept my offering of Five Dollars. A seminarian. — Here enclosed Two Dollars, one of which is for a Mass and the other for your needy missions in token of gratitude to the Little Flower for a favor obtained. A. T., **Boucherville**. — Words fail to express my lively gratitude to the powerful Little Sister of Missionaries for a great favor obtained; I am sending you One Dollar and in her honor ask that you kindly publish my thanksgiving in "THE PRECURSOR". I again promise Five Dollars if she obtain my cure. Mrs. C. C., **Chandler**. — A lady of **Gardner, Mass.** sends, besides her subscription to "THE PRECURSOR, One Dollar as a thank-offering for a favor obtained through the intercession of the Little Flower. — With my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am sending you One Dollar for your missions in gratitude to St. Therese of the Child Jesus for favors obtained. I promise generous offerings if she obtain other favors for me.

Burse of St. Therese 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**.

Our heartfelt thanks to the generous donors who have contributed to the formation of the second Burse in honor of the Little Flower, commenced in May 1927, and which was completed during the month of May last.

The urgent needs of our missionary works oblige us to commence another. We hope, or rather we are certain that the aimable and powerful Little Flower will give it prompt success.

Echoes from our Missions

CANTON, CHINA

*Letter from Sister Marie-de-l'Epiphanie, Superior at Canton,
to her Superior General.*

*En route to Shek Lung Lazaretto
Saturday, June 8, 1928.*

BELOVED MOTHER,

Towards three o'clock, accompanied by our faithful Monica, I left or rather I tore myself from our home at Canton where already a thousand and one things claimed my time. Our Sisters of the Lazaretto, desirous that the *newly-arrived* assist at the procession in honor of the Blessed Sacrament, ever very solemn among the lepers, are prepared to receive us, Sister Marie de l'Esperance and myself. My companion, too ill these last few days, cannot respond to the invitation. Sister St. Paul, at Canton for a few days, assures me that she will take care of her in my place and sends me to the celebration. I am greatly pleased and despite the trial of the illness of Sister Assistant I say to myself: "With the lepers who pray so well, I am going to ask Our Divine Lord to cure our sick Sister and to grant her to labor for long and many years for the extension of His kingdom in pagan lands.

We arrived at the station after a twenty minutes' ride in a *pousse*, ten minutes before train time. The station is quite pretty and clean having been freshly painted. It has almost the appearance of a station of America. A pass, kindly issued by the agent of the company, affords us the privilege of travelling second-class. The coach is well filled. We have baggage: a large basket containing fifty pounds of flour to make bread for our Sisters, a case of laundry soap, a case of condensed milk, and our own little personal belongings. This is to follow us. Our gardener, having come to carry our packages, places them in the train. We are obliged to sit on our boxes. Fortunately we are near a window... I recite my Rosary, admire the vast rice-fields, the gardens wherein are employed men, women and children. It is the rainy season, the fields are overflowed in many places; for a few it is a benefit, for others destruction, so Monica tells me. I see trees but not forests; there are mountains, or rather hills. I now know the reason for the gradations forming a stairs in the hills: the cultivation of rice is carried on only on level ground, for much water is needed for the rice-plant at certain periods, and the slope of a hill could not supply it. So a grade is cut, then another, and so on until nearly the summit of the hill is reached. Thus the water may remain some time in the rice-fields of the mountains. Local necessities cause ingenious plans to be formed! The Chinese do not lack skill, far from it. I find them quite laborious, making use of everything.

At five o'clock we arrive at Shek Lung. Sister Marie-Bernadette and a Chinese girl are awaiting us. The latter comes for our boxes which

she hands to two men who bring them to the boat. We also go thither which is a walk of about ten or fifteen minutes. From there to the Lazaretto Island it is half an hour's row. The air is pure and healthy. A sail covers our little vessel thus protecting us from the sun's burning rays. The handling of the oars does not seem to be too fatiguing for our guides. At last we arrive. Sister St. Raphael is on the shore with a few children who greet us with a joyous: "Tin Thu Po yao" Sister. The preparations for tomorrow are already begun, but have been postponed on account of the uncertainty of the weather. Sister St. Raphael has finished the decoration of the men's chapel, Sister St. François d'Assise is finishing the women's. That of the Sisters is nice and fresh and even pretty in its poverty. Pink carnations, made but yesterday, nestling among the clusters of natural ferns give a very pretty effect and repeat to the Eucharistic God that the hearts of those who have made them are filled with love and gratitude for Him who deigns to be the companion of their exile. Two little statues of the Blessed Virgin and of St. Joseph are placed on either side of the altar, on tables big enough to allow to be placed thereon two pots of ferns, the long branches of which form a graceful halo. Superfluity is far from our Sister's little sanctuary but certainly not happiness, we feel that it exists in every sense of the word.

Sunday morning, at four o'clock, I am awakened by the prayers of the lepers which reminds me that I am on the "Isle of Prayer" as someone has named it. Our poor leprous women are quite disheartened by the torrential rain which has continued since midnight. The procession must take place, God cannot refuse this happiness, the greatest of the year, to his unfortunate children. Our Sisters told me yesterday, that during their fifteen years experience at the Lazaretto they have never missed a single Corpus Christi procession. More than once they were obliged to keep up hope when all hope seemed lost, but never in vain. "The children are going to pray well this morning," do they say, "we shall have fine weather and the procession will take place!" (The children, Mother, are their poor lepers.)

From five to eight o'clock in the three chapels more than one Mass is celebrated, for six French priests from the neighboring districts and three Chinese priests have come for the procession. "*The children*" pray with all their hearts and with all their lungs: mine are tired just listening to them... It seems to me that they are going to kill themselves if they continue to screech thus. Sister St. François d'Assise tells me that if they do not screech their prayers, they believe that God does not hear them. All the prayers in their little books are recited, and then begun all over again. At eight o'clock High Mass is celebrated in the women's chapel with deacon and sub-deacon. Reverend Father Pradel, director of the Lazaretto officiates. One of the Fathers acts as Master of Ceremonies and sings with another, while a sixth plays the organ. The altar is very prettily decorated with lilies, pink roses, numerous begonia plants, "four seasons" all in bloom and other pots of pretty white flowers. Several red lights together with the flowers give a sparkling effect. Everything on the altar is very simple, but a hand, guided by a heart that desires to give happiness, has

disposed all in such a manner as to make poverty forgotten and to turn all eyes and hearts towards the beauties which God has placed in His works, in all nature. The sanctuary boys the youngest of "*the children*" wear red soutanes, made for them by Sister St. Raphael, and lace surplices. Oh! not of expensive lace, old curtains which formerly must have adorned the windows of a sumptuous dwelling. From a distance, they appear well, but I, in front, in the part reserved for the Sisters and non-leprous Chinese, I cannot keep from recognizing the curtains made into surplices and my sharp eye discovers holes in the lace already quite old. But all this is accessory, and must not be taken note of.

The Kyrie, Gloria and Credo are sung by a choir of young leper women exercised by Sister St. François d'Assise. They sing well, so well that with closed eyes, I imagine myself in Canada in my parish church, in the parish church of my convent. I may well repeat with all those who have been in the same circumstance as I, that in the ceremonies of our holy religion, even to the extremities of the earth we recognize the great Christian family.

Mass over, the rain continues more abundantly than ever, ten o'clock, eleven, it is raining, still raining. "*The children*" do not cease praying. Suddenly the sky clears up. All hearts are gladdened. A cloud appears, then immediately vanishes. "*The children*" from both houses set to work, finish their triumphal arches of foliage, spread their carpets, hang flags, inscriptions, even place their angels. What ingenuity in all these decorations: carpets of dyed saw-dust, almost resembling the handsome carpets of our grandmothers (made from old sacks and decorated with colored rags, but they at least were durable), those of our poor lepers only lasted long enough for the passage of the priest bearing the Blessed Sacrament. All their work is spoiled by the treading of the many feet, but this work is it not for Jesus alone? The characters on the paper inscriptions are made of dyed grains of sago or rice, as well as of pieces of glass, glued together. How many a grain of rice how many a piece of glass needed to form a large Chinese character! These inscriptions are numerous and varied. As each house had its part of the road to decorate many hands helped in the ornamentation and consequently so many different tastes. Angels, crosses and monstrances suspend from their arches. The living angels, twelve in all, don their costumes and wings. The clergy are notified and at two o'clock the procession is ready to set in motion. It commences at the women's chapel. The men march in front of the priest who carries the Blessed Sacrament preceded by angels, and four censer-bearers in red soutanes. The women close the procession. After the singing of the *Pange Lingua*, the prayers, which in Chinese are real hymns, are recited. In thirty minutes the procession wends its way from the women's chapel to the men's. At short intervals, at the signal given by the master of ceremonies by means of cards prepared for this purpose, four incense-bearers and four angels, two by two or four by four, in triangle, in lozenge, or quincunx, according as indicated on the card shown them by the priest, turn and graciously bow to the Blessed Sacrament. The sanctuary-boys incense three times, and the angels at

three different intervals scatter flowers which they carry in a basket. Before throwing their flowers, they kiss them; it is very graceful. A group of curious spectators come from the neighboring places follow the procession. The lepers still pagan, few in number, also follow, but one can notice that they are anything but indifferent. Those who are too ill are carried to the chapel. Those unable to be carried follow the procession from their beds of pain. The ceremony is brought to a close by the singing of the *Tantum Ergo* in the men's chapel. Everyone is satisfied, happy, and one never tires in repeating that God dearly loves His children since He has accorded them favorable weather for the procession. Could God refuse His children their most beautiful feast of the year? They continue to pray until evening. Their voices are hushed only at nightfall to begin anew on the dawn of the morrow. Here, daylight never begins before five o'clock and ends never later than half past seven.

Our dear Sisters are so pleased in seeing "*the children*" so happy, that they do not feel their fatigue. Sister St. François d'Assise forgot to have dinner and does not ever remember this omission. Poor dear Sisters, they have just spent one of their most beautiful days since it is one of the most beautiful for their poor children. How laborious are our Sisters! Neither time nor pains are spared. Their strength is hardly equal to their task. They often forget that they are tired. "The happiness of the children reposes us," do they say.

There is no doubt about it; with the Father Director, our Sisters are the life of these poor forsaken creatures. How often the poor lepers say to them, "Sister, never go away again, no, never leave us."⁽¹⁾ If you only knew how lonesome we are when you are gone, it is as in a family when the mother leaves." Oh, yes, dear Mother, these words resume the life of your daughters who care for the lepers. I do not hesitate in saying so. They continually perform acts of heroism without noticing it. What poverty reigns in the house of the lepers. In the kitchen there is hardly enough wood to cook the rice and vegetables. When wood is lacking tea is not made. Tea is for better days! On festal occasions, impossible to say that the lepers have donned their festal garments, I, to speak truthfully, say that they have put on their festal rags. What suffering everywhere for them, what want, and for our Sisters, what anguish to see them suffer thus without being able to relieve them more than they do. Dear God, deign to inspire charitable souls with the desire to relieve so much suffering! Sister St. Raphael is burning with the desire to have a well so as to supply water to all the lepers and when the water will be here, she would like to have a washroom. This is not luxury that our dear Sister is asking for. My heart is aching after witnessing such misery.

"Au revoir" beloved Mother,

Your child who loves you and also greatly loves China.

Sister M. de l'ÉPHIPHANIE, (2)

(1) Last year owing to the uprisings, our Sisters were obliged by order of the English Consul to leave the Lazaretto and to take refuge for some time at Hong Kong.

(2) May Moquin of Eastman.



CHILDREN AND YOUNG GIRLS OF THE WORK-ROOM OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, HONG KONG, CHINA

HONG KONG, CHINA

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries
to Hong Kong*

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1928.

Last night towards eleven o'clock, we heard screams, crying, lamentations, strange tones of the Chinese language, the noise of cymbals and other instruments, in fine a real hubbub which continued the whole night long. It is that one of our neighbors residing at No. 4 Amai Villa is dead. This morning we see the Chinese actively at work in erecting a kind of bridge, made of bamboo poles and planks, which extends from a window of the second-storey until it becomes opposite the sidewalk where it takes the form of a steep staircase!... This suspended bridge is constructed so as to impede the "*misfortune*" from passing into the lower dwelling which is inhabited by another family; it is called "*tap pang*". Towards one o'clock other preparations take place, there is much commotion in the street. On the suspended bridge is placed a little Chinese stove on which is burned an effigy of paper clothing; what remains, that is the ashes, are then carried to the other side of the street where they will be borne away by the wind and everything be so arranged that the spirit of the deceased may again find his clothing and have everything necessary "*on the other side.*" Since the death, two large blue lanterns have been lighted and hung on the gallery of the dwelling. These lanterns are to remain thus during the following month.

Late in the afternoon the coffin is carried down by several Chinese, followed by at least twelve weeping Chinese women garbed in long yellow cotton dresses, their faces covered by a kind of cotton veil of the same color. They are supported on either side by a Chinese, and profoundly inclined wail bitterly and quite frequently feign to swoon. These weepers are really playing a comedy. While the funeral preparations were being made indoors, a stretcher was placed on the edge of the sidewalk. The coffin was placed thereon above a kind of catafalque decorated with wire, bamboo poles and ornaments of flowers of various colors. In front of our gate were placed lighted incense-sticks and on the street facing the catafalque, a large dish containing a big roast. A bonze arrives wearing a square black cap and a long coat of the same color with yellow trimmings. He walks three times around the catafalque, followed by the weeping Chinese women constantly striking the cymbal. This ceremony is carried out, does it seem, to deaden the spirit of the deceased so that he may not return to molest his relatives. This over, the pall-bearers, dressed in white and blue, twenty-four in number carry the monument (coffin and catafalque) on their shoulders by means of beams. The order of the funeral is as follows: little boys each carrying a large blue and white lantern, then come a group of children carrying little tables surmounted by white banderoles covered with Chinese inscriptions addressed to the deceased; then crowns and crowns of flowers entwined on long bamboo poles. Fourthly comes a palanquin, bearing the photograph of the deceased and three

large carriages filled with weepers who almost scream. A band of Filipinos play a funeral march.

On their return from the cemetery, the pall-bearers, men and children, quarrel in front of the house, to have a few cents for their trouble.

The dish of meat left in the street is brought up to the relatives of the deceased and will be shared among them. The weepers return home where they pray and sob during the evening and on into the night. On the seventh, the twenty-first and thirtieth day after the death this same scene will be repeated and cause us to spend sleepless nights.

Monday, April 2

We receive mail from the Mother-House. Sister Superior informs the Sisters of the death of our good Doctor Aubry who during twenty-five years has given gratuitously his services to the Community. Gratitude makes it a duty for us to commence to-morrow morning, the eight days of prayers as promised.

Thursday, April 5, Holy Thursday

We have the happiness of assisting at Holy Mass at the Hermitage. Reverend Father Lachapelle, being a Canadian, asks Reverend Father Granelli to change places with him and let him come to say Mass for us.

During the day we repair to the repository of "The Rosary" for prayers. In the sanctuary is a large wooden cross upon which is placed a shroud. On the altar-railing, decorated with palms and natural flowers, is placed a beautiful ivory crucifix. Four large candles burn constantly. The Christians go to venerate the cross, the Chinese kiss their fingers and then bear these kisses to the wounds of the hands, feet and heart of our dear Jesus. This decoration which resembles that of death chamber, presents a most imposing aspect.



LITTLE ORPHANS AT PRAYER, HONG KONG, CHINA

Manila, Philippine Islands

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters of the Chinese General Hospital.

Friday, February 3

It seems that the Blessed Virgin, on the day of her Purification desires to render tangible this maxim: "To find Jesus, we must have recourse to Mary". This good Mother, herself, leads souls to her Divine Son. Yesterday as a preparation for the First Friday, the entire personnel, patients, nurses and house-boys, went to confession, and this morning at Mass there was general Communion and singing by the nurses. At the end of Mass the house-boys sang a beautiful hymn to the Sacred Heart in which they implored His mercy and forgiveness. It was so touching to hear these young men singing with such enthusiasm this soul-stirring canticle that the congregation expressed the desire of hearing them again.

Music and singing are, do we think, the most efficacious means of keeping these young men at home. The Filipinos are very passionate for music. They need it; and the proof is, that not long ago one of our boys went to a dance-hall, not far from here, where the most horrible things occur. This news reached Sister Assistant, who asked the delinquent the reason for his conduct. The young man frankly answered: "Sister I wanted to hear the music. Some of our companions used to have musical instruments in the dormitory, therefore we could amuse ourselves, but now, no one plays and I am lonesome. As there are musical concerts in that hall I went there to enjoy myself." How we wish that our pecuniary resources would permit us, if not to furnish a recreation-hall for them, at least to procure them a few musical instruments!

Wednesday, February 8

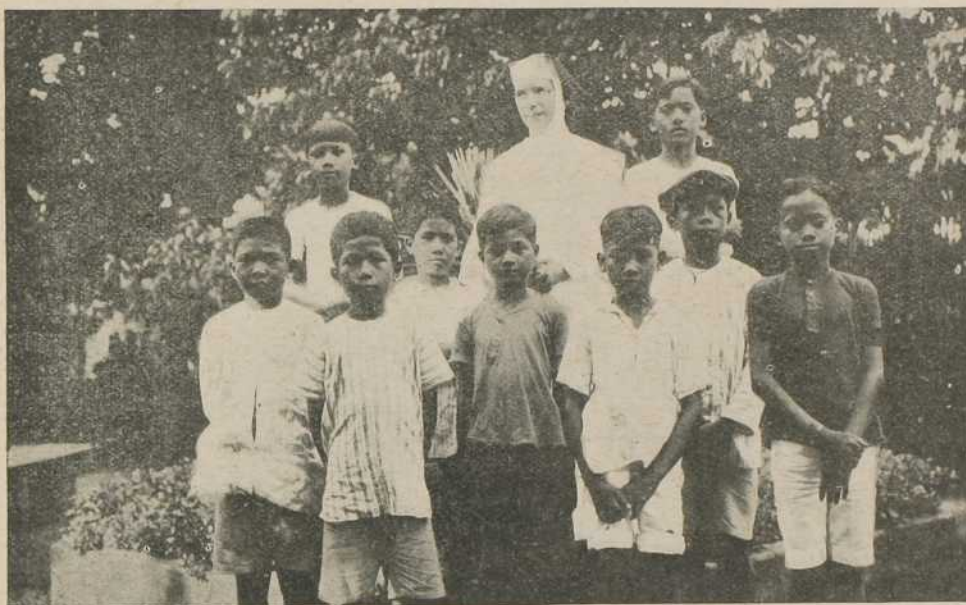
What a happiness, ever new, to pour the regenerating waters of baptism. Again this morning, two of our patient, were made children of God and of the Church, and heirs to the kingdom of Heaven. An old man paralysed for the last three months, and who hopes to return to China to die, after having received the necessary instructions asks to be baptized. The other, a little tot, six years old, who arrived at the hospital but yesterday, leaves to-day for heaven, bearing the seal of the elect. This would already be sufficient to satisfy a missionary's ambition, but God who has promised the hundred-fold, even in this life wishes to outbid it.

Towards noon a gentleman comes to the hospital with a parcel that he carries very precious, remitting us a letter at the same time. In vain do we try to discover the sender. Our unknown visitor feigns to ignore everything. — He uncovers a beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart on a marble stand discreetly adding that it is sent us by a lady. — The anonymous letter written in Spanish is signed: A devotee. — At the foot of the statue representing the Christ King, is written the inscription: "Reign!" With what emotion we welcome our all-powerful guest! We place it on

a throne of honor and beseech our Divine King to grant that the device he bears at His feet be realized! "Reign!"—Yes, may the Sacred Heart reign over every soul which belongs to him and over all those whom the devil retains in the depths and darknesses of paganism. — May His kingdom come through Mary. — It is she, Immaculate in her conception who will crush the infernal serpent and establish the world-over, the kingdom of her Divine Son, Jesus. — Such is our ardent wish, may it one day be realized.

Thursday, February 9

An inexpressible joy was, this morning, the lot of our little patient of Ward 10. Attacked with typhoid fever, his parents brought him from the provinces to the hospital. Immediately after his arrival we discovered



YOUNG FILIPINO CATECHUMENS

that the poor child, although fifteen years of age, had not yet made his First Communion. How gladly he accepted our offer of preparing him for this great act. Having attended High School for four years and being naturally a bright child, he soon learnt his catechism. Yesterday, he asked to go to confession. — Our Chaplain readily complied with his wish and told him that if the Parish Priest permitted it, he would give him Holy Communion the following day.

His desire was realized. This morning our young patient received for the first time, the Creator of the World, the all-powerful God annihilated under the eucharistic species. His serious illness has won him his present happiness: he receives Holy Communion every day. How sublime are the designs of Divine Providence! Were it not for his misfortune this child full of intelligence would perhaps never have made his First Communion.

ion. Yet, he belongs to one of the best families of the country. This mystery is solved when we consider that this is the work of public schools.

Sunday, February 12

On the occasion of the anniversary of Our Holy Father the Pope's coronation there is a pontifical High Mass at 9.30 in the Cathedral and at 10.30 a reception for His Excellency Mgr. Piani, the Apostolic Delegate. The ceremony is most solemn and the attendance numerous. The secular and regular clergy, the religious communities and all the Institutions as well as an immense throng of people render homage to the Sovereign Pontiff in the person of his representative. This so sincere, so filial demonstration towards the common Father of the Faithful gives one to realize once again the beauty and sublimity of our holy religion.

Thursday, February 16

"La Defensa" a Spanish paper of Manila announces that His Grace Archbishop O'Doherty, abroad for the last eight months for the good of his health, will arrive by boat at 2 P.M. Sister Superior, Sister Assistant, and about twenty nurses in out-door uniform attend the official reception at the wharf. All Manila is there, anxiously awaiting the return of its venerated Pastor and Father.

His Excellency Mgr. Piani, Apostolic Delegate accompanied by two Bishops are among the assembly, His Grace's secretary, the members of the Chapter of the Cathedral, the regular clergy, the religious of all Communities with their pupils, three musical corps, the Cadets of the Ateneo of Manila and a great multitude of people follow the imposing procession to the cathedral where the Te Deum is sung and an interesting allocution delivered. His Grace expresses his joy in again finding himself among his beloved flock and thanks them for the token of veneration and filial love shown him. A reception then takes place at the episcopal palace. Our venerable Archbishop imparts his blessing to each and addresses them a few words which betay his paternal kindness for his children.

Wednesday, February 29

During the month, twelve souls after having been cleansed by Holy Baptism took their flight to their heavenly home. There were also three Extreme Unctions and several communions.

Sunday, April 22

The singing of the *Veni Creator* opens the retreat of our pupils, preached by a Redemptorist Father. Silence prevails among the personnel. After such a busy day, what a comfort this recollection brings! Our former pupils graduates at Manila, have come for the convention, and dine at their *Alma Mater* before returning to their respective posts. Of the forty-five graduates since the opening of our school, about thirty assemble at the family table. They experience the inexpressible joys of children who,

after a long absence, come back to the dear old home. Many of them have not seen each other since they left school. Such joys can be easier imagined than described.

Tuesday, May 1

Among the festivities dear to our pupils, there is one that they particularly look forward to: the one on which they will receive the certificate which has cost them three years of study, of painful labour and sacrifice: it is the distribution of their diplomas. In all the hospitals of Manila it is a most solemn occasion and is always presided over by the most distinguished personages of the religious, medical and civil society. Owing to unexpected hindrances and especially because of the serious illness of Dr. Tee Han Kee, the traditional solemn festivity was reduced this year to a simple and intimate family assembly.

At 5.30 P. M. an atmosphere of unusual mirth prevails in the reception-hall which has been decked with palms as well as with Chinese, Philippine and American flags. The six graduates enter while the orchestra plays a select and appropriate march. Our good Father Finnemann, S. V. D., honors us by his presence. At the beginning of the concert he implores Heaven's blessings on the new graduates and on their future career. Then in a simple but profound discourse he congratulates the directors and directresses, the teachers and pupils with regard to their present success. He also congratulates the new graduates for the sublime vocation, all of charity, which they have chosen and encourages them to prove their gratitude to their *Alma Mater*, where they have received their formation and drawn such precious instructions, not only through correspondence and occasional visits but especially by a model conduct and the practise of the instructions received during their school life. Then follows the distribution of the diplomas and the presentation of badges to the graduates by Dr. and Mrs. Tee Han Kee. A course in the Chinese language having been given during the year, three pupils distinguished themselves in this rather difficult tongue and received from their professor Mr. Ong Kong Suy a gold medal with Chinese engravings.

The course of study includes, besides the Chinese language, not only the subjects adapted to the nurses training but Christian Doctrine holds first rank on the curriculum. Is not this consoling? We attribute this marked privilege as well as all others to the intervention of the Blessed Virgin.

One day as Sister Assistant was telling the Director about one of the pupils misdoings he advised her to teach them how to go to confession that they rectify their conscience and reform their conduct. The occasion was a favorable one and Sister Assistant took advantage of it to propose to the Director that Christian Doctrine, being the only means of giving a moral formation to these children, be listed on the course of study, a delicate question that we had never dared to broach in the beginning, as the Director formerly professed the Protestant faith. He has since been converted, being married to a Catholic, but he does not practise his religion.

Henceforward Christian Doctrine has been taught regularly to our young girls who when they arrive are ignorant of the first elements of Catechism.

To encourage them in the study of this subject, indispensable to their salvation, our Very Reverend Mother kindly gave a special prize, a pretty gold medal, to the candidate obtaining the highest standing in a written test given at the end of the year. Our good Pastor deigned to prepare the questions himself and even to correct the papers. What a pleasant coincidence! One of the graduates, Miss Rosaline Mary Peter, Indian on her father's side and Filipino on her mother's obtained the highest result and amid the applause and congratulations of the audience, was decorated by Sister Superior. This promising young lady was admitted to our school four years ago. She belongs to an *Aglipayan* family (an independant religion founded in the Philippines by Aglipay, an apostate Catholic priest, who has nominated himself bishop and continues to establish his religion). Unfortunately, his followers are numerous especially in the province of Zambales whence comes our pupil. The young girl, rather spoiled but very intelligent, soon understood that she was not in the true religion. She studied her catechism, was baptized, made her First Communion in our chapel and has continued her studies for the past four years. At the close of the first term, having failed in her examinations, she would have been sent back to her people had we not taken into consideration her bright character and the good influence she exercised over her companions as well as her faith still too weak to permit her to struggle for its maintainance. Little by little the child understood that we sought but her welfare and she profited by the motherly direction lavished upon her. She now leads in every subject on the curriculum. She is determined to work arduously for the conversion of her father, mother and brothers. She even says that on Sundays, after Mass she will teach catechism to little children to prepare them for their First Communion. The young girl will be an apostle among her own. She has an ardent love for the Blessed Virgin and on April 26, she was received as a Child of Mary. We trust that this good Mother will continue to pour blessings on the work our pupil has undertaken for souls, and that she maintain her in the fervor of her Baptism and First Communion.



NAZE, JAPAN

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries
to Naze, Japan.*

Monday, April 2, 1928

His Lordship, Bishop Roy actually at Naze for a few days honors us by celebrating Mass this morning. He leaves to-day for Kagoshima. He speaks to us about the young girl who is so cruelly persecuted by her parents and with whom I have acquainted you in my diary. If she has commenced to frequent the Mission and if she continue to do so whenever

the occasion presents itself, it is not through human influence but entirely through a supernatural attraction. I have already mentioned that one night she disappeared from Kagoshima and it was suspected that someone had kidnapped her. Well she was taken that night to her uncle's, where three clever bonzes had been called to teach her the Buddhistic religion. One of them particularly deceitful, spoke thus: Jesus Christ, I admit, was a very clever man but He died when quite young and had not the time to spread His doctrine abroad, Buddha, on the contrary, died at the age of eighty, consequently you realize that humanity is greatly indebted to him. Christ during His short life was so unfortunate... etc... The young girl, so it seems, listened to him without uttering a word and immediately after his departure she acquainted Bishop Roy, by letter, of what had taken place. Her parents brought her back home but she had not changed her mind. This only exasperated her rather the more and one day upon her refusal to renounce Christianity he dealt her a heavy blow in the face. The young girl did not even flinch. This provoked her father to anger who picked up an enormous "*hibrachi*" to hurl at his daughter, but the mother seeing the danger, held his arm, thus avoiding the horrible crime. The mother does not share the daughter's convictions, but maternal love is still aglow in her heart.

His Lordship says he has seen the mother at her child's knee beseeching her with tears and supplications to return home, saying: "I cannot go back home without you, I would meet with a cold reception. Your father,



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AT THE SCHOOL OF NAZE, JAPAN

your brothers and sisters are heart-broken and do naught else but cry; for the sake of your family renounce this doctrine and come back to us. The young girl was firm in her answer: "To act thus, would be to act against my convictions; no, I cannot!"

As she is fond of study, the father thought of winning her by this means:—He told her that if she renounced Christianity he would place her in a renowned school, and he painted to her in glowing colors the studies that she could there follow. — Even this could not induce her to relent. Is not this an exceptional case? She is still a catechumen and has a burning desire to embrace the religious life but what she dreads mostly is to be forced by her father to marry.

Saturday, May 11

Yesterday one of our former pupils died and the service takes place to-day at 5 p. m. It seems that she died like a little saint. The mother is Christian and the father although pagan, is not fanatic. Reverend Father Seraphin asked us to attend the funeral, and to execute the singing. We arrived before the body had left the house. Numerous friends had come to offer their condolences. All were attired in rich silk kimonos with the family coat-of-arms etc.. In the room silence and respect reigned supreme. The corpse occupied the most prominent place in the parlor. As the coffin resembled a high square box, we presume that she was in a sitting position. A crucifix and two lighted candles were placed in front of it; flowers of all kinds surrounded the coffin, beautiful wreaths of white and red lilies, as well as baskets of artificial flowers of every hue...

What a moment of anguish for the heart-broken mother when the mortal remains were taken from the house! Children bearing streamers and flowers preceded the hearse. The pall-bearers wore a black and white uniform with red characters. They also wore white cotton capes after the fashion of a chasuble which they took off at the cemetery and placed in the grave. Many of our pupils attended the funeral. The little Christian girls in white veils immediately followed the hearse, then came the pagan girls directed by two of our pagan teachers, Mrs. Tatsumo, and Fumoto.

From this funeral ceremony, we have drawn a subject for serious reflection. Our turn will come... Will the task which the Master has assigned us with regard to souls, be accomplished? And will it be accomplished the way He wills it? Oh! what need we have of the light of the Holy Ghost and the assistance of Our Immaculate Mother!

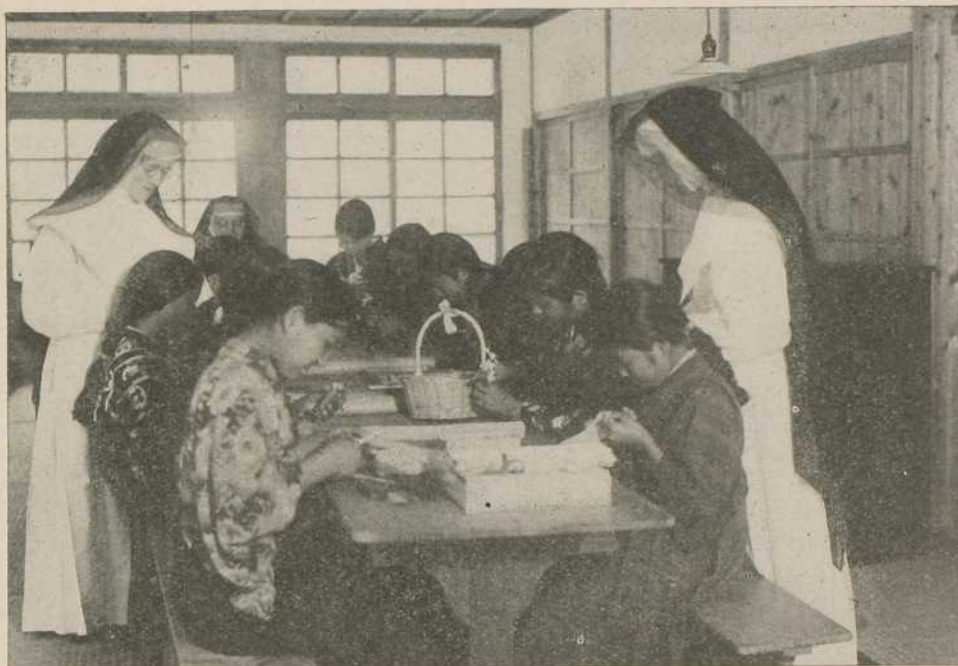
Sunday, May 13

For the last few days Toku San has expressed the desire of seeing photographs from America. So to-night, we collect all we have and... we let her take a trip through Canada. Scenes from the Rockies and of the beautiful Great Lakes are admired, but the pictures of the Mother-House

and Novitiate hold for them special attraction. We speak to them so often about our good *Haha Sama* (Mother Superior) of Canada whom we so dearly love. Sister Marie des Archanges shows them a series of photographs of Mount St. Mary. It is scarcely credible, said the young girl, that a school could be so richly furnished... In our country it is a luxury to have tables and chairs in a home.

Monday, May 14

There is practice to-day for the Undokwai. The pupils are overjoyed at the first sound of the orchestra. Many, especially the beginners have



PUPILS OF BOARDING-SCHOOL OF NAZE, JAPAN, ENJOYING
THEMSELVES WHILE MAKING FLOWERS

never heard such melodious music!!! As for us, this jarring sound grinds on our ears and we can neither study nor write. What a hubbub! Some professors tell us that they are the most renowned musicians of the city. I consider our young girls more apt than they. And these *famous musicains* exact a salary of at least 25 yens. We are wondering if we would not be able to organize an orchestra at our school later on!!!

Sunday, May 29

Ikeda San has had the great happiness of receiving Confirmation to-day. So this afternoon in thanksgiving to Our Lord, she makes a donation to the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception: the offering of a nice white hen...

MANCHURIA, CHINA

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries
to Manchuria.*

Wednesday, March 15, 1928.

What heavenly days there are in China! Despite my unworthiness, God has given me the great favor of baptizing two Chinese babies. To the first I gave the name of the Blessed Virgin and your own, dear Mother, to the second, Mary, my mother's name, and Simone that of my little niece. I know what pleasure this will afford Mamma. Needless to say that the following days were spent in thanking our dear Lord for so much happiness. Even yet my hand shakes, my heart throbs, so happy am I. We are convinced, good Mother, that it is the numerous sacrifices made by you for your daughters that procure such joy for them. How indebted we are to you!

Sunday, April 29

This afternoon, a pagan lady suffering from sore eyes, comes for treatment. The two aspirants and an orphan are playing in the same room, they laugh heartily. The pagan admires them and says that it is probably because they are Christians that they are so joyous. The three children then begin to speak of the beauties of our religion and ask her why she does not be converted, she also would be happy... This lady makes no promises, she says it would be a very difficult matter on account of her family. We entreat our Immaculate Mother to direct this soul to God.

Monday, April 30

There is in the city a lady by the name of Pong, seventy-eight years of age, on the point of death. She has seven sons, two of whom are Christians. Last week a virgin went to give her a few instructions and then baptized her. This morning Sister Julienne-du-Saint-Sacrement, accompanied by the virgin, leaves to visit her bringing a miraculous medal. This visit greatly pleases the entire family. It is true that as yet we do not speak much Chinese but the virgin acts as interpreter.

Mrs. Wang who comes twice daily to the dispensary, brings us twenty fresh eggs this afternoon. We thank her and ask her why she is making us this present. She tells us that we well deserve it. "I have a big heart," does she say, "I love you. I come twice daily, you bathe my eyes, you give me good medicine, you take good care of me. I know that you do not

ask for money so this morning I asked Eul Cou (Sister St. Gerard) if you ate eggs. She said yes, so I have brought you some, are you glad?" We tell her that she is very kind to do this for us.

Sister Julienne-du-Saint-Sacrement receives seeds from Canada. It is one of her good aunts of Chambly who has sent them to her.

Tuesday, May 1

Hail to thee, beloved month of Mary!... We also from the depths of Manchuria greet by our most fervent prayers this beautiful month dedicated to our Heavenly Mother.

On this first May-day, our Immaculate Mother showers happiness upon us. This morning Sister St. Gerard baptizes a baby.

At half past eight, as usual, Mrs Wang comes to have her eyes treated. A little before her departure, Reverend Father Paradis arrives. He speaks a few words to her. This pagan lady is not afraid of the missionary. She asks him to look at her eyes, telling him her gratitude towards us. The priest encourages her saying that in a few days she will be cured. He advises her to come to be instructed in our religion as soon as she is better. She willingly accepts the proposition. Mrs. Tien brings us her little nephew nine years of age, deaf since birth. This child is quite ill. His temperature is 104 and he has much difficulty in breathing. He also has pains in the side and coughs violently. We do not know exactly what is his ailment, perhaps pneumonia, as he has the symptoms. Sister St. Gerard has charge of him. As he is in great danger we ask a virgin to examine him in his catechism. She does so and tells us that we may baptize him without fear. While Sister Julienne-du-St-Sacrement is caring for the aunt, Sister St. Gerard has the happiness of pouring the regenerating waters on the child's brow, giving him the name of Joseph Rolland, the names of her father and of her youngest brother, who is but seven years of age and who writes charming little letters to his big missionary sister. He assures her that he does not forget to say an Ave Maria for her every day... The dear little man will be glad to learn that Sister St. Gerard gave his name to the first baby she baptized.

Sunday, May 6

Every day we have patients who come to be treated and we are so happy to receive them. I ask the Blessed Virgin every time to give us the soul of the patient we are treating. I am ready to devote all my strength to win them to the true faith. A mother tells us that she wishes to be instructed in the religion of these foreign people, with whom she is not acquainted, but who must be kind since they have done so much good to her little boy.

VANCOUVER

Extract from a letter of Sister St. Louis de Gonzague, Superior of our House at Vancouver, to her Superior General

*St. Joseph's Oriental Hospital,
Vancouver, May 30, 1928.*

BELOVED MOTHER,

The blessing of our Hospital took place on Pentecost Sunday, amidst wind, thunder and lightning, which, I would say, rendered the ceremony more impressive. We beseeched the Holy Ghost to descend on our humble Cenacle, to fill and inundate it with His heavenly light and graces, so that not the smallest place be left for the evil spirit, against whom we must needs struggle since most of the patients that come to us, — with rare exceptions — belong to paganism, consequently are faithful worshippers of the devil. But I hasten to add, to our great consolation, that it is very, very seldom that those who have the happiness of finding shelter under the roof of the Immaculate do not, before their departure for the long voyage of Eternity, become children of God and of Holy Church. Lately a poor moribund, a pagan, completely unconscious, was brought to us. During the night two Sisters watch by his bed-side and, while praying, wait for



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the propitious moment to throw this soul into the arms of Almighty God. At last, towards ten o'clock his mind seems to become clear, and we quickly seize the occasion to speak to him about the sublime truths of our holy religion, in which he firmly believes, and immediately he asks baptism. Needless to say with what an overwhelming joy we administer it to him and soon after he again falls into a coma. He lived all the next day, but never gained consciousness. He could not even recognize his relatives.

Dear Mother, I notice that I have wandered from my subject... I was describing the blessing of our Hospital. His Grace Archbishop Casey, despite the disagreeable weather, deigned to officiate himself at the ceremony. He was surrounded by twelve priests. Many religious and laity come from different parishes of the city honored us with their presence. When our modest organ sounded the first note of the Magnificat all present voiced with your daughters the hymn of thanksgiving.

On this occasion, our benefactors were very generous. The Blessed Virgin will, we do not doubt, repay them in graces and in blessings the debt of gratitude we owe them.

Trust, beloved Mother, in the filial affection of
Your unworthy daughter,
Sister St. LOUIS-DE-GONZAGUE, M. I. C. (1)

(1) Anna Girard, Claremont, N. H.

An Indian who desires to reach a point has a way of going straight at it. Not remarkable for syllogistic abilities, he has a shorter method of reaching correct conclusions. The Mohawk, when the Albany Dutchman sneered at her for honoring Mary, asked to whom he prayed. He said, to Christ his God. But she, shaking her head gravely, said, "Guess not pray much; no have honor for Mother, no have much for Son."

For us, Missionaries, are the cares, the difficulties, the labors: our part is to give our whole lives, to continue ever marching onwards in the service of Christ and His Church; your share of the work, dear readers, is to encourage the missionaries by helping them by your prayers and by your alms.

Prop. of the Faith

Ah! 'tis not enough to be united to Mary by the ties of a tender devotion; our zeal must possess the virtue of enkindling in souls this sacred flame.

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, June 10, 1928, Solemnity of Corpus Christi

On awakening we notice that the sky is cloudy, that it foretells rain. We multiply our prayers so as to obtain a few rays of the sun, or at least weather favorable enough to allow us to have the procession of the Blessed Sacrament for, it appears that it is usually a pitiful year when Our Lord does not traverse the streets of our cities and villages to bestow therein His graces and blessings.

Towards nine o'clock we leave for the parish church to take part in the cortege of honor to the Eucharistic King. When the procession sets in motion, the sun has not yet appeared from behind the grey clouds, and the wind plays maliciously in the banners, in our veils, in the foliage of the tall trees, in the decorations which border the way, but despite all, our peaceful and bountiful God slowly and majestically advances, escorted by His pious people who cheer Him, who sing His praises, who implore His fructifying blessings. Oh! what a happiness for children to contemplate the triumph of their beloved Father!... and how happy would be the nations if they would but incline with love beneath the beneficent sceptre of this ever-merciful King!

The repository is set up in front of a house situated at the limits of the parish and constructed on a slight elevation in the midst of an immense field wherein thrives a hopeful harvest.

When the glittering monstrance is raised upon the throne of flowers and foliage which has been prepared for it, all heads incline with respect, whilst a slight breeze swings, in imitation of censers, the slender stalks which are to bear the approaching crop, on whose stalks the little birds chirp their *Te Deum* and all voices are raised in unison to praise the Creator of the world.

O Jesus, the hearts of Thy humble missionaries breathe a fervent prayer. Yonder, on infidel shores, innumerable are the souls deprived of the happiness we enjoy, the abundant harvests, swayed by the empoisoned breeze which surges from the infernal gulfs, are going to waste for want of reapers... O loving Master, raise up legions of evangelical laborers, forgetful of self, ready to sacrifice themselves to embrace the rugged but consoling labors of apostolate... Dear Lord, choose for Thyself numerous and generous apostles!

By an imposing gesture the divine blessing descends upon the recollected throng. Then the procession continues its way towards the church where the Divine Master re-enters His prison of love after having showered anew His blessings upon us.

Thursday, June 14, Octave of Corpus Christi

To-day, our dear Lord leaves His tabernacle expressly to bless the two apostolic homes, the Foreign Mission Seminary and the Novitiate of the Religious Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception. During His public life the Divine Master after having spent the entire day with the multitudes withdrew into the solitude with His apostles and there, in the calmness of the evening, He spoke to them of His Heavenly Father, of their future mission, of the qualities necessary to an apostolic soul, of the recompense promised to whosoever would leave all in order to follow Him. At times He conversed intimately with them giving proofs of the most paternal tenderness ... in fine it was a Father conversing with His beloved children.

It seems that He is acting somewhat in like manner towards us to-day. In the sweet solitude of the charming little spot where we dwell, far from the tumult of the world, on the shores of the limpid waters which recall to us those of Lake Tiberias or of the Cedron, near Jesus, we wend our way along the road that extends from the Seminary to the Novitiate, — where we make a short halt — then retrace our steps to the starting-point... Suavely does the Master repeat how much He loves us... He reminds us of the graces of predilection which He has showered upon us... He shows us in the distance, the whitening harvest... the struggles, the labors, the persecutions which we must endure for love of Him, but also the consolations, the immortal glory which shall be the recompense... and as formerly when He spoke to St. Peter, does He seem to add: My child, my spouse, my apostle, lovest thou me?... Lovest thou me enough to accept to follow me beyond the oceans, into the land of exile, under a scorching sun, into the midst of barbarous peoples?... Dost thou consent?... Dear Lord, Thou hast heard the reply of each soul... and do we hope, Thou hast been rejoiced and consoled. Thy blessing will bear its fruit. With renewed courage we again apply ourselves to the all-important task of our formation so as to be ready to take our flight, when the time will have come, to the post which Thou wilt deign to assign us.

Friday, June 15

Observing eyes will quickly remark in the hurried steps of the novices and postulants, in their mysterious expressions, in their joyous smiles that preparations and surprises of some kind are being made. But our Mistress does not appear to notice anything!.. This greatly pleases us and recalls our childhood days... Then, as at present we noticed that our mothers suddenly lost all perspicacity when their birthday was approaching... Do you not remember dearly beloved mothers, of the *astounding* surprises made you by your little daughters?... do you not remember their joy when

they imagined that they had escaped unnoticed?... Then, each with pride related her performances: "In such and such a circumstance, Mamma, you nearly took me by surprise... Again, I betrayed myself in speaking and I almost revealed my secret... but fortunately you were careful and did not guess anything... And then, this other time... and then again... again.."

At that time, you were almost ravished into ecstasy over our *extraordinary address*, by our ingenuity... and we almost believed ourselves to have accomplished one of the seven wonders of the world... Now, we have grown older and wiser, but we still take pleasure in practising this spirit of childhood which procures such innocent joys and which Our Lord Himself formerly praised so highly... As in former days, it is a real happiness for us to prepare in secret, surprises for those who now take the place of our dear mothers.

So, this evening, we celebrate the patronal feast of our beloved Mistress and we are proud that our projects have been realized without any obstacle. When the desired moment has arrived the first notes of a joyous trio gaily resound and our Mistress makes her appearance in the reception hall, accompanied by our professed Sisters. The programme is a simple one, composed of songs, recitations, piano and violin pieces, followed by a little play. Was it this character of simplicity which so pleased our Mistress and merited for us appreciable congratulations?...

These little family celebrations which, at the Convent of the Immaculate Conception always draw to a close by the singing of the Magnificat, fill our hearts with an inexpressable happiness, which, we believe may be experienced only in the blessed abode of a convent.

Sunday, June 17

Most beautiful weather permits the young ladies of the two Sewing Circles, "Our Lady of the Missions" and "St Therese of the Child Jesus," to have the pious pilgrimage which they had proposed to make to our Novitiate chapel. We are pleased to receive them, they who wish so ardently to co-operate in the beautiful work of the Missions and whom for this reason, God and the Blessed Virgin must love in a special manner.

At eight o'clock Holy Mass is celebrated during which the two groups execute beautiful singing. Then, during their thanksgiving, for all have received Holy Communion, they recite together the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception. From the depths of her illuminated grotto, the spotless Virgin smiles upon her children, and countless blessings will be the maternal reply from Mary to the praises and entreaties addressed to her.

On leaving the chapel, the young ladies repair to our little grove to there partake of the refecton which we have prepared for them and to which they give zest by their joyous discourse. The rest of the morning is spent in roaming through the little woods gathering foliage and little flowers with which they decorate themselves and finally in taking photographs which they will keep as souvenirs of a pleasant day.

Before taking their leave, they return to the chapel to there offer a last token of homage to the Eucharistic Host and to the Queen of our domain, and we bid them a joyous "Good-bye."

Monday, June 18

Now that the warm days have come, we go out in the open air for study, recreation and hand-sewing, under the tall trees where verily we believe ourselves to be in a little corner of Paradise. We here breathe the purest air, all the noise of the world and the big city has died away long before it reaches us; our eyes drink in with avidity the beauty of the azure sky and glittering waves, varied little flowers are strewn over the verdant carpet on which we tread, above our heads the little birds execute for us ravishing concerts accompanied by the soft quivering of the foliage, the odor of the clover and the sweet-smelling hay charm us. In fine all the beauties of creation and the bounties of the Creator are touchingly displayed before us and draw from our hearts a continual act of thanksgiving. Oh! yes, thanks, dear God, to have given us such a beautiful calling... it is something of the hundredfold which Thou hast promised to whosoever has left all to follow Thee!

Thursday, June 21

One of our Sister novices has just received a hive from her father. Nothing is more interesting than to follow the work of these little laborers which makes one think that they are gifted with intelligence, so keen is their instinct. What charmed us mostly to-day was to watch those charged with protecting the entrance to the hive, (for it seems that each has its own function), range themselves, in close file thus forming a tight chain which advance without disuniting to drive back a big fly (vulgarly known as the "worm insect") without nevertheless stinging it as they do when it is a question of chasing away an ox-fly a drone, an insect, etc. or to protect themselves against someone who seemingly would wish to harm them.

Some of our Sisters who have a little knowledge of bee-keeping, inform us that they refrain from stinging this intruder so as not to soil themselves as these flies are very dirty. That is why they take great precaution not to do so, but unite to form a barrier which blocks the entrance to the intruder which they drive back little by little until it is quite beyond their domain.

We are all enraptured and praise God for having placed such perfection in these simple little creatures, which though deprived of reason, teach us many lessons which cause us to reflect.

If we had as God's little bees, fear for all which tends to soil, if we knew as they, how to place no impediment to the accomplishing of God's Holy Will and faithfully correspond to His personal designs, what grandeur, beauty, order and happiness would exist on earth and how numerous would be the sweet honeycombs to be presented to the Master in taking our place at the eternal festival!

Saturday, July 7

Our Sisters who are to take a rest during the summer season at our house at Nominig have now reached their destination. A few of them had spent a short time in our sweet solitude at Pont Viau while awaiting the hot weather and we gladly receive from time to time a welcome missive from one or the other of these dear Sisters. Would you like, dear Sisters of the Missions, to hear in the Novitiate Chronicles the reverberation of a few of the joyous echoes which come to us from our smiling oasis of Nominig? As the greater number among you have enjoyed the charms of this Laurentide country, we surmise that everything there will be of interest to you. We commence by the last letter received by our good Sister Superior who never keeps for herself alone a pleasure that she can share with others.

Nominig, July 6, 1928.

DEARLY BELOVED SISTER SUPERIOR,

"Yes, indeed, we have arrived safely in dear Nominig. For already six days we have been enjoying the bracing mountain breezes. We are filled with admiration at the sight of the enchanting landscapes which surround us and long do we contemplate the gigantic lakes, the magnificent mountains; in fine, in a more charming manner than words can express, we see and admire God in all the marvels of nature which environ us.

"Nevertheless, to admire at ease all these splendors one must not think too often of Pont Viau, for then the panorama becomes misty. How expect otherwise, since the Novitiate and the dear Mother-House bear for us such special attractions which are to be found nowhere else. The air that we breathe in these hallowed precincts strengthens the mind at the same time as the body. The tiniest hills have the power of raising our thoughts heavenward, and the waters, although much more modest than our immense lakes, sing in rippling strains, the goodness of our all-bountiful Lord!.. But, since God has placed us here, let us gaily dissipate the gloom and neath the gaze of our Blessed Mother spend joyously each moment of our country sojourn.

"Oh! how privileged do I feel I the child of the Queen of Heaven, and what a joy to think that because of this gratitude which I owe you, many blessings, much happiness will be accorded you by our Immaculate Mother.

"My cell is in the former sacristy which faces the spacious room (the former chapel) and during the night if I had time to awaken, I would believe myself to see the spirits of the former canons walking to and fro... but I have something else to do must I not dream of Outremont, of Pont Viau? Everyone is feeling better and is growing stronger.

"Many thanks for your kind inquiry.

"Your very affectionate little sister in Mary Immaculate."

Sister MADELEINE-DE-LA-CROIX

Sunday, July 8

The evening recreation has hardly begun when a few of us solicit the favor of an excursion to... "the Point"... Oh! "the Point!!!" This word alone arouses a world of enthusiasm and our dear Mistress acquiesces to the general desire. Doves and crows immediately mingle together and the flight sets in motion; warbling cheerfully it is soon lost to sight under the tall trees of our little grove which appears to us quite filled with mystery. Farther and farther do we advance... Finally, here we are at the Point Oh! how beautiful it is! how beautiful! do we all exclaim. And the spectacle is imposing, almost enchanting. In the mirror of the peaceful waters is reflected, all empurpled with the last fires of the day, the firmament in all its splendor. A few steps from the shore, a tiny bark, like a nimble swallow fluttering over the waves, steers gently towards the deep; the mysterious silence of the little grove, which would we say even hushes the rustling of its foliage as if through respect for the majesty of this spot. In fine this entire panorama so pretty and so majestic which captivates our ravished gaze, urges us to praise the Divine Artist, author of such beauties, of such grandeur!!!

After having contemplated nature for a long time, we seat ourselves upon the grass and listen to our dear Mistress and our good Sister-in-charge who, upon our request recall a few remembrances of by-gone days, of the happy days of their novitiate, when they had our venerated Mother-foundress to direct them in the material as well as in the spiritual path. "At that time," do they tell us, "the privations of holy poverty made themselves felt more than to-day... and if sometimes a few acts of self-denial became of a nature to depress us, a catechism lesson, a word of encouragement, a glance from our good Mother immediately consoled us, and we then believed ourselves almost capable of imitating her example, of following in her giant strides towards perfection, so much did she arouse our enthusiasm for the glory of God and the salvation of souls". Our Sisters then relate to us certain incidents which clearly illustrate what has just been told us....

But while we relive with an unparalleled interest, the days of long ago, time speeds by as on wings... The first stars already appear in the firmament no longer is heard the chirping of the little birds: they are already nestled for the night. As they, let us also return to the dove-cot, but beforehand let us waft heavenward a filial melody to our Immaculate Mother.

The consecration of His Lordship Bishop P. Tch'eng

SUANHAWAFU, CHINA, 8— The consecration of His Lordship Bishop Pierre Tch'eng who has just been named Vicar Apostolic of Suanhawafu took place on June 3. His Lordship Bishop Tch'eng is successor to His Lordship Bishop Philip Tchao, who died in October 1927, while devoting himself to the refugees of the war. The day following the consecration of the new prelate, a funeral service commemorating the death of the deceased bishop was celebrated.

Pauline Marie Jaricot

Foundress of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith.

THE BEGGAR OF CHRIST

(Continued)

The extreme misfortune to which Pauline was reduced, lessened neither her zeal nor her charity: "I have been created to love and to act," did she say. This explains the continuation of her work despite the violence of opposition which she continually met with. Reverend Father Ravignon one day tells us: "I suffer to see Miss Jaricot in like trouble with regard to a work which did so much good and prevented so much evil. It is a pity that it was not understood at Frohsdroff and elsewhere. I think it necessary to take other steps so as to save this noble enterprise... There is much generosity in the English character and your friend is known and venerated by the Catholics of England. You must go thither". The venerated religious was not mistaken. Save a few discordant voices, there arose from among our brothers of the Isle of Saints an unanimous chorus of praise and admiration for the regenerating work of which the benefit should spread even unto the innumerable population buried in the mines of Great Britain and to which no moral life was given. We can give but a feeble token of gratitude to the distinguished personages who gave to Pauline and to her work such effective proofs of Christian sympathy.

His Grace Archbishop Wiseman of Westminster, since named Cardinal, favored our humble proceedings to the best of his ability. But His Grace met with the *strangest opposition*.

Mgr. Hendran, Vicar Apostolic for the district of the West, the poorest in England, forgetting his own distress deigned to solicit and to collect himself alms from his parishioners for the work of Our Lady of the Angels.

His Lordship Right Reverend Bishop Gillis of Edinburgh wrote telling us how greatly he desired to prove his gratitude to Miss Jaricot for the interest she had taken at the time of the foundation of the first convent in Scotland. His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin, having learned of Pauline's misfortunes was moved to compassion and although the rigors of famine together with those of an intense cold threatened to carry off his people, this father of the poorest of the poor found in his heart and in that of his children, the desire and even the means of assisting the servant of God: "Winter over," does he say, "the persecuted will beg in order to give something to help the working-class, as they are begging for some time past so as to give their penny each week to the Propagation of the Faith."

The celebrated John Newman whose return to the Catholic Faith created such sensation, and who later was to be created Cardinal by Leo XIII., being but a simple religious of the Oratory, recommended in these terms the project of Our Lady of the Angels. "This enterprise is beyond my

commendation, possessing by its nature the strength to persuade by itself, had it an origin less holy and approvals less eminent. Also must we admit that the name of the Foundress of the Propagation of the Faith is, by itself alone, a direct and most powerful call to the interest and co-operation of all the Catholics of the entire world. Father Spencer became a Passionist Father and the celebrated Doctor Digby, both having so gloriously returned to the Church, exercised all their influence to procure help for Pauline whom they deeply venerated.

The last descendant of royal blood, Viscount Stuart, wrote us a letter which contained the love of the unfortunate queen for France. To the most chivalrous expression of this love was joined a generous alms *with a request to have it inscribed in the name of Mary Stuart.*

The pious and charitable Queen Marie Amelie, refugee at Claremont, near London, inscribed her own name on the list of benefactors of Our Lady of the Angels and Her Majesty expressed her deep regret that the confiscation of the possessions of the family of Orleans did not permit her to favor *liberally* the realization of this *magnificent project.*

This project suffered in France the reaction of political emotions, in presence of an inevitable crisis, and the best intentions were captivated therein.

Pauline had written to us with complete abandonment concerning her work. Immediately after, fearing to have appeared in our eyes to count on *other* than divine assistance, she at once penned these lines which enlightened us with a celestial brightness of her design of regeneration.

"As I cannot rid myself of an anxiety with regard to my last letter, I am here addressing you a few lines of explanation. God grant that I shall never pretend by my own industry or by any purely human means to bring about the success of this work of the laborer... No I confess with happiness and full of conviction that man who is nothing, who can do nothing by himself for his own salvation, *can do nothing either for the salvation of his brethren.* His every word and movement each one of his efforts without exception will have no result if the Almighty is not Himself the light which illumines, the way which leads to success and the life which makes him live in purity, faith and love...

"May all pretention contrary to this unique power of Jesus Christ, who *alone is holy, who alone is great* be banished forever... In vain, if not from this God, come down from heaven to save fallen mankind, in vain do I repeat, would one seek a remedy capable of healing the wounds of society... Those who would attempt to do so would be as poor blind beings, who, adventuring alone in the country would bring back from their senseless rambles, naught else but wounds caused by the objects which they grasped as aids and which became for them but stumbling blocks.

"No, no, all dreams of philosophy, every act of human devotedness would be as germless seeds for the social regeneration, if Jesus Christ is not its source. Without Jesus Christ 'tis death... He who is the Truth, has said: 'I am the vine; you the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.'

"If anyone abide not in me, he shall be cast forth as a branch, and shall wither, and they shall gather him up, and cast him into the fire, and he burneth.

"These words are the explanation of all the good that has been and will be accomplished in the world as well as of human powerlessness to do the least good; I acknowledge to you, my friend, that this is the vivifying secret of all my strength and fearlessness.

"What cannot the Christian do when Jesus Christ is his chief, when Jesus Christ inspires him, speaks by him, and lives in Him? Here, dear friend, is the good I hope from the zeal of our regenerated laborers. After having fortified themselves in the combat against their passions they will later go to try their strength against these same passions in order to deliver their brethren by the all-powerful virtue of Jesus, the divine Workman, King and absolute Master of all hearts. If man is nothing, Jesus Christ in man can do much, when it is no longer *man* who lives, reigns and acts in him... For this reason do I do as the woman who wishing to attend to the charges of her household, stirs the ashes of the hearth, therein seeking a spark which will enkindle the fire."

Her ambition was indeed that of enkindling among the masses the sacred fire of religion, which everything tended to extinguish.

And nevertheless, while her noble design was understood, admired and upheld by strangers, it was scoffed at in France and with an ironical smile did one say: "Is it a woman's duty to deal with a social question? Be satisfied with *your* Rosary and let the century of which you do not understand the *progress* glide along... Since then the age has advanced. The one and the other have deadened the sweet voice which repeated: *Peril is imminent! God alone can save us!* Other voices have smothered it in crying. "Let freedom hold sway!!!"

Yes, and its result... the Commune with its horrors, unless Our Lord, the divine Inheritor of nations, at last hears the prayers of *his servant* in favor of France for which she had an inconceivable love.

Already, time, this great master of men and objects, has changed the thoughts of several in giving them many lessons. Half a century ago was blamed the temerity of the virgin-apostle facing social and religious peril of the demoralization of the working-class. At the present moment when from all sides arise the terrible consequences — foreseen by her — of this demoralization her heroic audacity to avert these perils is pardoned.

A few years more when the Christian ideas of France will be destroyed by impiety, and when it will desire to relive its glorious days of yore it will be forced to follow *the way of regeneration* traced fifty years ago by the messenger of Christ, the divine Laborer... And then perhaps, in response to the desires of so many, He will deign to give as *patron of working-people*, this Pauline Marie, who has worked and suffered so much, in order to *help and save them* !...

THROUGH THE WORLD

For what is my strength that I can hold
out.

My strength is not the strength of stones,
nor is my flesh of brass.

Behold there is no help for me in my-
self, and my familiar friends also are
departed from me.

(BOOK OF JOB, CHAPTER VI, 12-13)

On our return from Paris after a six month's sojourn in England, we found our saintly friend in a state of physical and moral suffering, for which the Master of Life reserved the just appreciation and recompense. If the alms collected in the *Isle of Saints* were considerable, despite the poverty of the Catholics of this country, they were far from sufficing to the crushing charges which from year to year or rather from month to month increased in enormous interests to which were added the expenses of unrighteous processes brought against her by wickedness, envy or bad faith.

Pauline endured inexpressible perplexities without letting her heart open to resentment, and her courage increased according as the burden became heavier.

One evening after long hours spent in painful trips in the midst of Paris in festal gayety on the occasion of New Year's, alone, distant from home and from her cherished little family of Loretto she feels herself attacked by the unspeakable sadness which the dawn of a New Year brings to the afflicted... She recalls that in former years she seized with joy this occasion to make others happy, and to see happiness flourish around her!...

To-day, poor and abandoned, she is obliged to ask for help and to endure indifference or refusals.

These reflections abound in her broken heart... she suddenly tears herself from them in order to attempt to inculcate into the terrified souls who still compose the little *Society of Mary*, total abandonment to the Holy Will of God, abandonment which has become *her guide and anchor* in the midst of the surging waves of adversity.

Her letter is filled with charming comparisons at the conclusion of which this avowal revealing the secret of her struggles escaped from the heart of the exiled mother.

"Nevertheless, I confide it to you. My poor nature repeats hundreds and hundreds of times in the sorrows which oppress it: 'O God when wilt Thou come? Remember thy promises. Save thy people!' And a thousand like supplications to which the soul replies: 'I shall await in confidence the day of the Lord!'"

This divine day awaited with such great love, should not, alas! dawn for her but in eternity. But in hoping, she worked without intermission to repair *the injustices which were not her own*, said her faithful companion, Maria Dubouis, and for this reason never did she shrink before any humiliation whatever.

She accepted that *of asking the Council of the Propagation of the Faith to no longer hinder the subscription everywhere of two cents a month which he associates of this work wished to add to their annual subscription. But her request remained unheeded and opposition became more and more unrelenting.*

Pauline experienced at Paris all the rigors of poverty, without ever complaining. Maria Dubouis has given us on this distressing point such details that we must pass them over in silence so as not to shock the reader.

However, material privations were much easier to accept than so many other things which the venerable mendicant supplicated: the visits to the people of the world their frivolous conversations, their compliments carried to excess and resulting in... nothing. But especially, oh! especially the impossibility to which she was reduced to be unable to help the work of which the thought never left her. Besides, after having confided her anguishes in writing, to Our Lord, she added: "And now, O God, I beg you to permit that this mountain in which Thy bountiful hand has deposited such resources, send forth treasures according to the daily needs of your family, provide expedient help... Such are, my King, my Saviour, my Father, my faithful Friend, the wishes and prayers which the humblest of Thy creatures dares to offer to Thy Sovereign Majesty."

These trials had become so inconceivable by their continuity, nature and violence, that not only strangers, but moreover her *closest kindred* finally wondered if God had not withdrawn Himself from her, in punishment for a wrong-doing known to Him alone.

To this doubt expressed before him, Mgr. Parisi who was neither *blind* nor *flatterer* replied: "And since when have we the right to ask God to render account of His conduct? *Sursum corda!* I am convinced that *God is performing His work* in conducting a like soul by an unheard-of tribulation. Vainglory may overtake the holiest. Miss Jaricot had performed, while yet quite young, such admirable works, that God wishes perhaps to preserve her soul from a deadly poison in proportioning, so to say, the humiliation of the present moment to the glory of the past!... I explain in no other way the defeat of this generous woman, in a work of which, everything humanly speaking should assure the success."

Who knows what this long martyrdom will be worth? Will it have any other end than death?... What will become of the so noble work which has caused it? I do not know... *that of which I am certain is that sooner or later the society in desperate straits will strive to regasp the last hope of salvation which it actually rejects.* To these same doubts, here is another answer of a divine character. We reproduce it exactly as it is found in the life of a humble virgin, Sister Mary Catherine Putigny, lay-sister of the Visitation of Metz.

Following the enumeration of the works and tribulations of the victim, it reads:

"Her director, a saintly priest, seeing her assailed by such strange and humiliating trials dreaded the responsibility of guiding this soul in such an obscure and thorny path. He therefore requested the Very Reverend Mother Marie Seraphine Fournier, Superior of our first monastery of Paris to give him the assistance of her insight and knowledge, she so versed in the direction of souls and of which he was fully aware. Pauline was residing in the same monastery but outside the cloister. But so annihilated and concealed was the action of God, that the skilful directress, herself uncertain of the spirit which conducted this tried soul, did not venture to make a declaration.

"Having had the occasion of understanding and appreciating the virtues of our Sister Marie Catherine, the worthy Mother consulted her as to the hardships of Miss Jaricot, without revealing anything that she knew about them. In dictating her answer our good Sister asked that it be produced textually, for often, does she say, in changing one word only, the sense of what God wished to express is altered.

"Our divine Lord had revealed to her in Holy Communion that the person concerned was led by His spirit; that her state was pleasing to Him and that having been placed at the head of great works and highly praised in the world, the crucifying trials that she endured had for aim to humiliate and to make her forget the good which she had already accomplished, as well as to preserve her from the danger of vainglory."

The magnificent Brief issued by His Holiness Leo XIII. confirms the truth of these words.

In the month of March 1850 Pauline suffered a recrudescency of pain, in trials, injustice and dejections which grieved her the moreso, since they came from those whom she loved and venerated. The purity and the uprightness of her intentions were the more openly doubted and as soon as a way of safety was shown to her, some jealous hand hastened to conceal it. So profound was the night, that her crucified soul could no longer enjoy the least consolation, the least rest, even when her thoughts wandered to her dear little family of Loretto.

"I hardly venture to ask for news," did she write to Marie Melquiond, "so much do I fear to learn of something too painful. But I reproach myself for so little faith. Let us repeat with greater confidence than ever, the cry uttered from our hearts at the moment when the bullets pierced our chapel walls: *Jesus is with us, we have nothing to fear!* Pray fervently for me, for *I have still in my soul a tiny drop of the repugnance which the adorable Victim in the hour of His Passion willed to suffer for us.*"

As in the West, the members of the Council of the Living Rosary greatly sympathized with the cause of laborers and desired to see its foundress. Pauline deigned to condescend to this desire, in which she foresaw a means of salvation. She left, therefore, to collect alms in the different cities, and sent us to Mans, where influential persons had already commenced to organize the subscription asked by her.

He would like to know the details of the painful trips in which so many acts of humility and self-denial were practised. The faithful Maria Dubouis alone could cite them, since she had been the only witness. But the participation even which she had had in the merits of her saintly Mother rendered her extremely reserved on this point. It was only by surprise that we have been able to know something of them.

"In a large linen bag which I carried on my back," does she tell us, "had been placed two cushions and a blanket, with which I tried to make a bed for my poor Mother; then our belongings, books and two brass medallions, which she loved to show to prove the good quality of the mineral of Our Lady of the Angels. In a black bag which I carried in my left hand, I placed the business papers (alas! large bundles of them!). Then medallions, crosses, rosaries etc. which our Mother distributed to her travelling companions.

"All this was so heavy that my limbs often ached violently, but I said nothing and ever advanced, supporting our Mother on my right arm who, very tired, leaned on me with all her weight.

"When the children or errand-boys saw me thus overcharged, they ran after us offering to carry our baggage. As we did not accept their help they mocked us.

"As for myself, I was young, strong and accustomed to hardships but it was not so for our Mother. I was grieved by her privations and fatigues but she accepted them with cheerfulness as if she did not suffer from them.

"One day after having travelled for a long time, the stage-coach stopping before a little inn, she ordered soup for me, and for herself, a dish which she greatly disliked. I was much astonished at her choice but I did not venture to pass a remark before the other travellers there present. However, as she had difficulty in eating and as we were now quite alone, I said to her: 'Ah! poor Mother, what a strange treat you are partaking of!'

"She looked around her and seeing that there was no one, she replied jokingly:

'Dear child, you do not yet know all my stratagems of war... I chose *this treat* so as to stifle every desire for eating...'

"Ah! how my heart swelled. I could scarcely restrain my tears."

(To be continued)



A missionary is a man who, inspired with a vocation from on high, edified by the noble example of the saints and apostles of God, and filled with a pure love of Christ and souls, gives himself to propagate the Gospel among the heathen; a messenger of the true Faith, a messenger of the Catholic Church, and a witness of divine Truth, he spends himself on this earth to make known the knowledge of God.

Little Missionary

Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin

for favors obtained

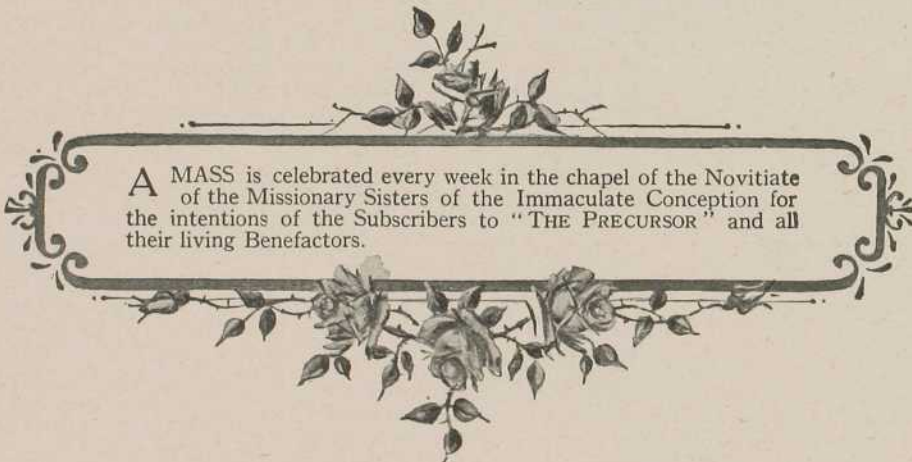


"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection."

BL. HENRY SUZO.

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