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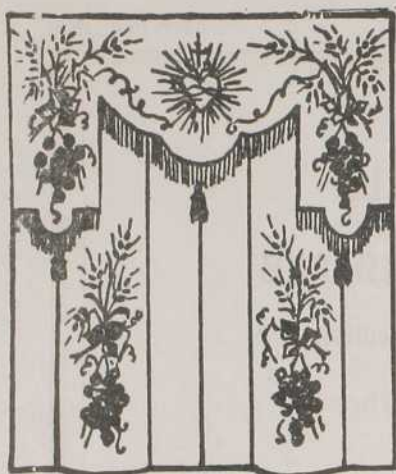
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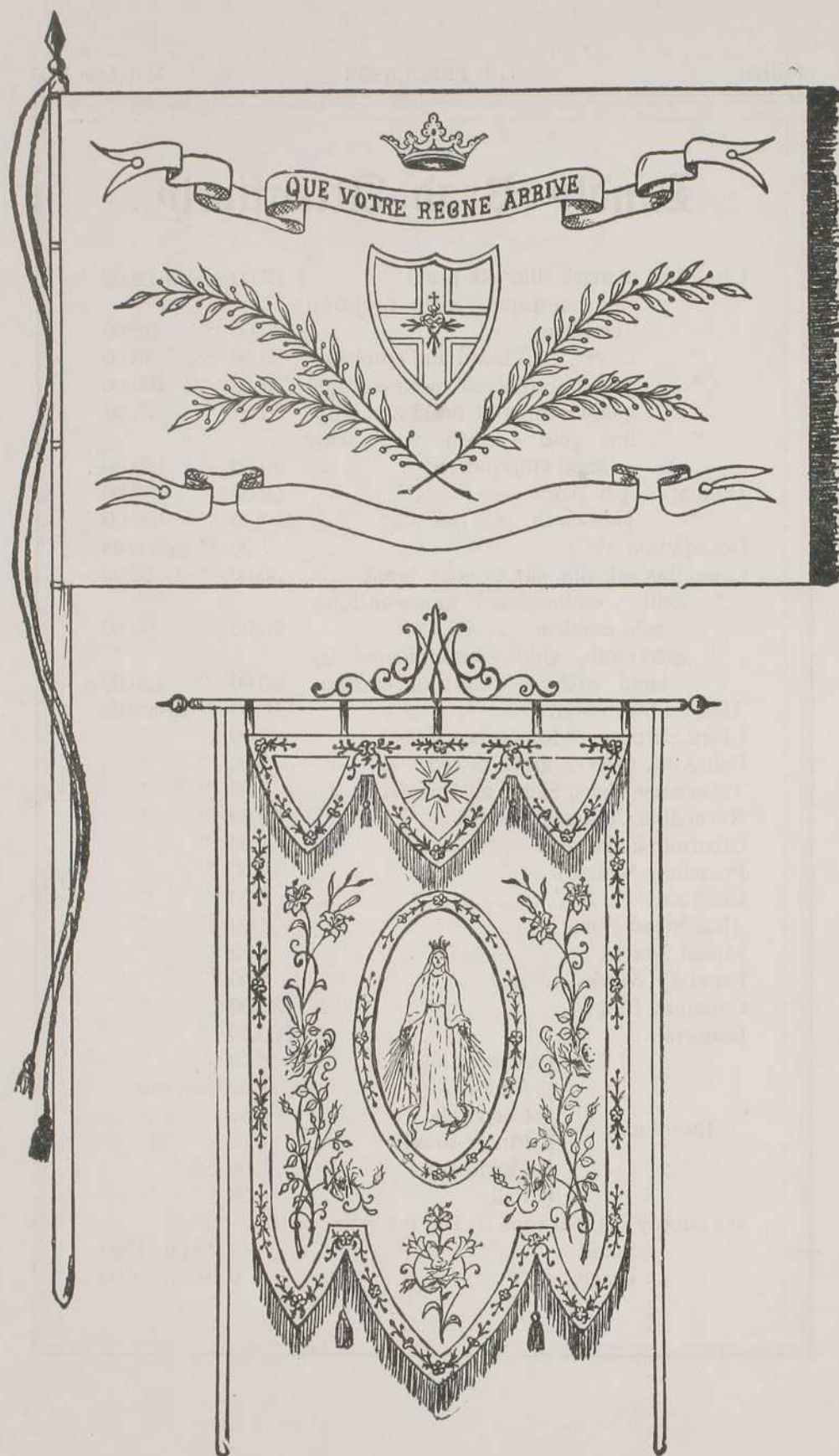


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- 1. — **Founders**, those who donate \$1,000.00 or more.
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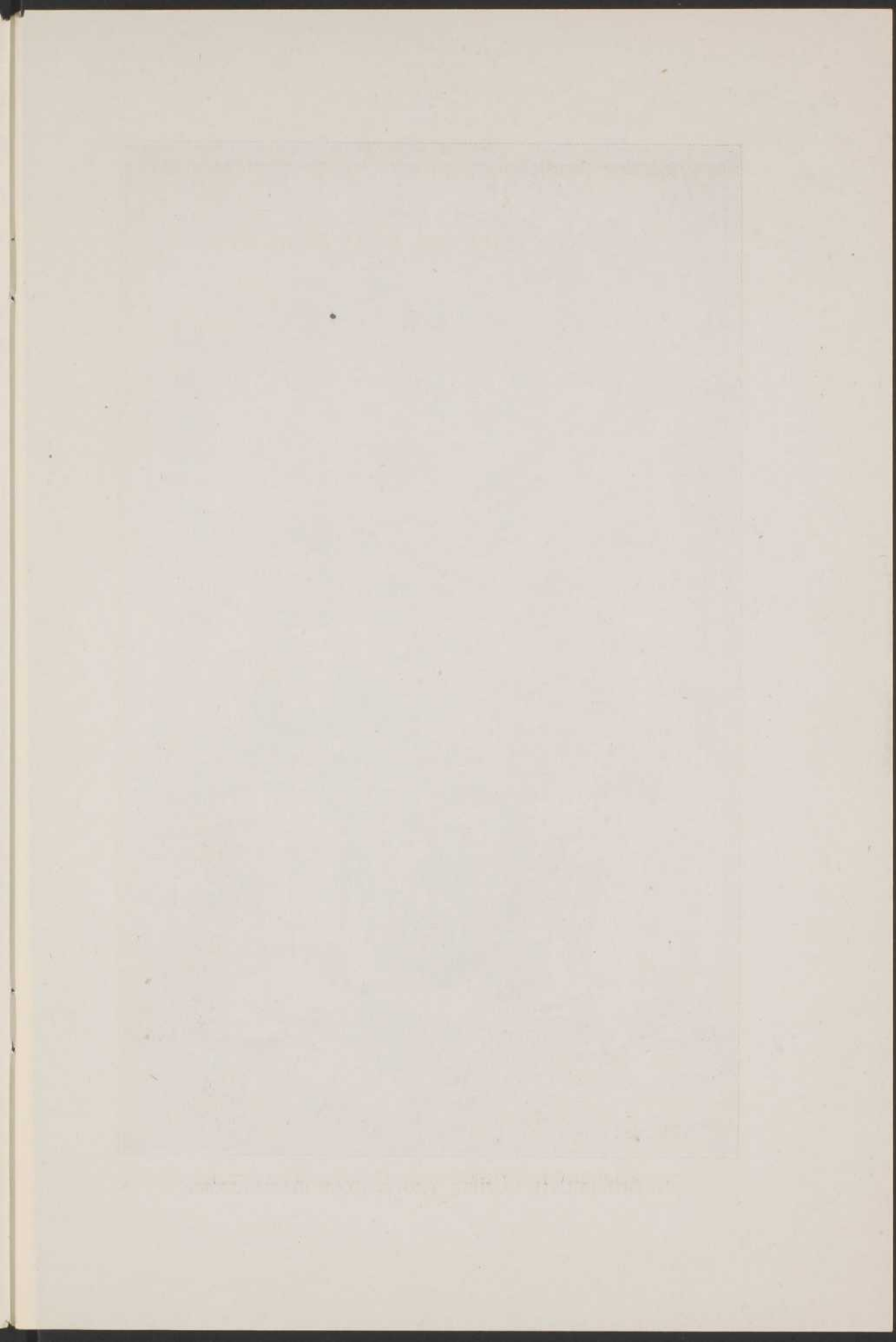
The Society also considers as Benefactors, all persons who contribute to the maintenance of its works any offering whatever, in money or kind.

Privileges Accorded to Benefactors

While commending their Benefactors to God, that He Himself may reward them according to their generosity, the Missionary Sister 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 member 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 Lazeretto 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.
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- 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.





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The Loveliness of Mary

*Raise your voices, vales and mountains,
Flowery meadows, streams and fountains,
Praise, oh, praise the loveliest Maiden
Ever the Creator made.*

*Murmuring brooks, your tributes bringing,
Little birds with joyful singing,
Come with mirthful praises laden,
To your Queen be homage paid.*

*Say, sweet Virgin, we implore Thee,
Say, what beauty God sheds o'er Thee,
Praise and thanks to Him be given.
Who in love created Thee.*

*Like a sun with splendour glowing,
Gleams Thy heart with love o'erflowing,
Like the moon in starry heaven,
Shines Thy peerless purity.*

*Like the rose and lily blooming,
Sweetly heaven and earth perfuming,
Stainless, spotless, Thou appearest,
Queenly beauty graces Thee.*

*But, to God in whom Thou livest,
Sweeter joy and praise Thou givest,
When to Him in beauty nearest,
Yet so humble Thou canst be.*

St. Alph. of Liguori.

An Important Event in the History of the Foreign Mission Seminary

Reverend Father J. L. A. Lapierre, the first Canadian Superior in Manchuria has been named Prefect Apostolic of Szepinghai.

The apostolic prefecture of Szepinghai, separated from the apostolic vicariates of Mukden and Jehol on July 9, 1929, and confided to the Foreign Mission Society of the Province of Quebec numbers nearly 2,000,000 inhabitants, 2,000 of whom are Christians. Nineteen missionaries of the Society and one Chinese missionary are stationed there.



Seated in the centre: Mgr. J. L. A. Lapierre of the Foreign Missions Seminary of the Province of Quebec, First Prefect Apostolic of the Canadian Prefecture of Szepinghai

Mgr. Joseph Louis Adelmar Lapierre who was recently named Prefect Apostolic of Szepinghai by His Holiness Pope Pius XI. was born on July 27th, 1880, at St. Hermas in the diocese of Montreal. He received his education at the Seminary at St. Therese and later at the Montreal Seminary. He was ordained at St. Jerome on July 8th, 1906, by His Lordship Bishop Racicot and exercised the sacred ministry in different parishes for several years.

In 1921, the year in which the Foreign Mission Seminary was founded, he became the first assistant of Very Reverend Canon J. A. Roch, Superior of the new Society. In this same year he was appointed chaplain of the Mother House of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

while the two other members of the Society, Very Reverend Canon J. A. Roch and Reverend Father Rondeau were most kindly received at the Provincial House of the Clerics of St. Viator and a few weeks later at the former presbytery of the parish of St. Viator in Outremont which the devoted Clerics gratuitously placed at their disposal as a contribution to their apostolic work until 1924 when their Seminary was built at Pont Viau.

Reverend Father Lapierre then became procurator at the new Seminary and chaplain of the Novitiate of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception at Pont Viau. In 1925, he left with Reverend Fathers Bérichon and Lomme, to open the first Canadian mission in Manchuria. After spending a year in Mukden studying the Chinese language, he was sent to the mission of Leao Yuan Sien as pastor and in 1928 was named Superior of the Canadian missionaries in Manchuria.

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception offer to the new prefect of Szepinghai their lively congratulations and their most ardent wishes of health and success in the holy work that he is undertaking for God's glory in the pagan land of Manchuria, and in which they are happy to co-operate.

Great Missionary Celebrations in Montreal

MISSIONARY EXPOSITION

From the 21st to the 28th of September next great missionary celebrations will take place in Montreal. These celebrations are being organized in the aim of rendering homage to Our Holy Father Pope Pius XI., "The Pope of the Missions" on the occasion of the closing of his Sacerdotal Jubilee and of arousing the zeal of the people of Canada in favor of the missions.

Cause of the Beatification of His Lordship Bishop De Mazenod

When diocesan processes for beatification are ended they must, according to rules, remain sealed for ten years in the Roman archives before being examined and presented before the Court of Rome.

A dispense from this Canonical Law has been obtained and the cause of His Lordship Bishop de Mazenod has been officially introduced in the Court of Rome.

Together with his children, all those whom he has aided are asked to continue to pray most fervently in order that, if such be the Holy Will of God, His devoted servant will be beatified without delay.

Bishops recently appointed

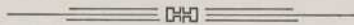
On December 9th last the Holy See named Mgr. Joseph Guy of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Bishop of Zerta and Vicar Apostolic of Grouard, Alberta. The new Bishop succeeds Bishops Grouard and Joussard, O. M. I., who have resigned on account of their age.

Right Reverend James Charles McGuigan, Vicar General of the diocese of Edmonton succeeds His Grace Archbishop Mathieu as Archbishop of Regina.

Right Reverend Denis O'Connor, Vicar General of the diocese of London is named by the Holy See Bishop of Peterborough.

Very Reverend Father Gerald Murray, Provincial of the Redemptorists in Toronto, succeeds His Lordship Bishop O'Donnel as Bishop of Victoria.

The Precursor takes the liberty of offering to the new Archbishop and Bishops its humble homages and best wishes for a long and happy episcopate.



Devotion to our Lady of Lourdes in the Missions

Mission of Nyaunglebin, South Birmanie

Here is the account given us by Reverend Father Mignot of the foundation of the mission of Nyaunglebin: "In 1883, urged by my Superior, I went to raise Christ's Standard in a district where the word Christian was almost unknown. The beginning was hard.

Homeless and friendless, assisted by a catechist recently baptized, I resolutely set to evangelizing the pagans placing all my trust in Our Lady of Lourdes. And little by little, God blessing my endeavours, I had the happiness of pouring the saving waters of Baptism upon the brows of a few of these infidels, who up until then had bowed down to Satan. These were my first Christians, a drop of water, as it were, taken from the Ocean. But without delay, other conversions soon took place. Before me beamed a ray of hope. Without waiting any longer, in order to gather together my new recruits every Sunday, I built a house of a considerable size. On the first and only floor, I chose the place of honor for my chapel. In the two little rooms adjoining it I made my home. In the basement there was room enough for a school. Our Lady of Lourdes was chosen as Patroness, Queen and Mistress of this little dwelling and of the district in the centre of which it had been erected. In my chapel I placed a statue of Our Lady of Lourdes. As this new mission was dedicated to Mary, to this good Mother was due the honor of establishing her Son's kingdom among these pagan tribes and of manifesting her powerful protection and bounty.



One day, a catechumen travelled over the muddy roads in the pouring rain to tell me that one of my disciples was dangerously ill. He was my only Christian living in a pagan village and I had the greatest hopes that in time he would convert the numerous members of his family. What was to be done? As I had not a moment to lose I handed my messenger a little bottle of Lourdes water saying: "Go quickly to my disciple and tell him that he must not die. Tell him to make the Sign of the Cross, implore God's assistance, and while drinking this medicine repeat these words: 'Mother of Jesus, cure me.'"

My instructions were probably carry out but I received no news. I thought no more of the matter when fifteen days after, my catechumen who had come to market, paid me a visit.

"And how is my disciple," I enquired. "Very well," replied my companion. "But only fifteen, days ago you came telling me that he was very sick," I rejoined. True enough, Father, but your medicine immediately cured him and he has been well ever since. This liquid looked just like water but it had a marvellous effect just the same." Showing him the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes I said, "It is she who is represented by this statue who cured my disciple." And I immediately offered thanks to Mary for having cured this poor man.

As the number of my Christians rapidly increased I thought of having a beautiful church built in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. And despite all financial difficulties and the numerous obstacles put in my way by the infernal enemy, with the help of Our Blessed Lady the church at Nyaunglebin was blessed on April 30 th, 1902 by Mgr. Cardot, a number of priests, Christians and pagans assisting. More than one critic came to me afterwards saying: "This church is too beautiful for the Karians." I always answered: "It can never be too beautiful for Jesus and the Blessed Virgin."

Pope writes to Borneo to Priest Co-Jubilarian

(Fides Service)

Papar (British North Borneo, Malasia) — A seared and weather-beaten jubilarian still at his mission post in North Borneo was moved to tears when upon opening the mail from Europe his eyes beheld a personal letter of congratulations from a co-jubilarian, His Holiness Pope Pius XI. The tremendous honor fell to Father Aloysius Goossens of the Mill Hill missionaries who has the distinction of having been ordained as was His Holiness on December 20, 1879. Now 75 years old Father Goossens first arrived in Borneo July 10, 1881, and with some interruptions has labored at the apostolate ever since.

Though the letter from His Holiness is dated November 15, 1929, unfortunately it did not reach Father Goossens until December 26. Its superscription runs, "To my beloved son Aloysius Goossens of the Society of the Missionaries of St. Joseph of Mill Hill." The Holy Father begins by extolling the sanctity of apostolic labour and testifies his joy at learning how long the jubilarian has worked on the foreign field. He feels sure, he continues, that the day of his ordination must recall sweet memories since it is from the altar that is drawn the fervent spirit of self sacrifice for the salvation of souls. The pope then notes how the days of both their jubilees coincide and begs him to remember him during Mass that day. He wishes him length of days and God's choicest blessings, and imparts to him the Apostolic benediction.

Of the reception of this letter a priest companion of Father Goossens says, "Father Goossens was deeply touched by these cordial congratulations, one more proof of the great and deep paternal love of Pope Pius XI for his missionaries. 'That I, just an ordinary priest,' he said, 'rector of a remote little post like Papar should receive a letter from the Vicar of Christ! It is too much.' The old veteran's eyes filled and he wept like a child."

The letter was translated into Chinese and Dusun and read and explained to the crowds who flocked to Papar January 6, the day fixed for the jubilee celebrations in order that they should not interfere with the Christmas observances. (Fides Cor.)


Last Will and Testament of Cardinal Merry Del Val

The will of Cardinal Merry del Val, ex-secretary of state at the Vatican, who died on February 26th, was read on March 2nd before his brother, Marquis Alfonso Merry del Val, Spanish ambassador to London, and before several clergymen,

The deceased Cardinal has left his entire wealth to the Congregation of the Propaganda and has plainly expressed his desire that this money be remitted to needy missions. He also expressed the wish to be given a most humble funeral asking to be buried close by "my beloved Father and Pontiff Pope Pius X." "If this be impossible because of my unworthiness," he wrote, "then place my remains in his church at Prassede." The Cardinal ends by asking forgiveness from all whom he may have offended during his life.

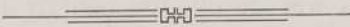
The funeral ceremony took place in St. Peter's at 10 o'clock on March 3rd.

When His Holiness Pope Pius XI. learned of the contents of the will of the deceased Cardinal he immediately ordered that his remains be placed as near as possible to the grave of Pius X., in the grotto of St. Peter's. After permitting that Cardinal Merry del Val be interred beside Pope Pius X., Our Holy Father Pope Pius XI. made known his desire of also being buried as near as possible to Pope Pius X.



New Chinese Prelates appointed

The Holy See has just appointed two Chinese prelates to whom two new apostolic vicariates in the Province of Szechwan, China, will be confided. They are: Reverend Fathers Ouang ouen Cien, first Vicar Apostolic of Shungking, and P. Francis Ouang, first Vicar Apostolic of Wanhsien.



Death of Donna Maria Sarto, Sister of His Holiness Pius X.

Donna Maria Sarto, sister of His Holiness died on the morning of March 30th in a little apartment which she had occupied since her august brother was raised to the sovereign pontificate. She was eighty-one years of age.

Our Holy Father Pope Pius XI sent her a special blessing for the hour of death and saw to her burial.

Donna Maria Sarto was the last living member of her family and the last of the relatives of His Holiness Pope Pius X.

*In memory of His Lordship Bishop Versiglia,
Lazarist*

*Vicar Apostolic of Shiu Chow, Kwang-tung,
Massacred by Chinese bandits*

ON Saturday, March 8, at 9 o'clock in the Holy Ghost Chapel, La-gauchetiere St. W., a Requiem High Mass was sung by Reverend Father Caillé, Pastor of the Chinese Colony of Montreal for the repose of the soul of His Lordship Bishop Versiglia, Bishop of Carystus, and Vicar Apostolic of Shiu Chow.

This venerable Prelate was killed by Chinese bandits after having been taken prisoner with one of his priests and three Chinese Sisters. When the priests of the mission presented themselves asking that their worthy Pastor be set free, they learned that His Lordship Bishop Versiglia had been put to death together with the priest who accompanied him and the three Chinese virgins.

Reverend Father Caillé considered it his duty to celebrate a Requiem High Mass for this noble missionary who shed his blood in order to safeguard the faith and the virtue of the virgins confided to his care.

The choir directed by Dr. Paul Trepanier sang the Yon Perosi Mass which Mr. Benoit Poirier, the organist of Notre-Dame Church, accompanied on the organ....

In the sanctuary could be seen: Reverend Father Bouhier, P. S. S., Pastor of Notre Dame Church, Very Reverend Canon Roch, Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary, Reverend Father J. A. Papineau, Pastor of St. Catherine's Parish, with whom His Lordship Bishop Versiglia stayed during his sojourn in Montreal four years ago, Reverend Father Henri Jeannotte, P.S.S., National Director of the Association of St. Peter the Apostle, Reverend Fathers Paul Gagnon, S. J., Policarpo Armadori, Superior of the Servites and Jacques Bartoliri, O. S. M.

Many distinguished personages were present, among others: Alderman Damase Gagnéux, Mr. Ludger Gravel, Mr. Wong Quoi, Vice-consul of the Chinese in Montreal, Dr. and Mrs. Omer Noel, Mr. G. De Angelis, Mr. Eurico and Guiseppe Luciola.

Several religious from the Mother House of the Grey Nuns, from the Patronage d'Youville and from Notre Dame Hospital were also present. The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and the Chinese virgins from the Mother House assisted at High Mass as also a goodly number of Catholic Chinese and Chinese children.

Cardinal Van Roey encourages Cause of Leper Hero of Molokai

Brussels (Belgium) — His Eminence Cardinal Van Roey, Archbishop of Malines, has encouraged the Superior General of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, of Picpus, to introduce in Rome the cause of Father Damien, leper hero of Molokai.

Father Damien De Veuster was born at Tremeloo in the Archdiocese of Malines January 3, 1840 and died a leper at Molokai April 15, 1888. On this island of the Hawaiian group the American Government had segregated some 600 lepers but at the beginning of the colony was unable to provide caretakers. On May 10, 1873 Father Damien was given permission by his bishop to become resident chaplain. In 1885, after 12 years of heroic work rendering spiritual care and also dressing the lepers' ulcers, helping them to erect their cottages, and even making their coffins and digging their graves when they died, he discovered that he himself had caught the disease. Three years later he died, working until within a month of his end. (Fides)

Beyond the Grave

Reverend Father Damien was assisted in the last moments of his life by two priests of his Order, Reverend Fathers P. Conrardy and W. Moellens who had been laboring with him for over a year. "How good God is," exclaimed the dying hero, "to have let me live long enough to have the happiness of having two priests with me at the hour of my death and to leave three good Sisters of Charity in our lazaretto! I have now but to recite my *Nunc dimittis*. The work among the lepers is now established, I am needed no longer so I may leave this earth.

"When you will be in heaven, dear Father," said Father Conrardy, "you will not forget the orphans you are leaving?"

"Oh, no! assuredly, if I am able to obtain graces from God, I shall ask for some for everyone in our lazaretto."

"Ask God to give me your generous heart," said Father Conrardy. "Leave me your cloak, as Elias."

"What will you do with it?" he smilingly rejoined, "it is full of leprosy germs."

In fact Father Conrardy seemed to have inherited the cloak of Father Damien whose eyes he closed; as he, he practised charity and self-abnegation even unto heroism.

He was the founder of the Shek Lung Lazaretto, near Canton, China. After the greatest sacrifices he succeeded in acquiring the sum necessary for the building of the chapel which may be seen there to-day, pavilions for the poor patients and two respectable residences, one for the priests and the other for the Sisters he expected. They were the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Montreal, who in 1913, left to assist by their devotedness, the courageous apostle who a year later died in Hong Kong worn out by hard labor, rich in merit before God and regretted by his helpers, the priests and religious, and by his immense family of unfortunates, the 700 lepers of Shek Lung.

Votive Offering

We are requested to publish the following:

In token of gratitude to Mary Immaculate for recovery from mortal illness, attributed to the intercession of this good Mother, by means of the miraculous medal and Lourdes water Mr. W. J. Geeves, Montreal, has placed over the Blessed Virgin's altar in the chapel of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Outremont, a marble slab on which the following inscription is written in golden letters:

"In thanksgiving to Our Immaculate Mother for a great favor received.
W. J. Geeves."

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

The Powerfulness of Mary

Allow me to tell you of an event which took place in the mission where I was stationed. In 1880, a woman having but little devotion unfortunately became so exasperated through spite for her own brother that she swore neither to forgive him in this world nor in the next. Owing to this ill-will she had abandoned the Sacraments and even prayer. She contracted a deathly disease which gradually sapped away her strength. The parish priest tried to have her utter a word of forgiveness but his zeal was all in vain. At the opening of the mission he begged me to try. This poor woman related the most terrible things to me. "See," she added, "I wish to have these words written on my tombstone: 'Here lies a woman who revenged herself!'" "And the thought of hell?" I compassionately rejoined. "The thought of hell? To know that I have had my revenge will console me in my torments." Completely exhausted, I advised this unfortunate woman to pray in order to obtain the courage to forgive. "I know," she replied, "that this grace would be granted me, but I do not wish to obtain it. "And for my sake will you consent to pray?" I asked. "Oh yes, as long as you want me to!" I knelt down, and taking a picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from my breviary, I placed it in her hands while reciting the Hail Mary. At the second Ave, this poor sinner interrupted me. "Father," she said, "that is enough. I am willing to forgive! Please hear my confession!" I cannot describe the happiness which then beamed upon her countenance, but I love to attest, for the greater glory of the Blessed Virgin, that at this moment I saw with my own eyes that prayer, especially when presented by Our Blessed Lady, is a dart which transpierces the skies. Extracted from "The Practice of Virtues"



Heroic Death of a Canadian Nun

On February 25th last, a religious of the Oblate Missionaries of the Sacred Heart and of Mary Immaculate, Reverend Sister Marguerite Marie Superior of the Convent at Cross Lake, Manitoba, died a victim of her devotedness in going in search of ten Indian children who were not to be found after the evacuation of the Convent which had become a prey to the flames.

We offer our most profound sympathy to the Community of this heroic religious.

Let us offer ourselves without delay and without reserve to Mary and beg her to offer us herself to God.

St. Alphonsus.



“The Little Flower”

*Blossomed a rosebud of rarest degree —
Lisieux' lineal Lily of France;
Beauteous bud from God's Garden, we see,
Blissfully blooming — a world to entrance.*

*Flower of Jesu! Most lovely from birth,
Heaven's bright blossom — immune from decay;
Far from the world with its riotous mirth
Close to her Chosen — her Spouse and her Stay.*

*Clasped to her bosom her Crucified King,
Resting on roses — her heart's love within;
Splendor of soul to her Lover does bring,
Carmel's rich garland — soon sainthood to win.*

*Garnered to glory and blooming to God —
Heaven's Apostle still sweetens the earth;
Fragrance fast falling where sad ways are trod
Tells of her splendor, her beauty, her worth.*

*“Showers of roses” earth reaches, regales,
Spreading their petals where worldly we nod;
Theresa's sweet graces fresh fragrance exhales,
Scenting the earth with the perfume of God.*

*Fill us with fervor to fling away sin,
Hidden forever in Folly's sealed tomb;
Shield us immune from the world's wildest din,
Back, through her blessing, to Childhood's bright bloom.*

*Take us in triumph to Jesu, her Spouse,
Humble contrite — and her client e'er be;
Ever rain roses — rich graces — to rouse
Millions who slumber — her Heaven to see!*

RONALD STEPHEN MACDONALD

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. Therese of the Child Jesus

Please find enclosed a money order for \$2.00 which I wish to go towards the Little Flower of Jesus Mission to thank the dear Saint for her powerful intercession. Mrs. J. L., **Montreal**. — Please accept my offering of \$5.00 in thanksgiving to St. Therese for favor received. Anonymous. — I am sending you \$1.00 in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in token of my gratitude for a favor that I was granted. E. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — Will you please place the enclosed cheque towards the Little Flower Burse in thanksgiving for favor received. Mrs. F. J. S., **Montreal West**. — Enclosed please find a postal note for .50 for the ransom of dying babies in thanksgiving to St. Therese. Miss M. W., **Toronto**. — Enclosed please find \$1.00 for my renewal subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and also \$1.00 for favor obtained. Mrs. W. G., **Verdun**. — Please accept this money order for \$10.00 in thanksgiving for a favor received through the intercession of St. Therese. Mrs. A. D. G., **Windsor, Ont.** — Grateful thanks to our powerful Patronness for favors obtained after promising donations to the missions. If I obtain other important graces I shall send more alms. D. D. — You will find enclosed the sum of \$6.00. \$5.00 is for your foreign missions and the rest is for lights in honor of St. Therese. This amount is in thanksgiving for a great favor obtained. Mrs. G., **Montreal**. — Offering of \$5.00 for the missions, a promise made St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Anonymous. — Please find enclosed \$5.00 for the missions. A thousand thanks to our good little Saint for a favor received. A Subscriber. — Please accept my offering of \$5.00 for the ransom of a baby likely to live. This is to finish paying the sum of \$10.00 which I promised if I were successful in the sale of property. I obtained my favor thanks to the prompt intercession of the Little Flower. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. O., **Montreal**. — I am enclosing the sum of \$1.00 to fulfil a promise made to St. Therese of the Child Jesus for a favor obtained. Mrs. A. D., **Three Rivers**. — We are gladly fulfilling our promise in sending you \$3.00 for your missions in honor of St. Therese for graces obtained. May this powerful little Saint ever protect us. Mrs. J. P., **Chicopee**. — Please find enclosed \$2.00 which I am sending in token of my gratitude to the Little Flower for a favor obtained through her intercession. I recommend to her my sister's health. C. F., **New Bedford**. — Offering of \$1.00 for the distant missions to prove my gratitude to St. Therese. Anonymous. — I am sending you a cheque for \$35.00 to help in the Little Flower Burse in thanksgiving for a favor received. One interested in your works. — A thousand thanks to St. Therese of the Child Jesus for several favors obtained. In token of my gratitude I am enclosing \$10.00 in favor of your missions. D. L., **Dalkuth**. — My offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving for a grace that I obtained through the intercession of the Little Flower. If this good Saint deigns to grant me another favor I promise to be a subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR" for the rest of my life. D. E. G., **St. Bruno**. — I had promised the Little Flower to become a life-long subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR" and to give an offering every year for missionary works if she obtained my cure. Thanks to her powerful intercession I have completely recovered. With all my heart do I thank her and hasten to fulfil my promise. Mrs. J. F., **Waterloo**. — You will find enclosed the sum of \$1.00 which I am sending in thanksgiving to St. Therese of the Child Jesus for a favor obtained. I am now asking for another. E. B., **Montreal**. — Happy I am to fulfil the promise I made to St. Therese of giving \$5.00 for your missions in gratitude for a grace accorded me. Miss B. B., **Bridgeport**. — Kindly accept my offering in honor of St. Therese in thanksgiving for favors obtained. Mrs. N. H., **Holyoke**. — I am enclosing my offering for the ransom of two Chinese babies in token of gratitude to the Little Flower of Jesus. Mrs. E. D., **Montreal**. — I am sending the sum of \$1.00 for the support of the missionaries. This is my thank-offering to St. Therese for having given relief to my baby who has the whooping-cough. I have great confidence that she will cure my little one completely. Mrs. M. V., **North Adams**. — I am sending you \$2.00 in honor of St. Therese of the Child Jesus for a favor she has granted me. Mrs. J. N., **Pittsfield**. — Offering in thanksgiving to your powerful Patronness for the ransom of two Chinese babies likely to live. Mrs. A. C., **St. Jerome**. — As our beloved little Saint whom we never invoke in vain has heard my humble prayers I am happy to send you \$5.00 in thanksgiving. Miss L. P., **Montreal**.

You are quite wrong to think of sorrows that the future may bring; it is, as it were, intermeddling with Divine Providence. We who run in the way of Love must never torment ourselves about anything. If I did not suffer minute by minute, it would be impossible for me to be patient; but I see only the present moment, I forget the past and I take good care not to anticipate the future. If we grow disheartened, if sometimes we despair, it is because we have been dwelling on the past or the future.

Hist. d'une âme.

O Jesus! could I but tell all *little souls* of Thine ineffable condescension! ... I feel that if it were possible to find one more weak than mine Thou wouldst take delight in showering upon her greater favours still, provided that she abandoned herself with entire confidence to Thine Infinite Mercy.

But why these desires, O my Beloved, to impart the secrets of Thy love? Is it not Thyself alone Who hast made them known to me and canst Thou not reveal them to others? Yes, I know it and I implore Thee to *do so: I beseech Thee to let Thy divine gaze rest upon an immense number of little souls, I beseech Thee to choose in this world a Legion of little victims worthy of Thy Love.*

Hist. d'une âme.

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 the Missionary of the donor and takes his place near the poor infidels. The Founders of **Burses** participate in all the spiritual advantages of the Community. The sum of \$1,000.00 given in one or several payments by one or many persons forms a complete **Burse**.

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

In September-October	1929.....	\$ 54.00
In November-December	"	149.25
In January-February	1930.....	310.00
In March-April	"	196.00

Echoes from our Missions

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters en route for Koriyama, Japan,
to our beloved Mother*

Tuesday, March 5



Your travelling children are most anxious to again express to you their gratitude for the great happiness you have caused them in sending them to the Missions and to give you a little news of their trip. We are all well and happy. Before long we shall reach Calgary.

The weather here is the same as June weather in Montreal. There is no snow. We go outside on the observatory for recreation. There also we perform our spiritual exercises with the beautiful works of God before our eyes.

The train reached Winnipeg at a quarter past six yesterday evening. At the station we met a few relatives of our Sisters who gave us sandwiches, cake and even cough drops.

Thursday, March 6

Very Reverend Father Langlais, O. P., boarded the train at Calgary. The Reverend Pastor came to greet us giving us a book of the different customs in Japan. The details he gave us of the famous Japanese nation greatly interested us. We, however, continue to admire the beauties of nature which the loving hand of our Creator has so bountifully sown over our dear Canada.

Vancouver, Friday, March 7

Our trip to Vancouver was a most pleasant one. We were very eager to take a little rest in our little home on the coast. Sister Marie de la Visitation accompanied by Mrs. Leblanc, a kind benefactress of our hospital, had come to the station to meet us. Our first visit was to Our Lord in his modest chapel where we recited a fervent Magnificat. We found all our Sisters very happy.

As it is the First Friday the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. We spend happy moments before our Eucharistic Lord thanking Him for the many graces accorded us, imploring His assistance and asking Him to pay for us, by the hands of His holy Mother, the immense debt of gratitude that we owe you, dear Mother.

Saturday, March 8

Very Reverend Father Langlais said Mass in our chapel this morning. After Benediction he gave us a spiritual conference which did us much good. Sister Marie de l'Esperance came to the boat with us and helped us to get settled in our cabin. What affectionate attention did our dear Sisters show us during our short stay in Vancouver and how grateful we are to them!

Thursday, March 13

According as we are sailing towards our new country, we realize more and more the great grace God has granted us in choosing us, poor little Sisters as we are, to go to make His name and that of His Immaculate Mother known in infidel countries. To thank Him we shall strive to be ever true Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception by the strict observance of our Holy Rules and by being obedient. This will be our continual thanksgiving to God and to you, beloved Mother.

This is our fifth day on the ocean and not one of us has become sea-sick yet... As the weather is beautiful we spend nearly all our time on deck there breathing in the air from the briny waves.

What we appreciate the most is the privilege of assisting at two Masses every morning. Holy Communion is given us at half-past six by His Lordship Right Reverend Alfred LePailleur, Bishop of Chittagong. After the second Mass which is said by Reverend Father Langlais we say our beads in common. Breakfast is served at half-past eight. When possible we perform our religious exercises at the same time as at the Mother House. We try to follow our Rule as exactly as possible.

A few sea-gulls hovering over our boat foretell that we are nearing land. Honolulu will be our next stop. The sweet "Star of the Sea" whom you invoke each evening by singing the *Ave Maris Stella* is safely conducting us to our mission of Koriyama which we are very anxious to reach.

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SHEK LUNG LAZARETTO

Friday, January 3, 1930

One of our young lepers is rather pensive to-day. When asked the reason why, he says that it is because his mother does not know that he is a leper. "In my home town which is not very far from here, the people are very poor and the boys are nearly all soldiers. I was sixteen years old when I left home. I often wonder how it is that I am a leper. Mamma would shed bitter tears if she knew of it. "My mother," did he proudly add, "is not more than thirty years of age, she is beautiful and intelligent. When I was with her she would make dresses and I would sew on the buttons. How I would love to see her and my little sister again..." He seemed to be heart-broken when confiding me this desire. I told him to write and tell his mother that he was at the lazaretto and that perhaps she would come and see him. Oh! no, Sister it would break her heart..."



A GROUP OF LEPERS OF SHEK LUNG WITH THEIR SISTER INFIRMARIAN

Saturday, January 4

The thermometer marks 23 degrees below zero! Our poor patients are suffering very much from the cold. They are stretched on their poor matting with only a poor blanket over them, for you know that in China there is no system of heating. So as soon as the sun rises they hasten to the verandas to there seek a little heat.

Wednesday, January 8

Another one of our poor patients leaves us for the heavenly abode regenerated by the baptismal waters. A young Christian, also a leper, will soon follow him. He will receive the Last Sacraments to-night. Whenever a Christian dies all his companions accompany him, while reciting the *De Profundis*, as far as the boat which is to conduct him to his last resting-place.

Saturday, January 11

We have the happiness to-day of seeing a poor strayed sheep return to the fold. A Sun Wa (professional actor) having, six months ago, deserted the lazaretto so as to take refuge elsewhere, now returns imploring forgiveness and asking to have his former place. He thought that he would be better with the Protestants as he would have more liberty to gamble and to smoke opium, but he soon discovered that happiness is not found in satisfying one's passions. He lost the little money he had and even ran into debt. In order to give a good lesson to those who would be tempted to imitate him in his desertion, the Father Director of the lazaretto thought it wise to give him a good penance before accepting him anew.

Another one committed the same fault some time ago but that one died at the Protestant lazaretto and how miserably. He also would have liked to return to Shek Lung but owing to his ill-nature, and his continual scorn for Catholics, trying to lead astray those who wished to be instructed in the Faith, the priest thought it was better not to readmit him for the sake of the other lepers. Until the very end he resisted grace and died without baptism. He belonged to a very good family, but he never wished to listen to his parents' advice and finally contracted leprosy through leading a bad life. He had spent eight or ten years at our lazaretto. In his new place of shelter when he became too ill to help himself he was removed to a small room where he was obliged to sleep on the floor with nobody to take care of him. Whenever he wanted tea or anything else he was obliged to drag himself along to go to get it. He noticed that, if at our lazaretto we are very poor there is always somebody to see to the patients. Poor unfortunate! Let us hope that God took pity on his soul!

Sunday, January 12

How happy we are to-day! The postman brings us a lovely letter from our dear Mother. We read it over several times, what good it does us!

TSENG SHING, KWAN TUNG

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Tseng Shing

Wednesday, November 6

Two days have already gone by since our arrival in our new mission. We have already told you of how we had to almost crawl into the bark which brought us here. Usually it takes six hours to make the trip, but on this particular day we were able to have a tug-boat and arrived two hours earlier.

Arriving at Tseng Shing at four o'clock we go immediately to visit Him whom more than ever we may call by the sweet name of Father, then we greet our new Pastor Reverend Father Pierrat of the Foreign Missions of Paris, who was preparing to go to the wharf to meet us, as the boat was due for six o'clock.

Tseng Shing, like all the other ancient cities of China, is surrounded by a wall in which there are four gates one at the north, one at the south, one at the east and one at the west. Our mission is situated a short distance from the southern gate. The city is built along a little river which bears its name, and numbers 10,000 inhabitants of whom only 45 are Christians. You see that the harvest is great.

After supper, we set to unpacking our cases so as to bring them up to the two rooms which have been set apart for us. During this time the Chinese virgins prepare the boards on which we are to sleep. As we have no pillows, we use the little bedspreads sent for the Foundling-Home by our dear Canadian benefactors, certain that our kind friends will be pleased to learn that the articles made by them to relieve the little unfortunate children of China also helped to relieve the poor missionaries.

Upon the request of Reverend Father Pierrat we go, this morning, to visit a neighboring village. After a two hours' walk in the country we hear cries and gunshots. In the distance we spy people who are making their escape and others who follow them with guns. What can be the matter?... If we are in danger our surest means of protection is to become acquainted with the dreaded party. Continuing on our way we soon meet a real Barabbas. We speak very confidently to him enquiring the cause of his trouble. The interest which we take in him appears to touch him deeply. He tells us that they are people from the neighboring village who, envious of his crop of rice, have come to cut it. We speak a few kind words to him, then certain that we are not in the least danger, we continue to make our way to the village where we visit a few Christian families. No sooner have we entered the first house than the traditional cup of tea is brought in. Soon we are surrounded by all the people of the village. Then the customary dialogue begins: "How kind you are to come to visit us. Our country is filthy, our house is untidy. Your country is nice and clean." We must reply, "Do not talk like that, your house is very tidy... etc." Our words do not always express what we really think but we must comply with the customs of the country.

This visit over, our guide brings us to the neighboring home. The same ceremonies recommence to end as the preceding ones and to begin over again in all the other homes. As these poor people are very sympathetic we hope to be able to do them a little good.

Thursday, November 7

We visit the "Fong Ping So," our future hospital. Accompanied by Reverend Father Pierrat we meet one of the members of the pagan committee on our way. This pagan helps the priest in his works. How charitable are these poor idolatrous people. Every Sunday or even oftener if need be the members of the Committee assemble to deliberate on the means to be taken in order to better the conditions at the Foundling-Home and Hospital. They draw up their resolutions and ask the priest what he thinks of them. Generally his opinion prevails. How sad it is to think that such good people do not enjoy the priceless gift of faith!

Our hospital consists of six bare rooms, very sombre and damp and a dispensary which contains a cheap table which was used formerly as an altar for idols, and an empty case which serves as a medicine chest. How amusing it is to see the patients who come daily to the dispensary, admire the furniture... Our *customers* arrive in goodly numbers.

Friday, November 8

This morning we go to pay our respects to the sheriff of the city. We must wait in a kind of ante-chamber. From time to time an employee comes in to wipe his hands and is thus able to get a glimpse of us. Finally a good old man tells us that the gentleman we have asked for is at breakfast: it is nearly 10 o'clock... Patience!!!

A little later we are conducted to the drawing-room which is exposed to the wind and contains a table and four little benches. The sheriff arrives, but before greeting us he inquires if his little boy, who is seated at a table nearby, has all the food he needs. Then he invites us to sit down. A servant brings in tea and a box of cigarettes, We politely refuse.

Reverend Father Pierrat seeing that the sheriff is in good humor seizes the opportunity to ask for a few improvements in the little houses which are to serve as a foundling-home and hospital. He offers to come at once to visit these buildings to see what is to be done. We set out but soon after a messenger comes telling the sheriff that he is asked for elsewhere. He sends a representative who agrees to give us what we ask: a door leading from the Foundling-Home to the Hospital, a window in each room, and the permission to draw water from the well on our property which one of the neighbors had surrounded by a wall.

Saturday, November 10

While on our way to the city our attention is drawn to a house which is just being built: a heap of bricks, lime, mortar, sand and a trowel. Thick red candles burn on this heap. Men, doubtlessly the masons, are standing

beside it, one of them ringing a bell with all his might and yelling at the top of his voice. They are probably acting thus through superstition so as to draw luck upon the house.

Sunday, November 11

A few Christians assist at the eight o'clock Mass, the only one that is celebrated in the christendom. To come hither some of them have travelled two and others three leagues on foot. Happiness beams on all faces which clearly proves that that which costs us the most is always appreciated the more. It can easily be seen that it is not an ordinary privilege for them to assist at least once a week at Holy Mass. If we may judge their fervor by the ardor with which they recite the prayers during Mass, it is certain that these Christians are very pious.

The congregation is divided into two groups: the men occupy half of the church and the women and children the other half. Occasionally a little one leaves its mother's arms to toddle over to its father.

Wednesday, November 14

We have just performed our first operation at Tseng Shing... in the open air... One of the Christians scratched himself with a pin and blood-poison set in. After treating him for a few days and noticing no improvement we decide to make an incision. We go to the patient's home which consists of two little rooms, real dungeons. The smoke arising from the hearth fills the house which has but one window.

After hesitating a moment, we place the patient on a chair outside. In front of us is a kind of altar (the family is still pagan) upon which the ancestral tablets are placed. The spirits of their forefathers for many generations back, silently observe our every action.

A pus basin is indispensable to us at this moment. But there is not even a tin box in sight. Finally we find in a corner the bottom of an earthen jug. We must do without antiseptics. One of us holds the improvised basin while the other begins the operation which is most successful. Our patient who up until now had been bitterly lamenting now laughs like a child. He cannot thank us enough for what we have done for him. We, for our part, thank our Divine Master for this sudden change. Another few days' treatment and he will be completely cured.

Monday, November 18

Our "operated case" who is gradually improving comes with his aunt who lives in the country. It will be a real miracle if she is cured for she has been suffering for the past six months from a disease which the doctors cannot discover. One of her limbs is almost fleshless while the other is terribly swollen. Besides this she appears to have liver trouble.

Reverend Father Pierrat asks a Chinese doctor what is his opinion. He tells us to send the patient back home as soon as possible for she will

soon die. We decide to keep her with us for a few days in order to teach her a little Catechism and baptize her. We entreat Our Blessed Lord to cure the soul of this poor catechumen if not her body.

Friday, November 22

Our patient was supposed to leave to-day. Yesterday evening we placed a miraculous medal on her neck. Hardly had we done so than she was attacked by the most violent pains coughing up the pills we had given her. As she was in a very critical condition we asked the Chinese virgin to watch by her bedside all night and to baptize her if she grew worse. What was our surprise this morning on learning that during the night much pus had collected in the lumbar region. On examining it our hearts leaped. Beside the wound where the pus was running, worms were crawling. We found some all over her bed. The swelling in her leg had gone down, she was delighted.

Does our heavenly Mother wish to give health to this poor woman's body as well as to her soul! Our confidence ever increases.

Saturday, November 23

It is rumored that three hundred soldiers are coming to protect the city against the brigands who, it appears, are making their way towards Tseng Shing. However everything is quiet in the city and everyone is going about his work as usual.

We go to the Foundling-Home and dispensary which is a five minutes' walk from the house. Many patients come for treatment.

Monday, November 26

We receive an invitation to visit a patient who lives across from the dispensary. On our arrival we ascertain that we are in a dwelling of bonzesses. On seeing us a bonzess, who was sitting before an immense altar on which were several buddhas of every size, comes to meet us. We are brought into a room where an aged bonzess who appears to be the Superior, is lying on a few boards. Two women crouched over her rude pallet act as nurses turning her from one side to the other as she desires. Her poor body already worn out by age and the austerities she has endured in serving the idols is now a prey to a burning fever. We feel that our attention will be of no avail. May Our Divine Lord take pity on this poor pagan and make Himself known to her while there is yet time.

Thursday, November 27

To-day the relatives of the poor woman cured so miraculously by the Blessed Virgin, come in a palankeen to bring her back home.

When those who had already known her see her, they refuse to believe that she is their own townswoman. Crowds come from all over to see this new *risen Lazarus*. It is evident that God has undertaken to open the eyes of these poor pagans as formerly, by means of extraordinary cures.

How we should thank her to have chosen us, despite our unworthiness, to labor for the salvation of souls.

Friday, November 29

Since our arrival here on November 4th we have baptized 50 babies at the Foundling-Home and have treated 210 patients at the dispensary.

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Letter from Sister Marie Celina, Superior of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Tseng Shing, to her Superior General

Tseng Shing, November 19, 1929

BELOVED MOTHER,

I hasten to tell you a little about the works of our new mission opened on November 3rd.

As you already know we have here a school, a foundling-home and a *Fong Ping Sa*, a home for old people. The school bears the name of *Pouli Tack* (virtuous). It was founded eight years ago by Reverend Father Pierrat. In the beginning the latter asked to have it enregistered but a certain inspector opposed this act. In turn the School Board asked that this school be enregistered but this time Father Pierrat refused and so this still remains to be done. We have forty-six very good pupils, but all are pagans and very superstitious. Their parents allow them to attend this school on one condition, that no religious instruction be given them. The pupils have a great liking for the school and we have even a little hope of converting one or two of them; but we must first win the confidence of their parents. In this city, the population of which is about ten thousand, there are only five or six schools, one of which is taught by Chinese Protestants.

Here the pupils pay \$2.50 at the end of each term which is very little to pay for the upkeep of the school and the teachers' salaries.

The Foundling-Home and refuge are the works of the most notable citizens that is to say the business men and influential persons. So jealous are they of their ancient patriarchal traditions that they are intent on claiming these works as their own and not those of the government. From time to time they hold meetings to discuss certain questions. The priest is often present at these meetings and after a prudent deliberation, he almost always succeeds in having his proposition accepted. These citizens have promised to give \$1.00 per day for the two works and we are to hire four persons, a directress, two women who may replace one another in taking care of the babies and an infirmarian for the men who will also be the gravedigger. We accept all the babies that are brought to us but adults are not admitted unless they can produce a paper signed by an authorized person. According to the regulations all persons with contagious diseases, lepers, brigands and bad-living people are to be refused. On the other hand we

are obliged to accept all the sick who have no home in the city as servants, boat employees, etc.

Last week a meeting was held. Ten of the members came to see and welcome us. The aim of this meeting was to plan how they were to deal with us in order to make the work easier.

This foundling-home and refuge will form a kind of hospital. As we receive very little money, hardly enough to buy food to nourish the children for two or three days and as we must give them to whoever wants to take them, the priest is going to ask that we be allowed to keep them after they have been ten days at the foundling-home, for if they live it is because we have given them such good care. We shall then be free to bring them up in our holy religion. We hope to be able to save a few of them if we succeed in finding them nurses.

The foundling-home contains but a big bed with six divisions in which twelve babies may be placed, three beds for adults, two tables, an old cupboard and a kitchen in a fairly good condition. The refuge consists of ten little damp rooms without even a window, and moreover it is absolutely empty. The patients sleep on the floor. The priest makes his home with his eight or ten little orphans. This true missionary knows how to get along. He buys rice-fields which he gives to different persons who agree to work in them for a certain number of years. Having his papers in his hands he is quite independant and conducts his employees as he likes. By cultivating these fields in their spare time these people reap almost enough rice for the entire personnel. Besides this he receives the school fees, \$30.00 monthly for the foundling-home and refuge from the leading men of the city and a regular supply of food for the two virgins from the Bishop...

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Sister MARY CELINA, M. I. C.⁽¹⁾

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MANCHURIA, CHINA

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Leao Yuan Sien

Saturday, January 4, 1930

Sister Superior is called to the bedside of a young girl 15 years of age, she is a poor victim of tuberculosis. The virgin who accompanies her instructs her briefly in the principal truths of our holy Faith and asks her if she wishes to be baptized. Upon her affirmative answer, the saving waters are poured on her forehead. A few minutes later this new child of God and of the Church, takes her flight heavenward.

Thursday, January 9

Reverend Father Charest administers Baptism to two good old catechumens, one is 62 years of age and the other 72. These two Christians

1. Gracia Blanchette, Drummondville

will receive to-morrow, for the first time, the Blessed Eucharist, that Living Bread which will give them the strength of ever keeping their baptismal robe pure and beautiful.

Sunday, January 12

Sister Superior baptizes three little children in one of the homes. There is actually an epidemic of the grippe in the city of Leao Yuan Sien. Nearly the entire personnel of the mission had an attack but they are now out of danger.

Tuesday, January 14

We have the happiness to-day of baptizing a young woman suffering from tuberculosis and her child.

Wednesday, January 15

Six waggons come for the "doctor" to-day. Among our patients is a young man twenty-eight years of age suffering from tuberculosis and whose state is anything but promising. The aged parents near the bedside of their child, beg the Sister infirmarian not to let him die... it is their only boy. Sister seeing that medicine would prove powerless, seeks a means of preparing him for the great voyage to eternity. For the moment, it is impossible to mention anything about baptism. A miraculous medal is pinned to his clothes and we ask the father to come again for us this evening. This he accomplished punctually. Upon our arrival, we immediately see that the poor patient has but a few minutes to live. He is fully conscious, and when the Chinese virgin asks his consent to be baptized, he manifests his desire for this great sacrament. How many a time in like circumstances have we not felt the intervention of Divine Providence.

Friday, January 17

Whoever sees Lutia to-day, cannot recognize the little patient whose death we expected on the Feast of the Epiphany, there was absolutely no hope. Her death would have been the cause of great prejudice to the Mission, as her parents are anything but sympathetic. We turned towards the Patroness of Missionaries, The Little Flower of Jesus, and asked her to bring the little one back to health. A medal of the Saint was pinned to her clothes. The following day a change for the better took place and she gradually regained her former cheerfulness. May the dear little Saint continue to assist the humble missionaries who foster for her a profound spirit of gratitude.

Saturday, January 25

Three babies are baptized at the dispensary.

Sunday, January 26

Sister Superior, accompanied by a virgin goes to the country to visit a woman suffering from tuberculosis who has been coming to our dispensary

for some time. The carriage is not of modern style — a rustic cart drawn by two big oxen. Fortunately the weather is mild for our two travellers would have been frozen before reaching their destination.

Upon her return, Sister Superior tells us of her trip. The patient having received the best of catechism lessons when he came to the dispensary, begged three different times to be baptized, and repeated the invocation that we taught him when we gave him the miraculous medal. What a great joy for us to learn of the good dispositions of this new Christian, his entire resignation to the Holy Will of God, and of his gratitude towards those who procured him the inestimable grace of baptism.

Monday, January 27

A Christian who had not been to church for several years, came to the mission a few days ago. She said that for some time the devil paid nightly visits to her residence by knocking on the walls, breaking the glass on the holy pictures that hang thereon. The poor woman, more dead than alive, no longer deferred her conversion. This morning the Chinese priest performed the usual exorcisms, then the converted woman advanced towards the communion-rail and in a loud voice before all the Christians present made reparation for the scandal she had given. May our Immaculate Mother ever keep her firm in her good resolutions!

Thursday, January 30

If a person who is a stranger in this country were to walk along the cemetery to-day, he would wonder what is the meaning of all those pieces of red and yellow paper that cover the majority of the graves. It is the superstitious worship of ancestors. The relatives of the deceased will burn to-morrow (Chinese New Year's) on the tombs of the departed ones the paper which is a symbol of good tidings. They think that by doing so they will draw numerous temporal favors on the family.

Friday, January 31

During the past month we have counted 900 dressings of wounds, 53 visits to the homes and 34 baptisms.

Tuesday, February 11

This day will ever remain memorable in the annals of our humble mission. During the Mass celebrated by Reverend Father Toudic, Sister Marie de la Charite, Sister St. Lazare, Sister Marie de la Protection and Sister St. Denis renewed their vows. During Mass we sang with all our hearts, our beautiful hymns proper to such solemn feasts.

Immediately after the Holy Sacrifice was offered, Reverend Father Chometon, of the Mukden Vicariate assisted by Reverend Fathers Lapierre and Berichon honor us by presiding over the ceremony of perpetual vows of Sister St. Gerard and Sister Ste. Jeanne de Chantal. Father Chometon delivers himself the allocution for the occasion taking as text these words:

"Take Jesus, give Jesus, keep Jesus!" We all engraved deeply in our hearts the principal points of this meditation so practically developed by this worthy missionary, who for years has devoted his life for the salvation of infidels.

The instruction terminated, the two privileged ones advanced to the foot of the altar and pronounced the formula which bound them forever to the Divine Spouse and as a token of their eternal alliance received the ring of fidelity.

Our humble voices re-echoing the sentiments which filled their hearts in a hymn addressed to the Immaculate Virgin, implored her to ever keep them as her own.



LITTLE MANCHURIAN CHILDREN OF LEAO YUAN SIEN

The Reverend Fathers Toudic, Larochelle, Lomme, Charest, Paradis, Michaud and Turcotte, assisted at the ceremony. The walls of our little chapel seemed to have expanded for the ceremony. The virgins and orphans were also able to assist... On the altar lilies and roses nestle gracefully among pretty little blue lights.

After breakfast, Sister Superior crowned the new happy Spouses of Christ to the strains of "Veni Sponsa Christi!" How joyfully we spend the rest of the day. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the afternoon.

Wednesday, February 12

There are times in a missionary life when Our Lord invites us to share the joys of the Transfiguration, but these moments are of short duration, we soon must resume our daily tasks. Two of our Sisters leave this afternoon to return to the mission of Pa Mien Tch'eng. After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place at three o'clock, Sister Ste. Jeanne de Chantal and Sister St. Gerard, the two who have pronounced their perpetual vows, place their crowns at the foot of the statue of the Blessed Virgin.

PA MIEN TCH'ENG, MANCHURIA

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Pa Mien Tch'eng
Manchuria, China*

Monday, December 9

A poor woman comes to-day to be treated at the dispensary and offers us money so as "to be cured quicker." The pagans are wondering what our aim can be in coming to care for them gratuitously. According as they become acquainted with the truths of our holy religion their eyes will be opened and they will then understand what is now a mystery to them.

Friday, December 13

It is just a month ago to-day since we arrived at Pa Mien Tch'eng. How quickly the time flies.

We have a real "Canadian storm" in Manchuria to-day. But how we enjoy this snowy, blustrious weather; it reminds us of bygone days.

Saturday, December 14

It is not blustering to-day, but the cold is so intense that the wine freezes in the chalice during Mass, and to distribute Holy Communion the priest has great difficulty in holding the Host. We are glad to have padded clothing for such cold weather.

Sunday, December 15

We spend the recreation at the virgins' dwelling. Our newly-arrived Sisters find it very interesting to see Martha arrange a Chinese bed. Firstly a warm blanket is spread on the *kang*, bed of overheated bricks, then the pillow, which is not very soft for it is made of baked earth, over this is placed another blanket folded in three into which one slides for the night's rest. More blankets are afterwards added if need be. In the morning everything is rolled up and put in a corner of the room. The *kang* is then free for different kinds of work, for on this unique piece of furniture is done the sewing, writing, even the cooking of the meals.

Monday, December 16

Seventeen patients come to be treated at the dispensary to-day.

Thursday, December 19

A soldier suffering from epileptic fits comes faithfully to the dispensary. Last Saturday we offered him a Miraculous Medal explaining to him that it was the image of the Mother of God and asked him to wear it. To-day we notice the little medal pinned to his sweater. We ask him if he prays to the Blessed Virgin every day. "Oh! yes," does he answer, "every night I make a *Ke l'oo*" (Chinese bow).

Friday, December 20

Another soldier, almost blind, has been coming for some time for daily treatment. He has every hope of being cured for he imagines that he sees more clearly now. Without fail, he comes at two o'clock every day so as to be treated first, then he waits patiently for two long hours so that we can give him other medicine towards four o'clock. It is our soldier suffering from epilepsy who leads him and it is really touching to see the poor unfortunate who can scarcely stand on his feet, lead his blind companion. We feel certain that this act of charity will not remain unrewarded.

Saturday, December 21

Sister Superior and Sister Ste. Jeanne de Chantal leave around nine o'clock to visit a poor patient living about 14 lis from the city. They are accompanied by Mr. Yang, the priests' hired man. It is his brother-in-law who is ill. The room into which they are shown has two *kangs*. (One is about ten feet long and twenty feet high.) It is already filled, not only by the members of the family, but by all the neighbors who have come to see the new foreign *doctor* who has just arrived from Pa Mien.

The patient is in an advanced stage of tuberculosis and has not been able to leave his bed for the last month. He has grown so thin and weak from the disease that he is almost unconscious. Sister Superior gives him some medicine. The relatives ask if there is any danger. We cannot refrain from telling them that the poor man is in a very dangerous condition and can last but a few days.

Mr. Yang, our interpreter, a very fervent Christian, asks if it would be better to baptize him to-day or to wait a little. Owing to the great distance, we advise him to instruct and baptize him immediately, if he is willing. The patient could not be better disposed. He listens very attentively to every word that is said. Mr. Yang explains to him that God is all-powerful and that He alone can cure him and tells him not be angry if he does not regain his health. It is because the Divine Master wants him to be in Heaven with Him so much the sooner. He excites him to contrition for his sins, the patient asks God's pardon for his faults and then consents to be baptized. As this brave catechist is a relative of the dying man, we give him the consolation of pouring the regenerating waters. He was baptized receiving the names of Joseph Eugene. His face was aglow with happiness. We give him a miraculous medal explaining to him what it represents and we teach him two short ejaculatory prayers: "*Cheung Mou Malya, ouei ouo tng tsi.* (Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for me.) *Jesou, k'o lien ouo.* (Jesus have mercy on me.) Our happy man repeated them several times and then said, "I am afraid to forget them, will you write them for me." Mr. Yang readily consented, and the patient continued to read them until our departure.

While we are caring for the dying man and preparing him for baptism, the spectators sit motionless observing our every movement. The patient's *kang* is divided into two parts by a lattice through which little black eyes

are eagerly examining us. The visit over, a mother comes asking us to give her some medicine for her three children, then another young man who has a cold, and again an old man whom they sent to get at one of the neighbors houses. In all, we care for six patients. We take our leave around eleven o'clock. How happy we are! What matters the cold, fatigue, etc., when there is question of winning souls to God!

Tuesday, December 24

The patient whom we went to see on Saturday is dead. Cleansed by the baptismal waters but three days ago, we feel certain that his soul appeared before God just as pure and as beautiful as on the day of his regeneration.

The Christians are already flocking in for the feast of Christmas. Some of them were obliged to travel 70 and even 80 lis to come to the mission. The women and children ride while the men are generally on foot. This reminds us of what is told us in the Gospel of the Jews who went in groups to the Temple of Jerusalem to there fulfil their religious duties.

Wednesday, December 25

How beautiful in its simplicity was the Feast of Christmas in our little mission of Pa Mien. Awakened towards a quarter past eleven by the strains of a Christmas Carol, we repair to the chapel which appears beautiful in its modest decorations. On the altar are twelve candles and on each of the six window-sills is placed a three-branched candlestick. Two Chinese lanterns are hanging from the ceiling. As to the decorations a few paper flowers and some flags. Then the crib! oh! there is nothing luxurious about it, we believe that in the stable of Bethlehem the Divine little King must have been sheltered as in the stable of Pa Mien Tch'eng. At midnight we sing a High Mass which is followed by two Low Masses. All the Christians seem to pray with fervor. As for ourselves, we mention to the Divine Child all our dear ones as well as all those who have a right to our prayers and our gratitude. It is half-past one when we reach home. After the traditional revel, we repair to the dormitory. We rise the next morning at half-past six and assist at three other Masses during which the Chinese piously sing their Christmas hymns.

We recite the first part of our Rosary at half-past nine in our little oratory accompanied by the violin. Then is the holiday and the distribution of the letters. For a few instants we are home in Canada amongst the dear ones whom we have left...

Towards eleven o'clock the Christians come to see us. Sister Superior distributes medals to the children, then takes place the customary questions concerning our parents, our brothers and sisters, our age, etc., etc., We are looked upon with curiosity, for it is the first time that these people have seen religious. There are also a few patients who take advantage of the occasion to ask for a consultation. We tell them to come to the dispensary to-morrow and we shall give them the necessary medicine. All leave satisfied.

There is Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon and this evening we shall spend our recreation with the virgins.

Saturday, December 28

We again pay a visit to the woman whom we went to see yesterday; we are accompanied by a virgin who is to be our interpreter. The patient is very happy for, does she say, "I thought all night of what you told me when you gave me the miraculous medal." She was anxious to see one of her own who could speak to her about our holy religion. This woman belongs to a certain sect whose members, in order to render themselves more favorable to their gods, promise to abstain from eating meat for a certain time or forever, or to deprive themselves of certain beverages, etc., etc. They are called "abstainers".

Upon the patient's request, the virgin explains to her the principal truths of our Holy Faith and speaks to her about baptism. Then the new catechumen who had listened attentively to the instructions given her said with energy: "Baptize me, baptize me!" Sister Superior pours the saving waters on her brow giving her the name of Marie Delia. It is impossible to describe the happiness of the young woman. Upon our arrival she was sad and downhearted and upon our departure she was radiant with joy. "I have no sins on my soul now, I am sorry for having offended God, but I did know Him, but now I shall sin no more." Her mother is also well pleased. "I imagined," did she say, "that the religion to which my daughter belonged was not the right one, but I see now that she has found the truth." Most probably this brave woman will soon follow her daughter's example.

Tuesday, December 31

On this last day of the year we receive 60 patients at the dispensary.

Thursday, January 2, 1930

We are at the coldest time of the year and yet 42 patients come for treatment.

Friday, January 3

We again pay a visit to the homes of two poor families. In one there is a woman suffering from paralysis and in the other one suffering from tuberculosis. The latter was baptized last Saturday, and according to appearances she has but a short time to live. We do not conceal from her the gravity of her case and we ask her to offer all her sufferings to God and to thank Him for the great grace of having been called to the knowledge of the true Faith, a happiness which is shared by very few of her compatriots.

The last time that we went to see her, Martha, our Chinese virgin, gave her a few written invocations to the Blessed Virgin, but as her husband was the only one who could read in her family, and he being obliged to go to work, the poor woman finished by forgetting them. She sadly made this

avowal and added: "I said instead, 'Holy Mary protect me.' Was that alright?" Martha asked her if she thought herself in the right religion. "How could I think otherwise," she promptly answered. "Would the Sisters leave their country, their parents, would they endure fatigues, the climate, the separation, if the religion they taught were not the right one?" Before leaving, Sister Superior distributed miraculous medals to the whole family.

Saturday, January 4

The soldier suffering from epilepsy whom we have been caring for, was baptized this morning in the chapel of the mission. We had him instructed in the principal truths of our religion by the catechist of the dispensary. He is very happy to-day, and unceasingly thanks us for the happiness we have procured him. He is called Joseph.

On this day dedicated to our Heavenly Mother, a great joy is reserved for us, that of the baptism of a woman 38 years of age living fifteen lis from here and who is a complete invalid. She asks to be baptized. Sister Superior pours the regenerating waters and gives her the names of Mary Anna. These people, though very poor, are extremely good. They are at a loss to know how to express their gratitude. "The Chinese doctors," do they say, "do not want to come here, it is too far, but you, you come just the same!"

Tuesday, January 21

A few days ago, a man suffering from rheumatism came to the dispensary. We gave him some liniment. He returns to-day saying that he feels much better... He insists upon being told the name of the Sister infirmarian for does he say, 'my brother is a newspaper reporter in the city and if you cure me, I shall publish the article in the paper, thus everybody will know that you are a good doctor.'

Wednesday, January 22

We learn that the tubercular patient whom we visited four or five times and to whom we gave the name of Marie Delia, died about a fortnight ago. We hope that she was still wearing the white robe of baptismal innocence. During the course of the forenoon we have the happiness of baptising a little boy six years old.

Friday, January 24

The nice weather brings 44 patients to the dispensary.

Saturday, January 25

Sister Superior and Sister Marie de la Protection go to one of the homes to visit a patient. Another poor sufferer is beside her on the *kang*. He is well wrapped up in his blankets and does not even want to hear our names

mentioned. Without losing the hope of one day winning his soul to God, we recommend him to the Blessed Virgin. May this good Mother change the defiant dispositions of this poor man, for unless we succeed in winning his confidence we shall be powerless in winning his soul. Our dear Lady will certainly not fail to help us.

Sunday, January 26

A mother comes to the dispensary carrying a two-year-old baby in her arms. Being Sunday, the door is closed. A Christian notices it and comes to tell us saying that perhaps it will be another baptism. He is not mistaken, for we give the privileged child his passport for Heaven. He is named Mary Joseph.

Monday, January 27

It is easily seen that the "kouo nien" (Chinese New Year's) is drawing near... We register twenty-six patients at the dispensary to-day. Out of this number a little girl is baptized receiving the name of Mary Eva.

Tuesday, January 28

On the occasion of the Chinese New Year's we receive numerous invitations from the patients. When the treatment is over, they make a bow, and when they reach the door they turn and say: "Doctor, come and see us, come and take tea with us..." and the "Doctor" answers: "Yes, yes, I shall go." This is the customary way of accepting a like offer, on the part of the inviter it is a simple form of politeness... If a visit is really desired, the invitation must be repeated two or three times. It is only then that one is certain that the invitation is serious, therefore an answer is given in consequence.

Wednesday, January 29

There has never been so much life in the city as there is to-day. Flags are waving over the principal buildings. There is a general cleaning in every house (the only one in the year). All the blankets are put out to air, the ceilings and walls are dusted and the cook is busy preparing the rice and the "tiao tze" for during a few days no cooking is to be done, consequently they take all the necessary precautions. Meat and rice are eaten only on special occasions. The poorer class eat these two kinds food but on New Year's day. Usually they eat "Chou-mi" (sorgo seed), millet, Indian corn. It is also a great treat when they can procure meat for it is very dear.

Fireworks are set off throughout the entire city to-night. The street lights are red which, in the dark night, produce a very pretty effect.

The virgins of the mission come to offer us their best New Year's wishes. Sister Superior gives to each one, a pair of beads. This pleases them greatly.

Thursday, January 30

A High Mass is celebrated to-day to draw God's blessings on the new year which is opening for the Chinese. After breakfast, the employees of the mission come to visit us. On entering they make three consecutive bows to each of us, then the catechist of the dispensary offers us his wishes in the name of all his companions.

Friday, January 31

At the dispensary, we count 854 patients for the month of January to whom we gave 740 treatments and 272 dressings of wounds. We register 9 baptisms.

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TSONGMING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

Letter from Sister Marie de l'Epiphanie, (1) Superior of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception at Tsong Ming, to her Sisters of the Mother House

Tsong Ming, December 24, 1929

BELOVED SISTERS

For three long months we have not been able to send you even a line. It is owing to the fact that besides all the work to be done some of the Sisters have been ill. Consequently all the time reserved for correspondence was taken up. Thank God, we are all up and around now. May God give us the health necessary to meet the urgent needs of our respective tasks.

In order to make up for lost time I shall tell you a little of what has happened during last three months.

I shall begin by telling you how many little angels have been sent to their heavenly home by us or by the virgins:

October:	— At the Foundling-Home	58	abroad	42
November:	— “ “ “ “	59	“	40
December:	— “ “ “ “	73	“	42
Total:				314

Besides this number, Sister Marie de Sion baptized 16 pagan children at the Dispensary. She also cared for 308 patients and extracted 15 teeth.

The Foundling-Home and the Dispensary are the most interesting of our works since they enable us to open heaven to numberless souls to whom we strive to give the greatest possible attention.

To our deep regret we are unable at the Foundling-Home to give all the comfort we desire to these poor little creatures tortured by unknown diseases for which there is perhaps no cure. Oh! what care must be given these frail little waifs! If a mother after giving her only child the tenderest of care often has trouble in saving the little one's life, how then can a Sister

assisted by a few domestics who are not very zealous manage to keep, or rather cure so many miserable little beings. The depressing summer heat with its contingent of mosquitoes and worms and then the piercing cold of the winter season call for many necessities which cannot be procured in this poor country. We see so many people suffering and are able to do so little to relieve them. In winter, as in Canada, we need a large stove so that the different rooms may receive sufficient heat, and do I add, a special room in which to hang the clothes to dry. In winter heat is absolutely necessary for the drying of the clothes. When we have no fire in our foundling-home and orphanage we are in dire distress. The Sisters suffer as much as the poor children. Are we able to see others suffer without suffering ourselves?

As you see I have commenced my letter by complaining... Oh! no I am not complaining at all, I have told you very simply of the actual state of affairs. But on the other hand God gives us the greatest of consolations! Is it not something wonderful to help to open heaven to 1000 children every year. Is it not worth while to fill with joy the hearts tortured by pain and suffering? Are we losing our time when we are sowing good seed in the souls of children and young girls who will be the nucleus of a native religious community?

If poverty hinders us from making many improvements, we strive from day to day to respond to the most urgent exigencies, broken-hearted in not being able to do more, but happy to do God's Holy Will. The money and useful articles received from the dear Mother House and from our friends and relatives in Canada enable us to meet the many demands of our needy mission. Oh, how grateful we are for the assistance given us especially for the so precious help of the prayers and sacrifices offered for us. Therein do we find strength and support.

I know that you must be anxious to become acquainted with our everyday life.

A grief-stricken father, carrying his dying son in his arms, arrives at the dispensary... Chinese medicine has failed to do any good, so he has come to Sister Marie de Sion. "I do not want my son to be baptized," are the first words he utters. Assisted by a virgin Sister rubs the child's feet. The father noticing that she does not use oil as is the custom (Sister rubs with water only) the virgin tells him that *this oil* is much better. When she reaches its little head she takes more water and baptizes the child whom she names Regis. The friction over, the father returns home with his child in his arms, never doubting in the least that he is carrying a little angel who will fly to heaven in a few hours. Let us hope that from its blissful abode it will pray for the other members of the family, for its compatriots and for its Canadian benefactors. We have with us twenty children from 1 to 5 years of age and from 15 to 30 new-born babies. The nurses always have at least 70. In the city of Tsong Ming nearly 200 children ransomed by the Holy Childhood are cared for by the nurses. They send us those who are not adopted by Christians.

There is much work to be done among the children. It is true that they are angels for heaven, but these terrestrial angels have bodies which must be cared for. Some of these children on account of vice have been sent to us in the most disgusting and pitiful condition.

Are you able to believe that we love our orphans? They are so cunning if you only could see them. Perhaps it is only we who see their good points... Nevertheless we also find that they have many defects... I have already told you that they were greedy, now they are beginning to show their vanity. Tseu Me, one of our helpers who sleeps in the children's dormitory, has sometimes made her toilet in front of them. They remarked that she put her comb and mirror under her bed in a big box serving as a trunk. One day, a Sister coming into the dormitory found one of the orphans seated on a bench surrounded by her little companions. The little one with the mirror in front of her and the comb in her hand was doing just as she had seen Tseu Me do. Perceiving the Sister, the child felt quite ashamed. All the other little ones pointed to her. Sister did not have to scold her very much to make her cry. Doubtlessly they will begin over again when left alone. When they have a clean apron or even a clean handkerchief they show it to everyone they meet and to see them you would think that they had on the nicest dress. One day I went to their room wearing a new apron. They noticed it right away and came to admire it. When they see rust stains or stains of any other kind on our aprons they point to them.

Our Sisters on their way to Canton and Manila last October brought us among other things, dolls or rather patterns for dolls which we cut out and fill with wadding. These kind of dolls are ideal for a foundling-home for although they become soiled they cannot be broken. What was the children's joy on seeing these dolls! The one who has the most to say names her "*Canada*." We told her that her *neu neu* came from Canada and she thought that this was its name. The little toy dogs, bears and rubber dolls sent in the same box although quite battered are still to be found.

I must not forget to tell you that our little tots sing. *Ave, Ave Maria* is as yet their only refrain. They never sing as well as when they think that no one is listening to them. Several times we caught them singing at the top of their voices, *Ave, Ave Maria*. I am sure that the Blessed Virgin must find these three words alone most melodious. When it is time for night prayers all who are able to walk come and kneel down in front of Sister St. Helene. "Soon there will be no more room," Sister tells them. But they crowd around her and manage to place at least the tips of their fingers on Sister's knees. They only bless themselves and say, "Dear little Jesus, I give Thee my heart."

The work among the pupils becomes more and more interesting according as we win their confidence. We have charge of the discipline. I also teach French three hours every day to four divisions.

A pupil fourteen years of age suffers the most excruciating pain. I go to her bedside to give her some medicine. Towards noon as she is no better I think it best to send for a Chinese doctor who will treat her according to

the Chinese custom. The Chinese have greater confidence in their own remedies than in ours. The doctor comes and prescribes a sort of tea composed of all kinds of herbs and bark. A few hours later, the father of the sick girl arrives and orders her to be rubbed so violently that one would think that he wished to kill his daughter rather than cure her. In the evening, just before prayer time, I go to the pupils' dormitory to bring our little patient some medicine. Seeing a crowd of people grouped around her bed I ask the door-keeper what it all means. She tells me that the virgins sent for a woman who has the reputation of being able to cure this kind of sickness. This woman is there burning wicks made of rice on the part of the child's body where she suffers such pain. It is already late, I walk up and down without saying a word, but they understand by the look on my face that I want them to leave. Two of the older pupils remain with the patient. I see a rooster that is to be placed on the stomach of the sick girl. I am given this explanation: The rooster placed on the sore part of the body draws out the pain. Usually it remains where there is soreness. If a hen were placed there instead of a rooster, the eggs would contain the poison drawn from the patient. When the rooster has moved from one place to another for the second or third time this is a sign that its task is ended. Then the patient must be covered with wadding and thick blankets in order to keep in the produced effect. Before bringing the rooster back home it must be left for a few moments on something soft, as a bed or cushion, otherwise it will be sick. With a little aspirine, a few hot drinks, and a complete rest, two days after this pupil was quite well again. What was it that cured her. I find that the rooster replaces a hot water bottle... that is all, but I am not versed in Chinese physics.

On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception we had Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The band played beautiful music the while.

As at the Mother House we go to the chapel with our personnel at three different times during the day to there recite the Rosary. After each decade we sing a verse of one of our favorite hymns. Though our different religious feasts bear the seal of simplicity they nevertheless leave in our hearts the greatest and purest of joys. We feel a happiness which we cannot define but which we may call missionary grace. The thoughts of our homeland never leave us. But instead of being a source of sorrow to us we find them most pleasant and how sweet is our present life despite the many hardships we have to suffer.

We do not find the damage caused by the digging of a canal alongside our house very agreeable. As I have already told you the island is cut into pieces by these ditches which are dug in order to facilitate the draining and watering of the soil and the washing of rice, vegetables, clothes, etc... All the houses built in line in five parallel rows face towards the south. The canal is built to the east of the houses but a few feet distant from them. The space from the canal to the wall is almost as narrow. The diggers splash the wet earth upon the houses and wall. The canal is two feet deep. At the Foundling-Home some of this mud came in by the cracks in the doors



A CRADLE IN TSONG MING

and windows. Upon my request the laborers consented to throw the mud towards the wall only.

An hour later they begin over again in the same way. They were told that it would take too long to throw the mud to one side only. We cover the walls of our house and orphanage with reeds and straw-mats as we have just had them white-washed. I entreat them anew. They tell me in a very nice way that the salt wave will come in a few days and so as not to have salt water in the canal they must hurry to finish it. The water in these canals flows into another much larger one leading to the sea. As much sand is carried in by the tide the canals soon fill up

and would completely disappear if we did not have the precaution of having them dug anew every three years.

A few months ago I witnessed the following scene. The door-keeper comes to tell Sister Marie de Sion who is studying Chinese that a sugar merchant is at the door. Sister goes immediately to sort over a basket of old rags which she gives to the door-keeper. «What have these rags to do with the sugar merchant?» asks one of the Sisters. She replies that this merchant collects old rags in return for which he gives sugar. I have already received a handful of candies for the orphans and a few coppers for a basketful. Sometimes he gives biscuits in exchange.

The cold weather has been here for sometime past. After the hot summer days we find the winter season extremety cold. Our fingers become quite numb and thus our work is somewhat delayed. But the air is very pure and makes us think that we are back again in Canada. There was a big snowstorm on December 21st. It was the first time that we saw snow since our arrival here. All the trees were laden with it. Twenty-four hours after not much of it remained. Still this snowfall greatly rejoiced us for it recalled bygone days. The Zikawei Observatory foretells much colder weather at the end of January, a cold spell the like of which we have not had for 60 years. While awaiting it we are taking our precautions. Up until to-day we have had fire only in the Foundling-Home and Orphanage. This goes to say that we and our helpers must make a virtue of necessity. It is always a problem to give enough heat to the children who are unable to protect themselves. Sister Ste. Helene must rise very early and stay up late at night to see that the helpers light the two small stoves, and if need be, place hot water bottles in the little beds. Several of the pupils and servants go to bed without undressing themselves. Others take off

their wadded sweaters and wrap them around their legs. The water-pipes are frozen. We must carry water from the canal over which a coat of ice has formed. Just lately as I was passing by a cupboard, one of the Sisters was taking out some blankets assisted by two little girls, one dumb and the other almost a real idiot. One made signs to me while the other shrieked, «*Tcho que bi deu, Mo Mo, tcho que bi deu!*» Many blankets, Sister, many blankets! If we could give them some what a relief it would be! They are far from being spoiled! Besides our poverty, their suspicious character obliges us to restrict our generosity for if we give something to one the same thing must be given to all. Otherwise we shall hear all kinds of complaints. Each country produces thorns as well as roses, but despite their failings I love the Chinese children dearly and would be sorry to leave them.

Dear Sisters, my long letter makes up for my three months' silence, does it not? I leave you with the hope of writing to you soon again, but before doing so I beg your charitable and fervent prayers to Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin. Please speak to Them of your Sisters in Tsong Ming and ask Them to trace in us the virtues that our dear Mother desires to see in each one of her daughters.

Your most humble and affectionate Sister,
Sister Marie de l'Epiphanie.

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Manila, Philippine Islands

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters of the Chinese General Hospita

Wednesday, December 18, 1930

At five o'clock this afternoon we send for Reverend Father Gregorio, a Dominican Father, who comes immediately to visit one of our patients. Noticing that he is well disposed to receive Holy Baptism, the priest proceeds with the ceremony. To the questions: Do you believe in God? etc., the patient answers firmly and most fervently, but at the moment when the saving waters are about to be poured upon his brow he seizes the priest by the arm. "What is the matter?" Father asks. "Gua bo chi!! (I have no money) and if you ask for any, alas, I have none to give you!" he replies. With a kind smile Father tells him that that is alright and that he does not need his money. Reassured the patient receives Baptism and soon after with a smile upon his shrivelled face, he thanks the priest for having purified his soul of the original stain. Sister visiting her new Christian asks him if he is happy and if he still suffers greatly. "I am too happy," he replies.

At this same hour the following day he was face to face with his Heavenly Father!

Friday, December 20

To-day we are given another great consolation. Among our pagan patients is one married to a Catholic Filipino and for whom there is no cure. We always had great difficulty in having his wife come when the priest was with him for the devil never failed to put something in the way. But to-day, everything happens for the best. The poor woman gladly accepting the priest's proposition to be married legally and to return to the fold, quickly persuades her husband to believe in the truths of our holy religion. Upon his consent we baptize him immediately. Then it is a question of being married over again. As his wife can speak neither Chinese nor Spanish, only Tagalog, and the priest does not know this dialect he could not be interpreted. We telephone to the Reverend Pastor who comes immediately. He hears this woman's confession and then the marriage ceremony takes place. It is almost a solemn marriage, two priests, a doctor and a nurse as witnesses, two Sisters who see that nothing is lacking. The priest asks for the ring... the woman does not possess one, neither the dying man nor the witnesses. All look at the Sisters who wear the rings received at Profession... What is to be done? After hesitating a few moments one lends her ring... for an instant. It just goes to say that everything that the missionary possesses belongs to souls. To unite these poor unfortunates not only one to the other but to unite both of them to God by the life of grace it was well worth while lending one's Profession ring....

After the ceremony, Sister returns to the patient who despite his sufferings finds the strength to stretch forth his hand saying with the liveliest gratitude: "*Marame salamat, marame salamat, Madre*" (thank you very much Sister, thank you very much...)

Saturday, December 21

A Filipino who has been fatally wounded and another with slighter wounds are brought to us on a load of sand. After an examination, the doctor states that the former will soon be dead. While a Sister by means of injections tries to revive his strength, another sends for a priest who arrives in all haste. He gives him General Absolution and anoints him. Hardly are the prayers for the dying ended when the poor man has already faced his Judge. His companion is also in a critical condition, but we have a little hope that he will recover. Perhaps more unfortunate than they, is the cab driver. This evening, watched by the police, he is silently stifling his sorrow. For having gone beyond the speed limits he will be imprisoned to-night. He is a young man of twenty who left the provinces to try his luck in the city. A few passers-by mock at him crying out: "You will spend a nice Christmas Day!... Merry Christmas!" Sister St. Jean de l'Eucharistie tells them to stop and approaching the unfortunate young man she asks him a few questions: "Is your mother still living?... Are you a Catholic?" Looking up astonished by these words of sympathy he answers, "My aged mother is still in the provinces. I am an Aglipayan. I was born in the same province as Aglipay himself." Sister adds, "I would

like very much to help you. Here is a miraculous medal. Promise me that you will always wear it, it will bring you good luck." The medal hung on a string is accepted with gratitude by the poor young man who ties it around his neck. During this dialogue those who had laughed at him become quite ashamed of themselves. One goes to get him some bread while another brings him chicken and eggs. A nurse gives him a glass of milk. Guarded by the police he appears to find this meal very appetizing. May the others be served him with as much charity.

Sunday, December 22

A nurse comes asking Sister to go to baptize a dying patient in Ward 114. She has no need of repeating the invitation. This patient of the Charity Ward had already been instructed but the priest doubting the firmness of his faith asked us to wait awhile before baptizing him. He receives the name of Joseph in baptism. He is now confirmed in the faith and love of God.

Friday, January 3, 1930

A Chinese twenty-two years of age has been in the Charity Ward for a month past. After the numerous religious instructions given him he believes in our holy religion but when there is question of baptism we receive this invariable reply: "When I am better." Alas! *when I am better* is no longer possible. To-day as he is very low we send for a priest. The patient is all the more importunate continually repeating, "No, when I am better..." A few hours later Sister returns telling him that most probably he will be dead before the morrow. One of the other patients, a Catholic, then speaks to him in his own tongue... "Baptize me, Sister," says the patient who has been won over. As Sister stepped aside to get some water he repeated, "Sister baptize me right away." What could his companion have said to fill him with such salutary fear?... He died three hours later.

Wednesday, January 6

Wishes from our beloved Mother which we have been waiting for with such impatience!!! This letter not only fills us with happiness but also with zeal for the salvation of souls and for our own perfection; we are this evening filled with fresh courage... Oh! how precious to her children in the far-off missions is the advice given by a Mother whom they so dearly love!

The mail also brings us letters from our different houses, and from our beloved parents. How dear to our hearts is the Christmas season!

A few months ago a young man came here to be treated for tubercular glands. Mentioning religion to him he said that he was a Catholic, but had never been to Confession nor received the Sacred Body of our Divine Saviour. We began to instruct him. One morning he said to Sister St. Pierre, on night duty, "I am anxious to go to Confession for I have committed a big sin..."

But he soon left the Hospital and returned to his work. The Sister who had instructed him knew nothing of his departure. The only thing left to be done was to pray to the Blessed Virgin to bring him back to us.

He returned last week and it is easy to ascertain that his ardor for the study of Christian Doctrine has not diminished in the least. One night even, a nurse found him studying.

Yesterday he spent nearly the whole afternoon in the chapel preparing for Confession, and this morning his soul was filled with happiness on receiving his Eucharistic Lord. The Wise Kings, pressing Jesus to their hearts could not have been any happier than this poor man who possessed our Divine Saviour.

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NAZE, JAPAN

Gleanings form the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Naze

Sunday, January 12

At Naze to-day we celebrate the Solemnity of the Feast of the Epiphany. We assist at High Mass and Benediction in the church.

Precious gifts have come from our beloved Mother. The beautiful picture of Our Immaculate Mother is doubly appreciated after the disaster last fall. Henceforth the typhoons must cease before commencing their destructive work for this inscription is written at the bottom of the picture: "O holy Virgin protect thy dwelling."

Tuesday, January 14

Tamari San, a young pupil of the boarding-school receives a package to-day from Canada!... What an important event... mail from Canada! And so anxious was our little one to receive it, that she nearly fell down the stairs. As a true Japanese she refused to open it before us, but a few minutes later she returned triumphantly carrying a pretty little Canadian doll sent by one of the pupils of the Sister of Sister Joseph de la Sainte Famille, a Sister of St. Ann, to whom *Tamari San* had sent a Japanese doll. There were many jealous looks and promises of writing for a wonderful doll from Canada that sits up all alone.

Wednesday, January 15

Our pupils relate to us that in former times when a Japanese lady was entertaining visitors in the parlor if in the intricate series of established customs she had the misfortune of making a mistake she could save her reputation only by killing herself. She would make three deep bows before her guests then turning her back to them she would cut out her tongue and die. This makes us quiver but it was the custom among these proud

people. In some of the primary readers several incidents of this kind of suicide are related. The former government was harsh and inhuman. The Samurai cavaliers ruled the natives. They despised and ill-treated the most of them. It is something very strange to read of these famous warriors of Japan. From their earliest childhood they had learned to suffer without uttering the least complaint. One winter's day one of them who later became a great general complained to his father that he felt cold. "Alright," replied the latter, "I am going to warm you up; come here." And he brought him to the well where despite the rigor of the season, after having stripped him of his clothing he poured ice water upon his head. It appears that from this day on he never complained of the heat or of the cold. In like manner if his mother noticed that he had a dislike for certain kinds of food she would give him some at every meal until all food was the same to him. Luxury was banished from the home of a Samurai. There only glittering swords and the armor of their forefathers were to be found. On examining the pictures of these ancient soldiers we are inclined to think that their eyes are artificial ones for they are the shape of almonds; but it appears that these people combed their hair back so tight that they strained their eyes thus. Each Samurai was his own hair-dresser. At the time of the persecution in Nagasaki several of these warriors who had embraced christianity gave up their lives laying down their two swords like heroes as proof of their faith. Many of them when old retired to Buddhist monasteries which are so numerous in Japan to there become bonzes while their sons inherited their armor and swords. They disappeared with the new form of government in 1868, but many of their descendants are still living and they will ever be remembered by the Japanese who speak of them with the greatest enthusiasm.

Sunday, February 2

This evening, Sister Ste. Angele de Merici and Sister Marie de la Redemption commence their retreat preparatory to their Perpetual Vows.

Tuesday, February 4

This morning we received some beautiful lilies: the lily season has just opened in Oshima. Never do we become tired of these pretty flowers, and every year it is with fresh joy that we hail their return upon our mountains. Upon the table in our work-room we placed a bud two inches long. A week later the petals began to unfold and two days after the lily burst forth in all its beauty. While gazing upon it the thought of Her of whom it is the graceful emblem came quite naturally to our minds. When the lilies bloom outside, the wind scatters a golden shower of pollen over the petals. They are very pretty, there is no doubt about it, but they are not pure white and is not this a quality that we look for in this flower of ideal beauty? Those in the house do not become tarnished but remain for two weeks in their spotless sheen. The lily bell always remains drooped. Sometimes it is so modest that its calyx may be admired only when raised by the hand. The buds which are upright on the stem will never bloom while

those gently drooped give us the hope of a perfumed production of blossoms. This is another lesson which the lily teaches us: modesty and humility are an assurance of the fruitfulness of our labors.

Monday, February 10

To-day we prepare to celebrate the feast of to-morrow. The carpenter noticing our tiny grotto approaches asking what it all means. In a few words I explain the Apparitions of Lourdes to him. He listens very attentively and when I ask him if he still studies he replies, "Oh! yes, I learn my Catechism every Sunday with my big brother. This gives us the hope that he will one day become a Christian.



TWO MISSIONARY SISTERS OF KAGOSHIMA

Tuesday, February 11

From her grotto adorned with the purest of spring lilies, Mary smiles upon us as she smiled upon little Bernadette on February 11th, 1858. How dear to our hearts is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. This year it is doubly so, for on this blessed day two of our Sisters are to become forever the spouses of their Lord and King. Holy Mass over the Blessed Sacrament remains exposed upon the altar until the afternoon. Reverend Father Maxime presides at the ceremony and delivers the sermon. Reverend Father Seraphin assists as also the christian and pagan professors with a goodly number of pupils. A few of our christian pupils, taught with patience by Sister Marie des Archanges, sing the Latin hymns very well. After the ceremony many come quite amazed asking to kiss the golden rings of the new spouses of Jesus. Then our two privileged Sisters are crowned with tiny lilies which Divine Providence has seemingly caused to bloom for this particular occasion. After supper we assemble in the community-room and as out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speaketh, you may easily guess the subject of our conversation. In thought we all

go back to Outremont to our beloved Mother and dear Sisters. As Japan is fourteen hours ahead of Canada at the moment that we begin recreation this beautiful feast is only dawning for you.

Friday, February 14

In the country-places to-day the people place cakes on bamboo pickets with which they surround their homes. This peculiar ceremony over, they gather up these cakes and carry them to the cemetery after keeping a few to eat. Strange superstition!

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MONTREAL CHINESE HOSPITAL

Since the beginning of the year 1930, we have had the happiness of enregistering the baptisms of six Chinese adults. Each has his own touching story, nevertheless we shall cite but three to-day.

At two o'clock in the morning we are called to the door by a poor pagan Chinese, so ill that he can scarcely walk. The doctor states that he has an ulcer of the stomach and fears ptomaine poisoning. Repeated hemorrhages bring the patient to death's door. Time and again have we tried to approach the moribund so as to speak to him about the truths of our holy religion, but all in vain. At the least noise, at the first word addressed him he casts a threatening look upon us which warns us not to insist. Relying on Her whom we never invoke in vain and armed with the miraculous medal we draw near to our poor patient who complains of intense pain. The nursing Sister seizes the opportunity and shows him the miraculous medal saying: "If you consent to wear the image of *Sing Mo Malea* she is able to cure you." He accepts it.

A few days later our poor Chinese consented to be baptized and received the regenerating waters from the hands of Reverend Father Caillé, Pastor of the Chinese Colony of Montreal. From this moment such a change came over this man that good Doctor Fortier said during one of his visits: "The change of character that took place in that patient greatly astonishes me." This new Christian is not only converted but is completely cured and since applies himself to the study of our holy religion.

Saturday February 1st, towards 10 P.M. another pagan patient is brought to us. The Doctor is called immediately and declares that he fears that the patient will not pass the night. This poor dying man prepossessed by grace joyfully accepts to be baptized at once. Before the priest's arrival the nursing Sister offers him a medal of the Blessed Virgin which he accepts saying: "I know *Sing Mo Malea*; I went to the Sunday Classes at Mile End," Father Caillé baptizes him giving him the name of Joseph Mary Edward.

At three o'clock the following morning, he grew quite restless. "Will it be long before I die?" he asked.—"Oh! no, you will soon go to Heaven and see God and the Blessed Virgin. There you will be happy forever."

At these words a happy expression came over his face. A crucifix indulged for a happy death was placed in his hand, he immediately made a sign to put one in the other hand and to help him to bring it to his lips for he was unable to do so himself. How touching it was to hear this new Christian repeat with fervor, "My God I love Thee, I give Thee my heart and my life. Jesus, Mary, Joseph assist me in my last agony." At eight o'clock in the morning he left for his heavenly abode to there perpetuate his supreme act of love.

Towards the end of January there arrived from Toronto a pagan in the last stages of tuberculosis. For several days neither the Sisters nor the Chinese virgins, despite their many efforts, could succeed in having him consent to be baptized. One of his neighbors suffering from paralysis, and having a very disagreeable disposition unceasingly repeated to him: "It is not necessary to listen to all that." Still our patient continued to wear the miraculous medal which we had succeeded in having him accept.

Sunday, Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Chinese virgins returned from the bedside of the dying man saying: "Quick, quick, our poor Chinese asks to be baptized." The priest was summoned and baptized him giving him the names of Joseph Mary Simon. He expired two days later armed with his passport for heaven.

Oh! how good, how powerful is the Blessed Virgin and how truly is she "The Gate of Heaven."

"To make one step in the propagation of the Faith, and to give one ray of light to heretics, I would forfeit a thousand kingdoms. And with good reason: for it is another thing altogether to gain a kingdom that shall never end, because one drop of water of that kingdom, if the soul but tasted it, renders things of the world utterly loathsome."

St. Therese of Jesus.

Mary having co-operated in our redemption with so much glory to God and so much love for us, Our Lord ordained that no one shall obtain salvation except through her intercession.

St. Alphonsus.

Extracts FROM THE Novitiate Chronicles

Dedicated to our dear Parents



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

Tuesday, January 28, 1930

Reverend Father Bissonnette, of the White Fathers of Africa, comes to speak to us about the Uganda Missions. As he speaks most fluently and possesses a most apostolic heart we remain motionless for two hours which are as minutes to us. Oh! how beautiful is the work of the missionary! How much merit do the souls called to this state of life gain! Once again we understand the necessity of preparing ourselves to face the thousand hardships to be endured by those who desire to carry the Light of Faith to pagan lands.

What a cruel martyrdom did the first missionaries to Uganda suffer. A truly divine fortitude was most necessary in the midst of so many trials and to crown misfortune, despite their labors and sacrifices they met with such incomplete success that the Superior of the little army of apostles, lacking funds and almost discouraged, resolved to consecrate the sterile mission to the Blessed Virgin. Most filially and in a most solemn manner was this consecration of the missionaries and their works made.

The very next day a pagan came asking to be baptized. Soon after a few others followed his example and ere long twenty Christians were to be found in Uganda which up until then had refused all instruction. This was a beginning and such a fervent one that these poor negroes regained something of the piety of the first Christians. Uganda was soon to have its martyrs!!

How beautiful, how sublime, how divine is this page of the history of Africa!

Always has the blood of martyrs been the seed of Christians. Uganda is soon to witness this truth. No other mission in Africa is as flourishing as this soil sprinkled with the blood of poor little negroes, and our sweet Mother ever keeps watchful care over this territory which is always inviolably her own!

Sunday, February 2

Fifty of our Sisters arrive to-day from the Mother House and the neighboring missions for their annual retreat. With the personnel of the Novitiate we shall be 182 in all at the Dovecot during this holy time of recollection. Our modest chapel is far from being spacious enough to contain us all. Some remain in the adjoining corridors. This is a consequence of holy poverty. We beg dear St Joseph to send us the means of building a chapel

which will be of a considerable size. Let us not lose hope and in waiting let us devote ourselves entirely to the important task of our sanctification. May we be transformed during this novena as formerly the apostles in the Cenacle!...

Tuesday, February 11

The Reverend Retreat-master recalled to us last night these words of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus: "If I had been a priest, how often would I have spoken of the Blessed Virgin!..."

Most loving Queen, is not this wish of the privileged Little Flower also that of the Missionaries of thy Immaculate Conception and is it not formally expressed by our cherished motto: May the Immaculate Virgin be known from Pole to Pole! Powerless are we to realize this ourselves but how happy should we be to know that our prayers and ardent wishes contribute to make thee known and loved a little more, especially in pagan lands. O Mother, deign to make up for our inability!...

It is to devote themselves to this sublime work of making God and His Blessed Mother better known, that this afternoon 38 of our postulants ask to receive the holy habit of the Missionary, that 19 novices unite themselves forever to their Divine Spouse by the three vows of religion, and in fine that 8 professed Sisters renew forever their promise of being faithful in serving their divine Master. Four of the latter are already in the distant missions but we feel that they are very near to us on this happy day.

The following receive Holy Habit: Misses Imelda Lacasse, Rimouski (Sr. St. Edmond); Adelaide Dallaire, Ste-Rose-de-Watford (Sr. Ste-Rose-de-Viterbe); Berthe Paradis, Tingwick (Sr. Marie-Xavier); Jeanne Lavoie, St-Donat de Montcalm (Sr. St-Joseph); Elisabeth Lemire, La Baie (Sr. Ste-Foy); Rose-Alma Lemire, La Baie (Sr. Ste-Alberte); Regina Pepin, St-Esprit (Sr. Jeanne-de-Valois); Alice Trudel, Les Chutes de Shawinigan (Sr. St-Pierre-de-Veronne); Alice Bonneau, St-David de Levis (Sr. Marie Therese); Marie-Paule Poitras, Quebec (Sr. St. Wilfrid); Sidonia Roussel, Montreal (Sr. St-Pierre-de-la-Croix); Juliette Deschênes, Levis (Sr. Ste-Juliette); Gabrielle Morisset, Quebec (Sr. Agathe-de-Jesus); Alphonsine Chenard, Le Bic, Co. Rimouski, (Sr. Ste-Elise); Aline Bedard, Beauport (Sr. Ste-Aline); Bernadette Cadieux, Valleyfield (Sr. Bernadette-du-Rosaire); Aurore Lusignan, Belœil Village (Sr. Ste-Aglæ); Albina Gareau, St-Félix-de-Valois (Sr. Marie-de-la-Passion); Clorinthe Berard, St-Barthelemy (Sr. Madeleine-du-Calvaire); Juliette Simonneau, Gardner, Mass (Sr. St. Maurice); Marguerite Marie David, Montreal (Sr. St. David); Jeanne Aubut, Pied du Lac (Sr. St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle); Laurette Lusignan, St-Hyacinthe (Sr. St-Hyacinthe); Regina Beliveau, St-Paul de Chester (Sr. Marie-Celine); Gratia Hamel, St-Elphege (Sr. Marie-Angeline); Lucienne Beauchemin, Laval-des-Rapides (Sr. St-Ernest); Cecile Breault, Val Racine (Sr. Marie-Cecile); Alice Labelle, Montreal (Sr. Madeleine-du-Sauveur); Laurette Gagnon, l'Islet (Sr. Marie-Loretta); Diane Barrette, Fall River, Mass. (Sr. Anne-de-Jesus); Ida Filiatrault, Montreal (Sr. Ida-de-Jesus); Yvonne Gagne, Ste-Flavie (Sr. Pauline-de-Jesus); Marie-Laure Barabe, Parisville

(Sr. St-Severin); Cecile Forest, Three Rivers (Sr. Ste-Cecilienne); Georgette Turner, St-Hyacinthe (Sr. Therese-de-l-Eucharistie); Alberta Gauthier, Fall River, Mass. (Sr. Ste-Priscille); Germaine Gravel, St-Proper, Co. Champlain (Sr. Marie-Germaine); Gertrude Mathieu, St-Ephrem de Tring (Sr. Gertrude de Jesus),

For Profession: Sr. Marie-de-l-Assomption (Alice Larouche, Sweetsburg); Sr. St-Vital (Laurette Boucher, Montreal North); Sr. St-Jean-d'Ephese (Lorette Moran, St-Boniface, Man.); Sr. Therese-du-St-Sacrement (Graziella Poitras, Quebec); Sr. Ste-Rosalie (Ursule Charette, Three Rivers); Sr. Ste-Catherine d'Alexandrie, (Catherine LeBel, St-Epiphanie); Sr. Claire d'Assise (Aurore Leger, St-Stanislas Kostka); Sr. Marie-Esther (Alice Buteau, St-Evariste); Sr. St-Joachim (Bernadette DeChamplain, Luceville); Sr. St-Simon (Simonne Begin, Montreal); Sr. Leon-Joseph (Simonne Sabourin, St-Isidore de Prescott); Sr. St-Janvier, (Antoinette Alary, St-Janvier); Sr. Ste-Adele (Josephine Charron, l'Ile Verte); Sr. Marie-de-Liesse (Georgine Beneteau, Amherstburg, Ont.); Sr. Gabrielle-de-Marie (Gabrielle Filion, Lachute); Sr. Sr-Roch (Jeanne Bedard, Quebec); Sr. Ste-Perpetue (Cecile Bouthillier, St-Valerien); Sr. Ste-Cecile (Marie-Louise Labonte, Gentilly); Sr. Camille-de-Lellis (Yvonne Jolicœur, Joliette).

For Perpetual Profession: Sr. Marie-de-la-Nativite (Marie-Anne Barrette, Causapscal); Sr. Ste-Jeanne d'Arc (Jeanne d'Arc Lacombe, Riviere-du-Loup); Sr. Marie-Louise-de-Jesus (Berthe Desaulniers, Shawinigan Falls); Sr. Jean-Marie-Vianney (Beatrice Guenette, Shawbridge).

At Naze, Japan: Sr. Ste-Angele-de-Merici (Marie-Jeanne L'Heureux, Loretteville) and Sr. Marie-de-la-Redemption (Basillisse Maillet, West Bathurst, N. B.).

In Manchuria, China: Sr. St-Gerard (Anna Roberge, Granby) and Sr. Jeanne-de-Chantal (Jeanne Caron, Montreal.)

Mgr. Le Pailleur, Pastor of Nativity Parish, Hochelaga honors us by presiding at the ceremony. Reverend Father W. Menard, S. J., preaches the sermon.

Tuesday, February 18, Feast of Blessed Bernadette

The luminous halo which adorns the brow of our Blessed Mother this morning recalls to our minds the apparition which in former days filled the humble shepherdess of Lourdes with admiration causing her to repeat these memorable and eloquent words: "Oh! the Blessed Virgin! She is so beautiful, that when we have seen her once we desire to die in order to see her again!"

The desires of this holy child have since long been realized forever. In her blissful abode she unceasingly contemplates the ravishing beauty of the Immaculate Virgin...

Dear little Bernadette, Mary's privileged child, remember that we have a special claim to thy sisterly attention. As thee, we have promised to make our Immaculate Mother better known. So we entreat thee to hearken to the prayer which with all our hearts we address thee this morning and from the heights of heaven recite the *Ave* for us.

Friday, February 21

Recreation has just commenced this evening when suddenly we are left in complete darkness. But this does not greatly disturb the doves of the Dovecot... Last night the same thing happened so we went to bed early instead of studying... This evening, as we do not wish to spend all our life in bed, we easily find a means of occupying the time. We have only a few lamps which hardly give any light... and to give candlelight to so many people would not be practical! "Let us tell stories!" do we exclaim... Immediately we draw our chairs as close as possible to our Mistress and are soon in the land of memories... "At the time of my novitiate," does our Mistress relate, "we had only lamps and not many of them I can assure you! We had to take our precautions in order to have one when we had work to do outside of the work-room and sometimes even we had to finish it in the dark... But we were happy just the same. Our beloved Mother Foundress was then Mistress of novices and this privilege made up for many privations!... How she encouraged us to practise self-denial both by word and deed..." We continue to speak of bygone days and are just at the most interesting part of our conversation when suddenly the electricity flashes on. We feel almost like pouting at it, but this we must not do since it manifests God's Holy Will for the moment. We again take up our work in the best of humor.

How pleasant it is to accomplish God's Holy Will according as it is revealed to us by the different occurrences. Our beloved Mother has good reason to so often exhort us to seek but this alone upon earth.

Monday, February 24

Very Reverend Father Langlois, Provincial of the Dominicans, who will set sail in a few days for his mission in Japan has the kindness to come to see us before his departure. Reverend Father is not a stranger to the novices of the Immaculate Conception. He had already asked us to pray fervently for the realization of a plan he had in view: that of seeing the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception in the field of apostolate confided to the Dominican Fathers in Japan. To-day he is quite overjoyed to tell us that our prayers and his also have been heard and that he is happy to accompany the first group of our Missionaries on their way to Koriyama. Father adds, "We have a population of 5,000,000 pagans to evangelize and a dozen missions in which religious are needed. You see that you are not too numerous..." He then speaks to us of the works which he proposes to establish and confide to our Sisters. He makes many beautiful plans which we hope will be realized for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls. Then he takes pleasure in teasing us a little. Speaking of the Japanese women, he tells us that they are very sensitive, kind, patient and extremely modest... "all the virtues of the novices," he adds with a smile. "The Japanese take pride in possessing these virtues, but novices should possess them in order to become perfect..."

Reverend Father moreover gives us a little practical advice which will help us to prepare ourselves for our future apostolate.

On leaving he promises us that if he does not sink to the bottom of the ocean he will not fail on his return to come to give us news of his trip.

Saturday, March 1

A new contingent of future laborers in the Lord's vineyard has just arrived. They are thirty-four in number. As always we welcome them with all sisterly affection. Yesterday, these young girls who have come from different parts of the United States, Ontario and Quebec, were complete strangers to us and right away on receiving them as our sisters we would like to soften the sacrifice that they have just made in tearing themselves away from their home and from everything dear to them to respond to the call of grace. We treat them with the kindest of attention and acquaint them with their new life. They are greatly surprised to see how dearly we already love them, for they notice that ours is not a pretended affection but a very real one...

Dear little sisters, according as you advance in your beautiful vocation you will find that your religious duties far from causing your hearts to shrink make them expand and ennoble them, that your souls in being consecrated to God, lose nothing of their tenderness, but that they will become somewhat divine on account of being constantly in contact with Him who is Love itself and who deigns to choose you as His privileged children while waiting to have you as His spouses. Therefore be as happy as we in the dwelling of the Immaculate, and may this peerless Mother ever cast a sweet and loving glance upon us.

Sunday, March 2

Before the alarm-clock rings this morning an open air orchestra, if not harmonious at least interesting in its own way awakens us from our sleep. This musical body is composed of our friends, the crows which enviously repeat the beauties of the springtime. They proclaim in their own way the greatness of God. The concert given us by these spring messengers continues until after daybreak. Is it not in honor of the new postulants, the little "crows" of the Dovecot that their "sisters" caw so merrily around our nest ?...

Monday, March 3

Last night our Sisters left for the distant mission of Koriyama, Japan. Two representatives of the Novitiate, one of whom is the sister of one of the privileged ones, went to the Mother House to offer them our best wishes for a happy trip. Our dear Missionaries were cheerful until the very end.

May the beautiful Star of the Sea shine upon them on their way, may she preserve them from all danger and brighten their holy apostolate on distant shores.

Pauline Marie Jaricot

Foundress of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith.

BEYOND THE GRAVE

(Continued)



PAULINE MARIE JARICOT

Foundress of the Propagation of the Faith

TOUCHED doubtlessly by her humble prayer, the Angel guided the orphan towards a narrow street, sheltered by the hill of Fourviere. There, in one of the oldest dwellings where numerous generations had succeeded one another in the midst of deceiving illusions and the painful realities of life, in the back of a yard which the rays of the sun hardly ever reached, but whose silence was never disturbed, Maria chose an apartment according to the dreams of her humility.

There for twenty-five years she relived bygone days continuing her mission of prayer, penance and charity which her holy Mother had left

her as heritage. Those who enjoyed worldly happiness knew nothing of this solitude, but as formerly at Loretto, this poor woman always received there the mite of the poor and afflicted, the consoling alms of fraternal piety. How many privations and generous sacrifices were to ravish the Mother's heart and that of the Master who, gazing lovingly upon them, blessed "the widow's mite."

We have had the happiness of spending three months with Pauline's visible angel, in this dwelling, the true sanctuary of filial piety, whose entire riches were at our disposal. Among these riches the writings of our venerable friend were to be found. They were still so numerous despite so many rapines that we would need years to write them in full and we had but a few months to do so. We were obliged therefore to draw from them

we shall not say *at random*, this word, is too pagan to find place here, but in confiding ourselves to the direction of Providence.

The correspondence of the Living Rosary alone formed a folio. These innumerable answers to the letters of the foundress attested at the same time the activity of her spirit and the ardor of her zeal.

There was in this modest sanctuary something still more precious... It was the heart of Pauline. ..

After having heard the last sigh of this martyr of devotedness, Maria Dubouis said to Dr. Talon, "I have nothing for the moment, but I promise you to earn, by my labors, enough to pay the expenses of embalming my Mother's heart."

And this "most noble heart" thus preserved from corruption was since then kept as a relic by the maiden. (1)

She told us that during the period of the Prussian rule this heart had transpired little red transparent drops, like tears, and that immediately after the departure of the enemy, the phenomenon ceased.

Now, you who have listened to and understood the secrets of this heart, if you wish to show it fresh marks of sympathy and respect, knock no more at the door of the humble dwelling which sheltered her during twenty-six years.

She is not longer there...

Children of the Catholic, Apostolic and Roman Church, begin to sing softly the "Te Deum"!

Human wickedness has its bounds: the tenderness of the Lord for His elect has not...

All seemed to be finished forever for her whom many lips name the Joan of Arc of the Faith, in the work-shops and in distant lands...

In this valley of inexorable miseries in which we sojourn, *human power had spared no pains to plunge her memory into shame and oblivion destroying, at least in appearance, all that she had constructed.*

And the Lord permitted them to act thus...

They have their time on earth... and He, Eternity!...

But while ingratitude heaped shadows upon *this memory, which is by more than one right, blessed in the Church*, He, Christ, Remunerator and Divine Sun of Justice quietly prepared for the Martyr, in the treasures of eternal light, the splendors of an endless day which He reserves for His loved ones.

At the approach of this day, He gently repelled the darkness and immediately the aurora answered: "Behold I come!..."

On March 1st of the year of grace 1880, sacerdotal hands carried with respect, to the archiepiscopal palace of Lyons, the heart which had loved and had suffered in an incomparable way.

There, Mgr. Foulon, primate of Gaule and at that moment Cardinal, set to contemplating this heart with veneration. Holding it in his hands

(1) The blood still in this heart at the moment of embalming, having been placed by Dr. Talon, in three phials sealed by himself, has, since 1862, remained as fluid and as red as if it had just flown from a fresh wound.

before all the assistance he sympathetically explained in these terms the sentiments which filled his soul: "It is indeed this heart which has thought of such sublime things and has accomplished such beautiful work! We have not here a relic, but an object of veneration..."

Pauline Marie Jaricot has humbly commenced the Association of the Propagation of the Faith. God satisfied with this beginning and with the dispositions of this noble heart, has taken upon Himself to do what yet remains, in causing this work to flourish. In other words, as true as they were kind, Monsignor continued to praise the Foundress and, after having congratulated the members of the Jaricot family there present, in having a so pious, so holy and so heroic relative, he encouraged them to follow in her footsteps, in the Faith and in good works. He declared with joy that he desired that her memory might not be forgotten. Thus His Eminence gave to the entire assembly the hope that one day the virgin Pauline Marie would be glorified as other holy souls of our days.

After the real heart had been placed in a beautiful silver one, bearing the words of His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. regarding *the foundation of the Propagation of the Faith by Pauline Marie Jaricot*, His Grace sealed the pious treasure with his coat-of-arms. Enclosed in a casket, this treasure was carried by the same sacerdotal hands, to St. Polycarpe's Church whose former venerable pastor, Reverend Father Gourdiat, had by his energy saved the apostolical work from destruction and had upheld, consoled and assisted the young foundress, persecuted precisely because of her beautiful foundation.

The glorification of *the Mother of Apostles* was to dawn in the very spot where she had come to fortify herself against the first trials and humiliations of her life.

After a delicate and reflected choice, this heart was deposited in the chapel of St. Francis Xavier close by the statue of this *illustrious lover of souls*, 'a statue raised to recall to future ages,' declared Father Chaumont, 'that the Propagation of the Faith had taken birth in this parish.'

On the very spot where the virginal heart reposes, under the guidance of the Holy Eucharist, her unique love, a marble slab reproduces to all the *undeniable affirmation of the Head of the Church, regarding the imprescriptible rights of Pauline Marie Jaricot to the title of Foundress of the Propagation of the Faith.*

Once again this promise of Christ *Remunerator* is verified: I am the Resurrection and Life; he who believeth in Me, even though he be dead, shall live!...

Pauline Marie Jaricot, this virgin crowned with thorns by the City, *her Mother* and towards whom injustice, betrayal and jealousy audaciously withdrew their bounds, *had an invincible faith in this Divine Remunerator.* Moreover, though dead, she still lives, and the memory of this noble soul will ever increase in the human mind, in proportion as the light of truth, coming closer and closer will show forth *in their true light* her works — *realized or thwarted* — planted by the *martyr* "in this valley of tears."

She was the first to honor and to make honored at Lyons the *Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ*, by an association of pure and fervent souls, who had promised *an active honorable atonement*, and who went through the different parts of the city, where this Heart was to receive public outrage in the Sacrament of His love. *The Reparatrices of the Heart of Jesus* (1817).

The first and only one "she planned and organized" in all the fulness of its actual work, *The Association of the Propagation of the Faith* (1818-1819).

The first and only one she divined and blotted out the infernal work of the secret societies, in placing in opposition to their league of blasphemy and hatred a *new league* of universal prayer and charity. *The Living Rosary* (1826).

From the point of view of holiness, which traversed all the horizons of time, she foresaw *the future erection of an unknown edifice that of unbounded devotedness* to all good as to every misfortune, of body or soul, in the most profound humility and complete forgetfulness of self! She sketched, ravished in God, the splendid beauties of this mysterious edifice of which she was to lay the foundations through *The Little Society of the Daughters of Mary* (1835).

The first and only one — a half a century ago — she understood the danger of the monopoly of gold by impiety — to-day the Jewish way — and attempted to remedy it by the organization of a *gigantic* work, but accessible to all: *The Conservation of the Faith* (1842).

Again, the first and only one she understood and signalized from the very outset of this premature epoch, the peril as much social as religious, of the demoralization, of the suppression of the working-class, giving the example of *Christian reaction* against the invasion of this two-fold evil which terrifies at this very hour, the skilful and powerful, for it foils all their efforts to impede its invading progress: *The Regenerating Work of Our Lady of Angels* (1845).

The first and only one, "she heroically suffered a *slow death* for all these noble causes, after having assisted financially and intellectually whosoever had recourse to her bounty in the name of God or in that of misfortune.

Do these sufferings, labors and devotedness suffice to fill a life, to sanctify and to immortalize it?... Thousands of Christians reply:

Yes! Amen! Alleluia!... and believe the day to be close at hand when the last obstacle of Truth and of Justice, captive for twenty-nine years upon the tomb of the *virgin apostle* broken asunder, all the *blind will see*, all the *deaf will hear*... Then a universal *Te Deum* of gratitude will respond to the *supreme blessing*, by which the Roman Church will deign to glorify the *humblest and most devoted of her children*, "for the great things which the All-Powerful has accomplished" — in her and through her. — *In memoria erit Justus!*.....

The end.

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.

I am enclosing \$10.00 for your good works as I had promised. Please continue to pray to Our Blessed Lady for the favors I am still asking. Mrs. G. H. R., **Arnprior, Ont.** — To fulfil my promise I am sending \$1.00 for the ransom of four dying babies. Please pray for us. Mrs. A. P., **Hebronville, Mass.** — Enclosed you will find a cheque for \$2.00 for your work in the Chinese missions, a promise I made. Will you please have a novena said for my intentions. Mrs. E. B., **Montreal.** — I am enclosing an offering of \$2.00 for Masses of thanksgiving for the Poor Souls. R. M., **Toledo, Ohio.** — Enclosed please find \$1.00 in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favor received. Please pray for my intentions. K. R., **Ottawa, Ont.** — Kindly accept my offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart and Our Blessed Lady for a favor obtained. Please pray that I may regain my health. Mrs. H. D., **Cleveland, Ohio.** — Enclosed please find \$1.00 for a Mass for the Souls in Purgatory, a promise made to St. Anthony and \$1.00 for a Mass for my son who was killed a few months ago. Please pray for the repose of his soul. Mrs. M. G., **New Bedford, Mass.** — I enclose the small thank-offering of \$1.00 which I promised to send you if my prayers were heard. Please pray for my special intentions. Mrs. M. M., **Maisonneuve.** — Kindly accept the enclosed \$3.00 in thanksgiving for a special favor received. This has been promised for the ransom of Chinese babies. May I again ask the assistance of your prayers. M. A., **Amherstburg, Ont.** — Thanks to the Blessed Virgin my daughter is much better. Please continue to pray for her. Mrs. E. M., **Verdun.** — Please find enclosed \$1.00 a thank-offering for favors granted. Pray for me. Mrs. B. — Kindly accept my offering of \$5.00 for five Masses in honor of Our Blessed Lady in thanksgiving for a favor granted me. Please join with me in praying for two other graces. Mrs. L. W., **Spencer, Mass.** — My offering of \$1.00 in honor of the Immaculate Conception in token of my gratitude for a favor received. Mrs. W. H. R., **Cochrane, Ont.** — In thanksgiving for a favor granted me I am sending \$2.00 towards your works. Kindly pray for my sister. K. R., **OTTAWA.** — I am enclosing \$5.00 for the ransom of a baby likely to live. This is in fulfilment of a promise made to the Infant Jesus. Mrs. M. K. W., **Farrellton, P. Q.** — I have received a favor from the Blessed Virgin. Please accept my offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving to this good Mother. L. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — Enclosed please find my offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving for past favors. I. M., **Montreal.** — I am sending you \$2.00 to have two Masses said in honor of Our Blessed Lady to thank her for two favors granted me. Mrs. O. H., **Spencer, Mass.** — Enclosed you will find \$1.00 for a Mass for two dearly departed ones and \$1.00 in thanksgiving for a favor. A Reader, **Douglastown.** — Many thanks to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower of Jesus for favors received. Please pray that I may obtain another favor. M. A., **Montreal.** — In gratitude for favors received I am making an offering of \$2.00 for Chinese babies. Mrs. W. L., **Montreal.** — Enclosed please find \$1.00 to thank Our Blessed Lady for graces obtained. Please pray for my special intention. K. R., **Ottawa, Ont.** — I am sending the money I promised if I met with success in my undertakings. Please pray for my daughter and myself. Mrs. L. F., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — I have received a favor and am sending \$10.00 in thanksgiving. Please pray that I may be granted another special grace. Miss Y. R., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — My offering of \$1.00 to thank the Blessed Virgin for a favor she has granted me. I had promised to publish for her glory. Mrs. M. F., **Montreal.** — My mother bids me send you \$1.00 for your little Chinese. We greatly thank the Blessed Virgin for having accorded us many favors. H. M. P., **St. Evariste.** — To prove my gratitude for a favor received I am sending you \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby and \$5.00 for your most needy missions. A Subscriber. — Please find enclosed my cheque for \$6.00. \$1.00 is for my subscription and the \$5.00 is for the Shek Lung Lazaretto, in thanksgiving for a favor obtained after promising publication in your review. Mrs. T. S., **Verdun.** — I am sending you \$5.00 for your missions in Japan. This is to thank the Blessed Virgin for helping me to find work. Please publish. T. D., **Ludlow, Mass.** — Having recovered from a serious illness I wish to pay my debt of gratitude to my heavenly Mother by sending you \$25.00 for your poor missions. I still greatly need the Blessed Vir-

gin's help. C. P., **Gardner, Mass.** — Offering of \$23.00 in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favor obtained. A Subscriber. — With all my heart I am sending you the sum of \$5.00 for your good works. My lively gratitude to the Blessed Virgin for having cured my child who suffered from a very sore throat. Mrs. F. C., **New Richmond.** — In offering you my wishes for success in your beautiful work I am sending you a cheque for \$25.00 in fulfilment of my promise. M. G. F., **Montreal.** — My heartfelt gratitude to the Blessed Virgin and St. Therese for a great favor obtained. With the greatest confidence I am asking for another. Please accept my offering for your missions. Mrs. A. M., **Montreal.** — The Blessed Virgin has just heard my prayers. In token of my gratitude I am sending you \$1.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. Miss M. P., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — With my subscription I am sending an offering for a novena of lights in honor of the Blessed Virgin to thank her for favors received. Mrs. H. L., **St. Genevieve.** — My grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for my cure. I am sending \$2.00 as promised for two Low Masses. D. L., **Newton Falls, N. Y.** — For having obtained an improvement in health I am sacrificing \$1.00 for the ransom of a Chinese child. I beg you to kindly pray for my intentions. If I obtain what I desire I shall not fail to thank God and the Blessed Virgin by helping your missions according to my means. Miss D. B., **Montreal.** — I wish to thank Our Blessed Lady for all the graces granted us during the past year. To fulfil my promise I am sending you \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. I shall renew this offering next year if this good Mother continues to bless us this year. Mrs. C. P. G., **Fontenelle.** — Enclosed please find \$1.25 for favors obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower. R. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.**



A MASS is celebrated every week in the chapel of the Novitiate of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception for the intentions of the Subscribers to "THE PRECURSOR" and all their living Benefactors.

Petitions

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

I am enclosing \$2.00 for Masses for our relatives hoping this will help the missions a little. Mr. and Mrs. O. D., **Mc Gregor, Ont.** — Please pray that I may obtain a position where I shall receive a higher salary. I promise to send you \$10.00 if I obtain this favor. Miss B. L., **North Grosvenordale, Conn.** — In favor of the Mission Burse I beg you to accept my offering of \$10.00. May I ask your prayers that the Company holding lease on our property may decide on our place for their deep well. I hope I shall be able to send you something wonderful from the sum received for same. C. R., **Muskegon, Mich.** — The enclosed offering is from Mrs. P. M. W., **St. Lambert.** Will you say special prayers for her as her health is poorly. — I am in serious family trouble and am begging God to settle it as soon as possible. Kindly help me by your prayers. I am sending \$2.00 for Masses. S. Q., **Newark, N. J.** — I am enclosing .75 for which I wish to have a novena of lights burned that I may secure a permanent position. If this request is granted I shall forward you \$1.00 for the Missions. G. S., **Lachine, P. Q.** — May I ask your prayers that Our Blessed Lady may grant me the favor I am asking. I am enclosing \$1.00 in honor of this good Mother and also \$1.00 for the renewal of my subscription. Mrs. G. B., **Montreal.** — Will you kindly commence a novena for me to the Blessed Virgin that she may grant me two special requests. If I receive these favors I promise to renew my subscription when it expires and also to send \$5.00 every month for your good work. Mrs. O. D., **Montreal.** — With the renewal of my subscription I am sending a small offering for your missions. Please remember us in your prayers. Mrs. J. C.,

Dorval, P. Q. — My offering of \$1.00 for a Mass for the Souls in Purgatory that my little boy may be cured of an ailment. Please continue to pray to Our Blessed Lady for us and I shall not forget you and your good works. **Mrs. G. H. R., Westboro, Ont.** — Kindly pray that my son may obtain a position within a month. If I obtain this request I shall renew my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". **Mrs. R. St. D., Sandwich, Ont.** — This dollar is in payment of my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". I am asking that my sons and daughters may find employment. If I obtain this favor I shall send you \$2.00. **Mrs. C. M. O., Windsor, Ont.** — Would you kindly make a novena for me for two special intentions. **H. M., Montreal.** — Please accept my offering of \$1.00. I am asking a special favor and beg your prayers for this intention. **Mrs. R. B., Chicopee, Mass.** — With my renewal subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am sending \$1.00 in honor of the Blessed Virgin that I may recover my health. **Mrs. C. F.** — Enclosed you will find an offering for a Mass for my deceased husband and an offering for a novena of lights in honor of Our Blessed Lady for special intentions. **Mrs. S., Toronto, Ont.** — Would you kindly pray to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower for my son's health and that my husband may be able to sell a good process. If we obtain these favors we shall send \$100.00 to help you in your good works. **Mrs. N. A. W., Cleveland, Ohio.** — Please pray that my husband may receive an increase in his wages. I promise to send \$1.00 for your works if God deigns to grant me this favor. **Mrs. J. L., Hull, P. Q.** — Enclosed please find \$1.00 for the renewal of my subscription and also .50 for lights for a special intention. **W. J. M., Worcester, Mass.** — I am enclosing \$1.00 for lights to be burned for a special favor. When I obtain the same I shall forward another dollar. **Miss H. K., Montreal.** — Please pray for my special intention. I shall send an offering in honor of our dear Lady if this favor is granted me. **J. R., Ottawa, Ont.** — Will you kindly commence a novena to the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin for my intention. If my request be granted I shall send \$1.00 every month for the ransom of dying babies. **M. S., Montreal.** — I beg you to pray to Our Blessed Lady that I may find work and be successful in renting a house also for health at home. **B. P., Montreal.** — With my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" kindly accept my offering of \$1.00 for lights in honor of Our Blessed Lady that she may grant me better health. **Mrs. H. S., Verdun.** — My offering of \$1.00. Please pray for the cure of my young daughter. **Mrs. P., Verdun.** — Will you kindly make a novena for me in honor of the Blessed Virgin and St. Anne that I may be cured of a growth without an operation. I am sending \$1.00 for your works. **Miss D. S., North Adams, Mass.** — Enclosed please find \$1.00 for the renewal of our subscription and \$1.00 for your good works. Kindly pray that we may find a satisfactory buyer for our business property. **Mrs. M. K., London, Ont.** — Please pray for us. **Miss M. G., Zurich, Ont.** — May I ask your prayers for the success of an operation. **Mrs. J. G., Montreal.** — I am sending \$1.00 in favor of your good work. I wish you to pray for a very special intention. I promise to send a good donation towards your missionary work when granted my request. A Client of Our Lady **Liverpool, England.** — Special favors are asked by the following persons; **A. M. B., F. A. K., Toronto, Ont.** — **M. K., St Marys, Ont.** — **C. D., Aylmer, P.Q.** — **Mrs. M. J. Worcester, Mass.** — **R. F. S.** — **Mrs. A. R. H., Mettagami Heights, Ont.** — **Mrs. E. L. F., Indian Orchard, Mass.** — **Miss L. M., Montreal.** — **Mrs. J. N., Lachine, P. Q.** — **A Subscriber, Montreal.** — **Mrs. J. R. K., New Carlisle.** — **Mrs. P. K., Montreal.** — **H. M., West Newton, Mass.** — **Mrs. D. F., Montreal.** — **Mrs. J. D., Westmount.** — **Mrs. M. K., Verdun.** — **Mrs. E. C., Montreal.** — **Mrs. R. B., Chicopee, Mass.** — **Mrs. M. M., Windsor, Ont.** — **A. F., Ottawa, Ont.** — **Anonymous.** — **H. L., Stratford, Ont.** — **Mrs. D. V., Kapuskasing, Ont.** — **Mrs. J. E. O., Windsor, Ont.** — **Mrs. R. F. Point St. Charles.** — **Mrs. V. P. M., Chatham, N. B.** — **Mrs. H. D., Cleveland, Ohio.** — **Mrs. A. C. C., Amherstburg, Ont.** — **Mrs. J. E. P., Notre Dame de Grace.** — **M. F. L.** — **Mrs. G. L., Iroquois Falls.** — **T. W., Montreal.** — **Mrs. M. C., Montreal.** — Please pray that Our Blessed Lady will grant me my request. **V. C.** — I desire that you and the children pray for me that I may be restored to health. **E. D., Holyoke, Mass.** — I appeal to you to help us by your prayers that I may be able to again take the place of provider for my family and to lead my life according as I would like to lead it. **Mr. J. C., Windsor, Ont.** — I met with an accident three years ago and since I have been obliged to use a cane. As I am still afraid of falling I ask your prayers that I may conquer that feeling and be able to go to Mass. **Mrs. D. B.** — Please accept my small offering of \$1.00. I wish you to pray to Our Blessed Mother and the Little Flower for my mother who is very ill in Scotland. I shall send you as much as I can throughout the year if she regains her health. **M. M., Montreal.** — I am enclosing \$1.00 for your good works as also my subscription for another year. Please make a novena for my son, who has become very nervous lately. **Mrs. T. S., St. Marys, Ont.** — Kindly make a novena for me as I am out of work. I promise to send you \$2.00 if I obtain a position next week. **Miss B. D., Montreal.** — I beg your pious prayers for a friend of mine who has left the Church. If he returns to his religious duties I shall give as much as I can for your good work. **Miss F. T., Indian Orchard, Mass.** — Enclosed you will find a money order for \$5.00 for Low Masses to be said for the Souls in Purgatory, especially for my relatives. **Mrs. J. S.** — I am donating \$1.00 towards your good works. Please ask Our Blessed Mother to grant the recovery of my daughter who is in the hospital. **Mrs. J. S. S., Whitinsville, Mass.** — Kindly offer prayers for me that I may regain the use of my legs. I am enclosing 9.00 for the Missions and will send a donation of \$25.00 if I obtain this favor. **L. H., Stratford, Ont.**

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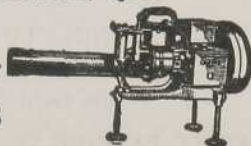
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