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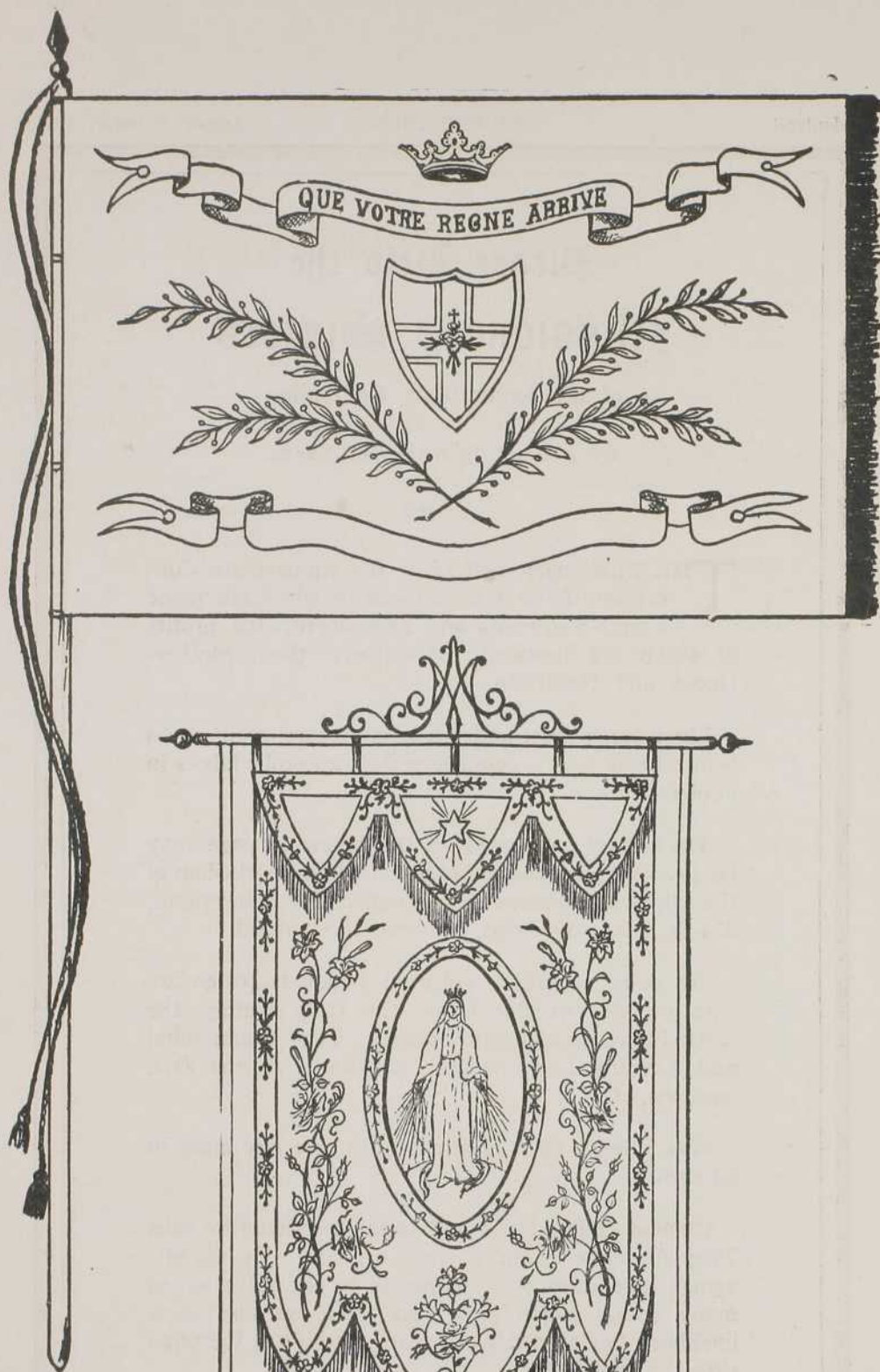
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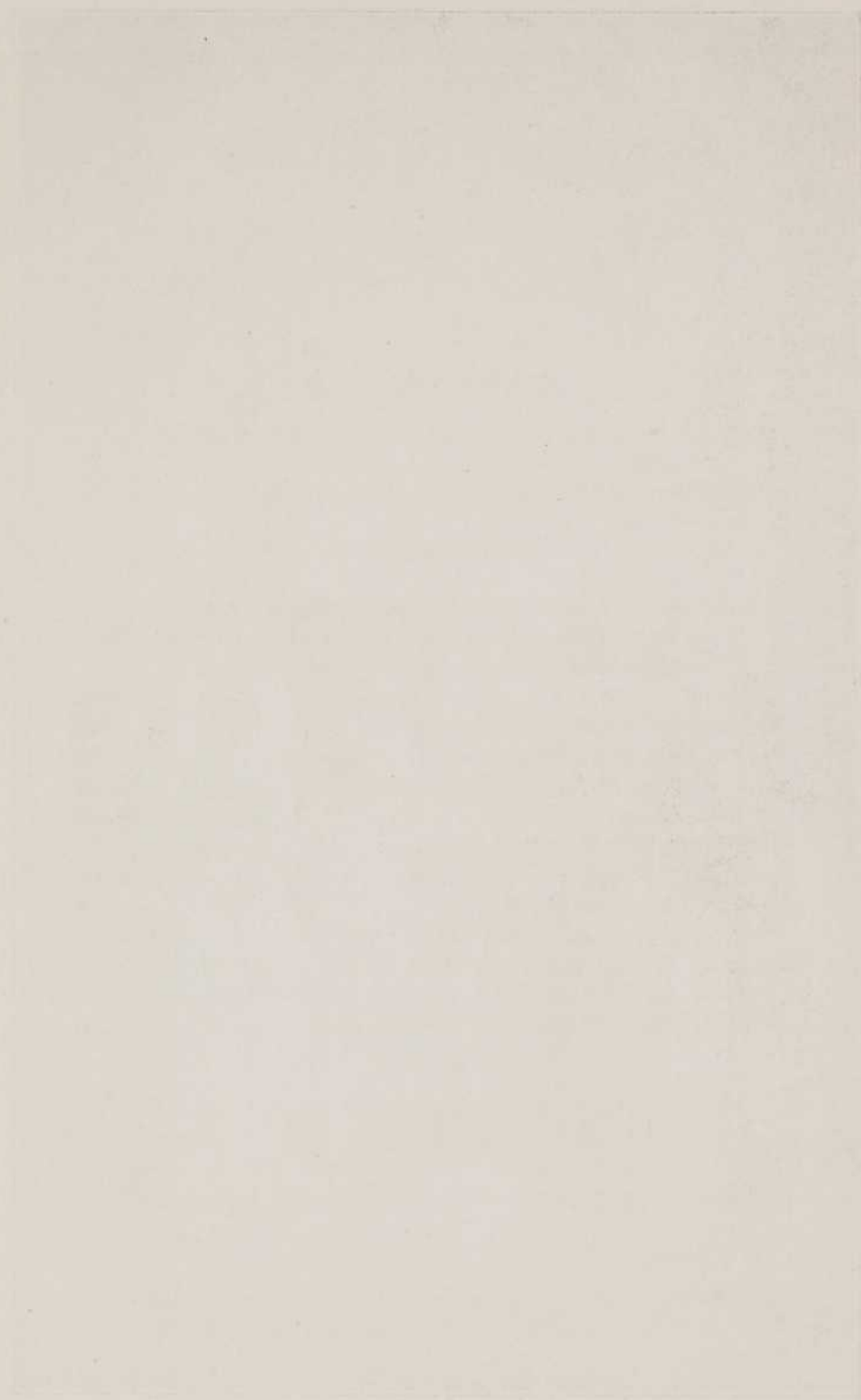
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BOOTH OF THE REVEREND FATHERS OF THE CANADIAN
FOREIGN MISSION SEMINARY

Missionary Exposition of Montreal

FROM THE 21ST TO THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER, 1930

Under the distinguished auspices of His Grace Most Reverend G. Gauthier

The Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary of the Province of Quebec

Conference by Very Reverend Canon Roch, Superior General
of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary.

MY LORDS,

REVEREND FATHERS,

The organizers of the sacerdotal Missionary Day have asked me to speak about the Foreign Mission Seminary of the Province of Quebec. I joyfully comply with their desire, for one never tires of speaking of a Work he loves. At the same time I thank them for offering me the occasion of giving them a historical account of this missionary foundation and its development, not only at Pont Viau, but also, and especially, in Manchuria, a development which has brought about the creation of a new Canadian prefecture, the Prefecture Apostolic of Szepinghai.

It was in 1921 that "The Foreign Mission Seminary of the Province of Quebec" was founded, and it is to the episcopacy of this province that it owes its existence. Prompted by a spirit of faith and apostolate, anxious to return God thanks for the numberless graces granted to Canada during the last three centuries and, in fine, desirous of responding to the urgent appeal of His Holiness Pope Benedict XV, the Archbishops and Bishops of the Province of Quebec expressed the desire of having the members of the secular clergy go to take their places in the mission field beside the members of religious Orders. For this reason, at a meeting held in Quebec on February 2nd, under the distinguished patronage of the late Cardinal Begin, a committee consisting of four members was appointed to draw up a constitution and to see to the organization of the new Society.

The first step taken by this committee was to reveal their project to the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda soliciting the favor of putting it into execution. The reply was one of encouragement and praise. "The honors already merited in the past by the clergy and by the faithful of Canada for the way in which they have favored and assisted those who have left to bear the light of the Gospel to infidel nations," wrote Cardinal Van Rossum, Prefect of the Propaganda, "are numerous and wide-spread. From Canada, as from a home of missionary vocations, numerous generous souls have left to swell the ranks of the divers Institutes and religious Orders

for the conversion of infidels. And in these latter days, a fresh spirit of fervor has sprung up among the pious Canadians. Their zeal has so increased that they wish to form their own glorious battalions in order to win over to the true Faith the poor unfortunates still sitting in the shadows of death."

When Rome's opinion was made known the question of nominating a superior immediately arose. At a meeting on May 12th, 1921, the Archbishops and Bishops of the Province of Quebec confided this charge to your humble servant. From the very outset his task was greatly lightened by the co-operation of two priests, one of whom left in 1925 for the Missions of Manchuria, and has since been appointed Prefect Apostolic of Szepinkai, Mgr. Louis Joseph Adelmair Lapierre.

Divine Providence assisted in a most visible and efficacious manner these fortunate workers who had but little experience in their new career. This divine assistance was firstly shown them in the person of the Clerics of St. Viator who for two months extended hospitality to the new superior and who, for two years and a half after, placed at their disposal the former presbytery of Outremont.

It was again manifested in the person of all the ecclesiastical and lay benefactors, who so widely opened their hearts, supplying comforting moral help and the financial means for the upkeep of their work.

On learning of the foundation in Montreal of a Foreign Mission Seminary of Philosophy, Leo Lomme and Ernest Jasmin, who had already asked to be admitted to the Foreign Mission Seminary of Paris, hastened to join the new Society. The following year, 1922, six new aspirants arrived. Then arose the problem of constructing a house for the formation and training of these future apostles. It was quickly solved, for the Society, thanks to the generous alms received, was able to purchase a large piece of land on the banks of the River Des Prairies.

The Council of Administration, at a meeting on July 11th, 1922, gave the Society the authorization to build, and on the 31st the first work was begun. On the 16th of the following October the blessing of the cornerstone took place. Mgr. Pietro di Maria presided at the ceremony and was accompanied by fourteen archbishops and bishops, several prelates, representatives from all our educational houses and civil authorities and many priests, religious, and faithful. It was Mgr. Paul Eugene Roy, Coadjutor-



MGR. J. L. A. LAPIERRE
*First Prefect Apostolic of Szepinkai,
Manchuria, China*

Archbishop of Quebec, at that time President of the Council of Administration, who preached the sermon on this occasion. Two years later, September 7, 1924, the blessing of the new house took place. This time also Mgr. Pietro di Maria presided, and it was His Grace Most Reverend George Gauthier, Coadjutor-Archbishop of Montreal, the actual President of the Council of Administration, who showed us marks of his ardent sympathy and who, on this solemn occasion, spoke in our favor.

On January 6th, 1925, the Feast of the Epiphany, His Grace the Coadjutor-Archbishop, gave us a fresh proof of his solicitude by canonically erecting the Foreign Mission Society of the Province of Quebec. At the same time he approved its temporary rules for three years.

The new Society received its missionary heritage a few months later, for Rome assigned China as the field of apostolate of its future apostles. The episcopate of the Province of Quebec together with the authorities of the Seminary chose Manchuria. Their first reason for doing so was that the climate of Manchuria is about the same as that of the Province of Quebec; their second reason was that Northern China possesses the same language, the same customs, and is more homogeneous, hence greater facility to found, on this vast territory, numerous missions which later on will be a help, one to the other.

On the following September 11th the first departure took place. His Grace Archbishop Forbes, the ever-devoted Secretary of the Council of Administration presided at this ceremony. Three missionaries, Reverend Fathers Lapierre, Berichon and Lomme, left the Seminary. Divine Providence did not fail to send them trials. One of them, Father Lomme, having to undergo an operation at Shanghai, was obliged to remain in the hospital from the month of October until the following May. In turn, Father Lapierre fell seriously ill with malaria. These dear missionaries never thought of uttering the least complaint, knowing that God sends trials to those He loves, and knowing also that suffering is the fruitful source of apostolate and the best foundation-stone of a new mission.

And since, each year a new contingent of apostles makes its way to Manchuria. Actually the missionaries in China number twenty-two. In 1928, as the Seminary could no longer shelter all the aspirants who had chosen the Missions as their career, a central wing and a chapel were added. On September 26, 1929, His Eminence Cardinal Rouleau blessed this new addition, and was the speaker on this occasion. The ceremony was equal in every respect to those which took place in 1922 and in 1924.

The year 1929 will certainly be recorded as one of the most fruitful and glorious years of our Society. On July 25th, it received from the Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda a Decree of Praise and the pontifical approval of its Constitutions for seven years. On the second of the following month a Prefecture Apostolic separated from the Vicariates Apostolic of Mukden and Jehol, was confided to it, and a few months after, Mgr. J. Louis Adelman Lapierre was appointed Prefect Apostolic of Szepingkai.

The Foreign Mission Society of the Province of Quebec, in the opinion of its founders and according to the text of its Constitutions, is an Institute

of secular priests who have been called to live in common and whose work is the evangelization of infidels. It has a double aim in view, the first being the sanctification of its members, the second, mission work in foreign countries: (a) by the conversion of the pagans, (b) the care of the Christians, (c) the formation of a native clergy

1° *The conversion of the pagans.*—The essential work of our Society is the preaching of the Gospel. But the pagans are not always willing to heed the Word of God. We know that souls, to make use of Mgr. Rossillon's expression, are not gathered in bunches as lilacs, neither can we purchase them by the dozen, as eggs or peaches. We must therefore, from the very beginning, be satisfied with gaining a footing. We must win their confidence and dispel their prejudices by means of spiritual and corporal works of charity. The most striking of these works in mission lands are dispensaries and schools. The dispensary is certainly a most efficacious means of evangelization. No other work brings us into closer contact with the pagans under such favorable conditions. Truly it is while caring for their bodies that we are able to reach their souls to therein sow evangelical seeds which will in time bring forth fruit.

The first dispensary, under the direction of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception at Liao Yuan in the new Prefecture, was blessed in the month of October 1928. The number of patients, very small at first, rapidly increased. At the present time a hundred come daily to the dispensary. A sister infirmarian, a graduate of the Hotel Dieu Hospital of Montreal, assisted by two Chinese orphans, gives medicine the whole day long. Needless to say that all this medicine and care is given free of charge. There is perfect order in all this work. The women and children are treated in the forenoon, and the afternoon is reserved for the men. In order to make the study of religion easier to those desirous of being instructed, Chinese catechists, by means of illustrated Catechisms, explain the Catholic doctrine and the great destiny of man. A rich harvest of souls is the reward they receive for their labors. In the year 1929, 22,303 dressings were made and divers treatments given at the dispensary, 800 visits made to the homes, and 858 baptisms administered. Could one wish for anything better! Two other dispensaries, also directed by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, were recently established, one at Pa Mien Tchong, and the other at Fakou. Both are most promising and already count as many patients as that of Liao Yuan. Every priest in charge of a mission is asking for Sisters. They cannot be everywhere at once. While awaiting their arrival the greater number of our missionaries have established a temporary lay dispensary. They have constructed little pharmacies. Catechists and Chinese virgins have been trained to treat ordinary diseases. Despite the sacrifices they are obliged to make, not one of them wishes to be deprived of this powerful means of evangelization.

The school is another fruitful source of Catholic propaganda. The organization and upkeep of a school is a difficult and costly undertaking, for the missionaries are almost alone to bear this heavy burden, but realizing that it is especially at the school and through the medium of the school

that children receive a thorough and solid training they have preferred to impose upon themselves still other sacrifices rather than let this excellent means of apostolate glide from them. A few of these schools number twenty, thirty, sixty, and sometimes even a hundred pupils. As most of these children are pagans you may easily understand what an apostolate their Catholic teachers are able to exercise among them. On account of the rapid development of these schools there is another problem to be solved: the procuring of Chinese teachers. All of these teachers, or nearly all, have come from the Vicariates of Mukden and Jehol. As to-day there are not many more to be found, Mgr. Lapierre, in order to settle this state of affairs, has just established a school at Liao Yuan for the training of Chinese teachers. The direction of this new school has been confided to Father Edgar Larochelle, religious superior of our missionaries. It is certainly a most necessary and admirable work, but it has one disadvantage, that of exhausting the resources of the Foreign Mission Society of the Province of Quebec, for we are obliged to supply the necessary funds.

2° The care of the Christians is the second great work of the Foreign Mission Society of the Province of Quebec in Manchuria. The new Prefecture, situated at the very limits of the two Vicariates Apostolic, numbered but five resident priests upon the arrival of the Canadian missionaries. We do not believe that we are speaking against charity when we say that this distant district had been practically forsaken, for this abandonment is due to the great war in China which tore many missionaries from their missions.

Moreover, nearly all the chapels and earthen residences are falling into ruins. Properly speaking, there is but one church and one residence which do not need to be built over. Our missionaries have not remained inactive. In the five ancient missions formerly occupied by foreign missionaries and which have been entrusted to them, they have already re-constructed three chapels and two residences. They have also seen to the organization of six new districts each with a resident missionary. As I lack the time to give you a historical account of each of these foundations, I shall confine myself to but three of them, Toung Leao, Tout'Suen, and Cheng' Sin-Toun.

The population of Toung Leao is 50,000. Since its foundation this mission was visited but once a year by the Scheut Belgian Fathers. In the latest report of the visit of one of these missionaries, we noticed that but twenty had made their Easter Duty. Father Edgar Larochelle, upon his arrival there, could hardly assemble fifteen persons for Sunday Mass. He was told that there were more than a hundred Christians in the city and surrounding country. Before going in search of them he wished to have religious edifices erected. With the help of his Superior, Mgr. Lapierre, he constructed a chapel, a residence, and two schools, one for boys and the other for girls. Six months later, a hundred Christians made their way back to the Church. In 1929, on Pentecost Sunday, eighty persons approached the Holy Table, and the Mission continues to make progress. There is question of building a new chapel in another section of the city. It will be confided to one of the priests of the Mission, for Canadian missionaries

always live at least two together. For the construction of this chapel the missionaries rely on the financial resources of the Society, which, in turn, relies upon the generosity of its benefactors. We hope that before long this chapel will be raised.

The progress at Tout'suen and at Cheng-Sin-Toun (Sacred Heart) is more admirable still. In 1925, when the Mission of Tout'suen was visited for the first time, but three Catholic families were to be found. This part of the country is a region of colonization and every year new colonists arrive. The greater number of these immigrants are pagans, but just the same there are a few Catholics among them and it is the task of the missionary to find them and to group them together if possible. When Father Berger was sent to Tout'suen in 1928, he found there seventy-five Christians, but not a residence, only the ruins of an earthen chapel, fifteen feet square. He resolutely set to work but not without meeting with many difficulties. His first task was to travel a distance of seventy-five miles in a cart drawn by oxen to procure the necessary construction material. Moreover the country is overrun with brigands. He was captured with one of his confreres. Happily they were detained but one day. Father Berger, despite all difficulties, succeeded in constructing a chapel, a residence and schools. To-day, there are two hundred and fifty Catholics in Tout-suen. The following year, 1929, seeing that immigrants still continued to arrive, he purchased with the help of his confreres and the alms given him, a piece of land, three miles north of Tout'suen. This land he divided into lots and inside of three months, sixty Christian families, that is about two hundred and fifty persons, had taken possession of it, building thereupon some kind of a little hut. Father Berger lost no time in constructing a chapel and schools. It is a priest of the Mission, Father Michaud, who goes each Sunday to say Mass in this new colony. In this most remote part of the new Prefecture, 75 miles away from the nearest mission, where, ten years ago, God's name was unknown, where the devil alone was worshipped and served, can be seen two chapels wherein the Divine Victim is sacrificed, schools wherein the children learn to love and serve God, and dispensaries wherein bodily ills are relieved. Three priests, all natives of Rimouski, with admirable simplicity and devotedness, perform the missionary's task. They are sowing the mustard-seed which will soon spring up and become a lofty tree. And all our missionaries, in other parts of the new Prefecture are accomplishing the same apostolic work as these three young apostles.

3° I would be very sorry if I let the occasion go by without mentioning a work which Father Jasmin has begun with the authorization of his superiors and which fulfils one of the aims of the Foreign Mission Society: the formation and establishment of native clergy. For the past two years he has been giving lessons in Latin, at his presbytery, to four young gentlemen. On August 25, 1929, he wrote: "The young pupils of my school are really pious little flowers which have sprung up on this pagan soil. Each day they greatly edify me. As regards piety and intelligence no better pupils could be found in Canada." It is said that history is continually repeated. This young missionary's work is but a repetition of the actions



REVEREND FATHERS VICTOR CHAMPAGNE, LUCIEN GUILBAULT
AND JOSEPH MIGNAULT

Of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary, who left for Manchuria, China,
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of the priest who, in former times, opened small schools from which have proceeded the colleges which are to-day the honor and glory of our nation.

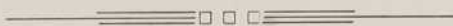
Here is, in a few words, the summary of the work we have accomplished, either at Pont Viau or in the new Prefecture of Szepingkai. Divine Providence has blessed our Society in a most manifest way. In September 1921, it numbered three priests and two seminarians, and in 1924, the date on which we took possession of the present Seminary, seven priests and fifteen semi-

narians. To-day, after nine years of existence, it numbers twenty-eight priests and thirty-five seminarians, sixty-three members in all. Of this number, twenty-two priests are missionaries in Manchuria, one priest is completing his theological studies at Rome, and the others are charged with the direction of St. Francis Xavier Seminary.

Realizing all the good that has been accomplished, we feel it our duty to thank those who have been the real artisans of the Work. We first offer our thanks to God, the Author of all good. From the very beginning we have felt His protection over us. He has guided us by the hand. Secondly, we extend our gratitude to the Episcopacy of the Province of Quebec which, after laying the foundation of the establishment, has always lavished upon it the most paternal solicitude. It not only has given it moral support, but has also helped in a material way. Thus we may say that it is its work rather than our own. Lastly, we wish to return thanks to the clergy and the faithful who, by their prayers and alms, have permitted us to attain the results which I had the honor of bringing to your notice a little while ago.

The Foreign Mission Society, as we have seen, is an Institute of secular priests whose aim is to carry the Light of the Gospel to pagan lands. It will be a long time before the unconverted nations will be able to pay the price of their evangelization. To whom may our missionaries turn, if not to their brethren, the secular priests, in whose name they are leaving to bring the Faith to these numerous peoples who are still sitting in the shadows of death.

As the numerous divers works are increasing in the Missions, we continue to rely upon the co-operation of our generous benefactors. And we know that our hopes are not in vain as the welcome we have received in the past is a pledge of future generosity.



In return for the faith which we have received from God, let us help to give faith to other souls.

Pope Pius XI.

ELEVENTH CHINESE BISHOP CONSECRATED BY PAPAL REPRESENTATIVE

His Lordship the Right Reverend Francis Liou, the eleventh native son of China to be raised to the episcopacy, was consecrated by His Excellency the Most Reverend Celso Costantini, Apostolic Delegate to China, in the Cathedral Church of the Petang, Peking, China, October 12.—The co-consecrators were their Lordships Bishop Paul Montague, C. M., Coadjutor Bishop of Peking, and Bishop Peter Tcheng, Vicar Apostolic of Suanhwafu. The elevation of another of their fellow-countrymen to episcopal dignity created tremendous enthusiasm among the Chinese, a vast crowd of Christians and pagans attending the ceremony.

Bishop Liou was nominated by the Holy See as Vicar Apostolic of Fenyang, July 14. Previous to his nomination he was a priest of the Vicariate of Luanfu, Shansi Province. In his new office he succeeds the late late Bishop Louis Tohen, one of the six Chinese bishops consecrated in St. Peter's by the Holy Father in 1926.

—Fides Correspondence.



BOOTH OF THE REVEREND JESUIT FATHERS OF LOWER CANADA

IN this pavilion pearl grey paper hangings bring out the beauty of the handsome furniture and divers objects of Chinese art. On the wall is a tableau of the holy Canadian Martyrs, the glory of our country. This is the work of Reverend Brother Riquet of the Society of Jesus. To the right of this tableau is a high-relief painting representing St. Peter. This painting is encircled by another in low relief representing the principal churches of the world. The eye is greeted also by old panels, lacquered screens, carved cedar chests and cupboards, curious "embroidered" paintings, vases and Chinese clothing which appear to be even more elegant and more comfortable than our own.

"Most of the furniture and objects of art that you see here," explains Reverend Father Proulx, S. J., "come from the workshops organized by the Jesuits at Zi-Ka-Wei in our Canadian Mission of Siu-Tcheou-Fou." This Mission extends over about the same number of miles as there are between Quebec and Ottawa and is some forty miles in breadth. It has a population of 8,000,000. Of this number 54,000 are Catholics and for these Catholics scattered here and there in the little rural districts which compose Siu-Tcheou-Fou, there are twenty-five missionaries.

"More missionaries are needed," this is one thing we learn at the Missionary Exposition. A diagram that may be seen upon entering the Hall shows that the light of christianity has reached but two-fifths of the human race.

"Tristan Pensyf"



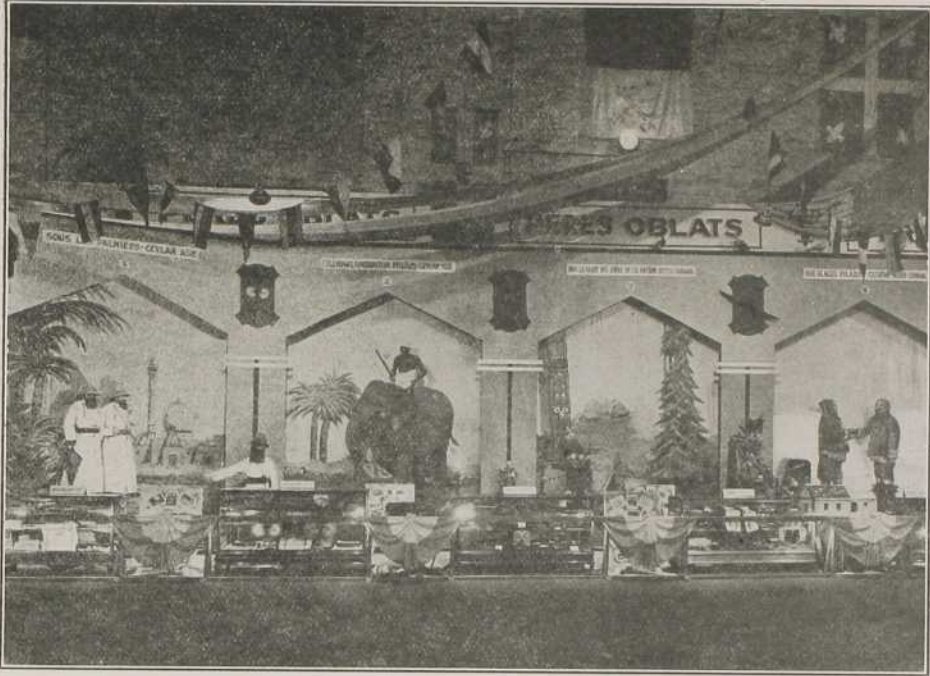
BOOTH OF THE REVEREND DOMINICAN FATHERS

IN this booth are to be found several Japanese curiosities: hand-embroidered tableaux, Japanese paintings, beautiful lamps, vases remarkable for their form and sculpture, Japanese dwellings, buddhas and several objects of art.

The Reverend Canadian Dominican Fathers in the Diocese of Hakodate, Japan.

The Reverend Dominican Fathers of Canada owe to the kindness of the Pope of the Missions the favor of evangelizing the Diocese of Hakodate, Japan. In a private audience, November 21, 1927, His Holiness deigned to accept, personally, the grateful homages of filial devotedness of the Canadian Province of St. Dominic, and the 30th of December of the same year, gave it the official mandate in a letter signed by His Eminence Cardinal Van Rossum, Prefect of the Sacred Propagation of Propaganda.

Two missionary Fathers left Canada during the month of May 1928: Reverend Father A. Dumas, as Superior, and Reverend Father H. Reid. A few days after their arrival in Japan they were joined by Very Reverend Father G. Proulx of Tonkin. Since then several other Fathers have left for this Mission, and there are many more who will yet follow them.



BOOTH OF THE REVEREND OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE

THE spacious pavilion of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, one hundred feet in length with its vast panels on the left, showing the missionary dressed as an Eskimo and again in a tropical costume, evokes the immense regions of the Canadian North West and those of Basutoland. The panels are encircled by a kind of colonnade surmounted by a gable which is adorned by magnificent buffalo heads, calumets, masks and deities carved from colored wood. In the centre can be seen a handsome portrait of Mgr. de Mazenod, founder of the beautiful congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate to whom the Canadian West owes its eighteen archdioceses, dioceses, vicariates and prefecture apostolic.

In the foreground of the pavilion, the eye of the curious visitor is attracted by the many interesting articles displayed in the show-cases, one of which contains objects which later on may be regarded as relics: a paten, Rosary Beads and an amice belonging to two Oblates massacred in 1913 by the Eskimoes, Reverend Fathers Le Roux and Rouvière. The amice is stained with a few drops of the blood of these missionaries.

In the other show-cases altogether different kinds of objects excite one's interest, for instance an earthen pitcher, the shape of a rabbit. This has come from Africa. Totems, heads of animals fantastically carved, and curious little wooden statues are also to be seen. Some of these objects reveal the artistic sentiments of the Eskimoes and natives of the West. There are also products of domestic industry which show forth the ingenuity of the natives of the North West. A journal and school lessons written in the African language are also of interest to the visitor.

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BOOTH OF THE REVEREND FRANCISCAN FATHERS

THE pavilion of the ancient Franciscan Order is adorned by a colonnade arranged after Japanese fashion. In the background can be seen several paintings, which, as the Fathers tell us, are striking representations of Japanese country-life. A panel to the right shows us scenes of Jerusalem.

A long rolled-up parchment from Thora, fantastical little receptacles in which the doctors of the law concealed passages of Holy Scripture inscribed upon parchment which they carried on their brows, biblical and Roman coins recall to us the antique land of Judea where christianity sprung up and flourished.

Reverend Father Seraphin, O. F. M., shows us an exact reproduction (evidently not as regards dimensions) of a temple which, it appears, contains the remains of a predominant dynasty which the Japanese regard as "the organ of the gods". He also shows us a Japanese Catechism which formerly belonged to the Christians who were victims of the persecutions of the 17th century. This little manuscript was handed down by the survivors, from generation to generation until the present day. The yellow pages, three quarters of which are worn away with age, are a tangible testimony of the tenacity of the seed of Faith sown on the Japanese soil. Beside this Catechism are to be seen marvellously decorated swords used in the persecutions of the 17th century. What is most astonishing is to see the "Fioretti" of St. Francis of Assisi in Japanese, translated by a pagan.

There is also a reproduction of an ancient Japanese manor-house, a pewter tea-service, and at the entrance of the booth two wooden statues of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Anthony sculptured by the Iroquois in the time of the Recollect Fathers.

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BOOTH OF THE REVEREND WHITE FATHERS

A first glance at the White Fathers' pavilion evokes superstitious and blood-thirsty Africa. Panoplies of lances, arrows, divers white weapons, and shields made of skin, prettily arranged, compose the principal ornamentation of the walls. In the midst of all these instruments of torture, forming a symbolical contrast, the image of Our Lady of Africa and portraits of apostles of Christ's peace, are to be seen.

Deities and fetishes tell us of the superstition still existing in Africa — the artistic faculties possessed by the natives. Not far from these deities and fetishes, carvings on the tusks of elephants prove that the African artists do not devote their entire time to what we call African art.

A display of tam-tams, pianos a little larger than one's hand, and other musical instruments of remarkable shapes and forms, complete the representation of the fine arts of the natives of Africa. Reverend Father Antoine Audet, decorator of the pavilion, affirms that the music of the negroes is far from being devoid of charm.

Sandals made from the bark of the "boubougo" tree, basket-work and pottery represent the home industries of Equatorial Africa. Beside them, articles of woven leather and objects of wrought copper are a tribute to Algeria where the White Fathers originated.

Stuffed animals, and even a living one, evoke African fauna. This living animal is a chameleon, a monstrous lizard which has long been remarkable for its faculty of changing its color.

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BOOTH OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

DRAPED in pale blue and white, the pavilion of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception appears to us as another vision. In the centre is an attractive Chinese cabinet adorned with dainty ivory flowers. In the show-cases, on either side of this buffet, there is a display of lace and church vestments, the skilful work of Chinese orphans. Articles of sculptured ivory and objects such as a bridal carriage, a tiny house, a minuscule set of parlor furniture, compose a kind of museum of the Chinese mode of living. In the foreground in show-cases may also be seen trinkets and other pretty or precious things. Chinese characters written on large pieces of bamboo, which are placed on the side panel to the left, contribute to the embellishment of this booth.



The Blessed de Montfort considering the multitude of souls who are being lost, cried out: "Fire! fire! help! help! souls on fire, help our perishing brothers!"



It is not an earthly kingdom but the kingdom of Christ that we must spread: it is not for the earth but for heaven that we must recruit members.

The Missionary Exposition

NOTES TAKEN BY A VISITOR

AT the very entrance we imagine that we see before us, in miniature, the universal conquests of the Church. His Holiness Pope Pius XI is there. Instinctively, the throngs astonished as in a temple wherein the entire Church is represented, remain almost silent.

In every booth there is something to attract one's notice: the serpent of Abyssinia or the volcano of Japan, the polar bear or the dainty works of Chinese art. But what is most striking to the eye of Faith is to find the same attraction in every booth: Christ on the Cross. He is the Conqueror. It is He who is everywhere adored and passionately loved by the missionaries and by the neophytes who enviously give Him their life's blood. He is the soul of the Universal Church, the soul of the distant missions, the soul of this Exposition. The respectful attitude of the confused crowds shows that His presence is felt throughout the entire hall.

The Exposition clearly shows forth the transformation of the world by means of the Gospel. When we glance at these Chinese idols, at these Hindoo buddhas, at these African fetishes, at these Alaskan totems, we realize that the demon, hidden beneath these hideous symbols, is still worshipped throughout the entire world. See what he has placed in the hands of these poor infidels: lances, flint, poisoned arrows, tomahawks. What a pity that there are so many human beings who, craving for happiness, have recourse to a vile manitou which we regard as a mere plaything! See how the artless smile of sanctifying grace beams on the countenances of these African seminarians and amiable little Chinese girls as they show us the church vestments, the wonderful works of art, cathedrals carved out of wood, note-books filled with school lessons, the utensils, the model of which has been given them by the missionary.

This material civilization is but an outward sign of interior transformation. In their souls Faith is rapidly blossoming into Christian virtues, purity and strength of character. The children of cannibals are being canonized as martyrs. Their pictures irradiate at Rome. Is this not a miracle as great as raising souls from the dead? It is a missionary miracle.

The Exposition shows us those who have been the cause of this transformation. In every booth the missionaries are perfectly at ease as they were in the dangers of barbarism, of tempests and volcanoes, of burning sands or everlasting snows, of leprosy and famine, of tigers and cannibals. Many of those who are now smiling at you, still remember how narrowly they escaped being shot to death. In every booth the heroism of each missionary in white, black, grey or brown dress, the heroism in the smile of every missionary Sister in the midst of the spoils of barbarism or the conquests of Faith, the heroism encircling the Cross of our Crucified Saviour and the

bust of Pius XI, all this fills the immense hall with a most delicious atmosphere, which as I have already stated, gladdens every heart.

The visitor asks himself this question: "What good am I doing, and what good am I able to do? I must do something."

When Veuillot, one day, was boldly addressed at the entrance to the Vatican Council, by these words: "And who are you?" this proud Christian fearlessly replied: "*Aliquis e plebe christiana!*" A member of a Christian nation. The glory of Holy Mother Church, whose dogmas are so calmly explained to us by the confessors of the Faith, by the Sovereign Pontiffs and doctors of this same Church, this glory, I say, is in some way mine, for I am one of the sons of the common Father of the faithful: *Aliquis e plebe christiana*.

At the Missionary Exposition, the very atmosphere of the Hall silently repeats to each one of us: *Aliquis e plebe christiana*. The missionary glory of Holy Church is also yours. You share in this common treasure of heroic conquests. Do not fail to continue to contribute to it by your every effort, for the pagans are still over a billion in number. Each one of our 300,000,000 Catholics must, by his sacrifices and prayers, convert four pagans during his life. Well then, I am going to convert my four. I shall even convert a dozen of them in case that another will fail to convert his four. I shall delight in being a missionary by my prayers and sacrifices. I shall make it my duty to convert a dozen every year, every month, and why not every day? This billion will supply me for still a long time with my daily dozen.

S. J.

The Purification

*God's lovely things — a Mother, Child, two doves,
With lowly mien ascend the Temple stair;
A meek attendant, whom the Virgin loves,
In dream ecstatic doth her burdens share.
They have had Heaven in Bethlehem's dewy cave,
Have heard for forty days the angel's sing,
For forty days, no bold intruder — save
The humble shepherd and the eastern king.*

*Jesus hath made their paradise complete,
With joy beyond that known on earth before,
Now joy, too, passes with unconscious feet
Far, far — beyond the Temple's sacred door.
Anna beholds the Child of priceless worth,
Promised of old to prophet, king and seer.
Simeon, inspired, proclaims Messiah's birth,
And sings of hope fulfilled and death, near.*



Our Lady of Lourdes

*Blest Vision of Lourdes! Enthralling thy beauty,
Encircled by splendor eclipsing the Morn ;
Upraising a Rock to dictum of Duty
Enhanced with the glories of years later born.
All-beautiful Maid! White Rose of the Morning!
God's Virginal One, Immaculate and fair!
Aglow was the Grot! God's glory adorning!
Below—Bernadette sweet kneeling in pray'r!*

*Famed Lustre of Lourdes! There, heartbeat maternal
Is throbbing response to ills of the world!
An Ocean of Mercy is flowing eternal—
A fount marks a purer sweet fragrance impearl'd!
O Waters of Lourdes! Compassion so tender
Gives tribute most thrilling to dogma divine!
Reverberate Earth with thy sweeter soul splendor
To draw us to thee; far outposts entwine!*

*Chaste Centre of Love! A Godhead revealing
Munificent Mercy—through Mary—to Man!
Thine anthem of praise through centuries pealing!—
Earth's Angelus since Redemption began.
Immaculate Queen, in Heaven sweet reigning,
Beside Bernadette, we ever would be,
Thou Gateway to Graces! Our Heaven obtaining
Through Jesus—thy Son! Our Saviour—through thee!*

RONALD STEPHEN MACDONALD



The Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame

*Venerable Mother Marguerite Bourgeoys, one of the first missionaries
who came from France to Canada*

THE Congregation de Notre Dame sprung from an apostolic inspiration and a fervent desire of imitating the life of the Blessed Virgin.

When Marguerite Bourgeoys left for Canada on July 20, 1650, she was fully aware that she was going thither to perform a work of evangelization. The words she was accustomed to address to her companions when sending them on mission: "Think, my dear Sisters, that you are going forth to gather up the drops of the Precious Blood, which are being lost through the ignorance of nations," were for her as an order when she herself left her native home for a foreign land.

To-day, the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame no longer have missions, properly speaking, but the inspiration of their foundress ever remains essentially apostolic.

BOOTH OF THE CONGREGATION DE NOTRE DAME

Reliefs illustrate the scenes of the missionary life of the Foundress and of her first companions; interesting statistics of the first missions cover the walls of the kiosk.

In the booth are also displayed various objects brought from France by the Venerable Foundress and which were used for Divine Office in one or the other of the poor chapels of the six missions founded during her life. There is also a facsimile of the stable given to Mother Bourgeoys by Monsieur de Maisonneuve and which was the first school-house of Ville Marie.

Key to historical paintings:

1. *Marguerite Bourgeoys meets Monsieur de Maisonneuve* at the Convent of the Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame in Troyes, in the year 1652. She decides to go to Canada to teach the French children, and to instruct the savages.

2. "Go and I will not forsake thee", says Our Lady to Marguerite Bourgeoys, when doubts assail her as to the certainty of her vocation to Canada. The artist shows us the Blessed Virgin pointing towards Canada, and Marguerite kneeling upon the shore of France, though the event really took place in Mother Bourgeoys's own chamber.

3. *Sailing from Nantes.* The first woman lay-missionary to Canada leaves France July 20th, 1653, on board the Saint Nicholas.

4. *Marguerite Bourgeoys nurses the sick.* During the crossing, an epidemic breaks out on board, and during the space of two months, takes its toll of passengers and crew. Marguerite braves the dangers of the plague and spends her days and nights with the sick and dying.

5. *The arrival at Ville Marie.* After nine months and a half of weary voyaging Marguerite disembarks at the scene of her future labors, 12,000 leagues from her native land.

6. *Mass at Ville Marie.* "Our Church was a tent and our steeple a tree," says M. Ransonnet of the first Mass at which Marguerite assisted in Ville Marie.

7. *Marguerite visits the colonists.* Each day brings its consoling visit to some of the valiant pioneers in the fifty houses about the Fort.

8. *The great charity of Mother Bourgeoys.* Marguerite deprives herself successively of her bed, her mattress, and her quilts, and exposes herself to the rigors of a Canadian winter, to satisfy the appeals made to her charity.

9. *Marguerite Bourgeoys looks out upon Ville Marie.* From the foot of the Mountain Cross, which she has just caused to be raised anew, Marguerite looks out upon the city.

10. *Marguerite Bourgeoys goes among the Indians.* She distributes necklaces, medals and crucifixes among them.

12. *Bishop Laval blesses Mother Bourgeoys and her companions.* Marguerite leaving France for a second time, with six new companions, asks Bishop Laval's blessing on their voyage and on their work in Ville Marie.

13. *The return from France in 1672.* The boat is pursued by English vessels. At the request of the Captain, Marguerite and her companions pray earnestly that the ship may escape capture, and in less than two hours the enemy's fleet is lost to view.

14. *The arrival of "Les Filles du Roi".* Marguerite Bourgeoys goes to the dock to welcome the young women sent by the French Government to establish homesteads in Ville Marie.

15. *The colonists come to choose a wife.* The fortunate young woman leaves the Convent to become the household angel of a little cabin.

(2) *The contract.* All but the name of the young orphans is unknown. The date of their marriage is inserted in the registers of Montreal, nearly all the entries bearing the signature of Marguerite Bourgeoys, dated from the Parlor of the Congregation.

(3) *Marriage.* The matching succeeded very well, the Memoirs tell us. The little French girls became excellent wives, thanks no doubt, to the training and influence of Mother Bourgeoys.

16. *The First Workshop.* Mother Bourgeoys establishes a hostel where the young women can learn household crafts to earn their livelihood in a new country.

17. *A lesson in spinning.* Mother Bourgeoys teaches her little class to spin and weave.

18. *Marguerite Bourgeoys following the Blessed Sacrament*, which is being brought to the dying. This was a pious custom from which she never departed.

19. *Mother Bourgeoys arriving at Boucherville*. From 1668, Mother Bourgeoys went every summer with one of her companions, to teach Catechism at Boucherville. They stayed at Manoir Sabrevois, (now Villa de la Broquerie,) the residence of Pierre Boucher, Sieur de Boucherville, who gave them lodging.

20. *The first Sisters sent on Mission*. The Foundress of the Congregation sends out her two first Sisters with the words: "Think, my dear Sisters, that you are going forth to gather up the drops of the Precious Blood, which are being lost through the ignorance of nations."

21. *Missionary Sister teaching catechism in the rural districts*. The first missionary Sisters went on foot along the country roads as far as Batiscan and Neuville, to teach Catechism. The introduction of the horse into the country somewhat bettered their system of traveling, for in 1681 the Sisters of the Congregation owned five horses.

22. *The Mountain Mission*. It was only in 1676 that Mother Bourgeoys' desire of instructing the Indians was realized. The first Sisters sent to the Mission on the side of the mountain lived in bark cabins, but in 1668 M. de Belmont gave them the use of the two towers of the old Fort.

23. *At Champlain*. One of the first Missionaries stops an ice-floe which is carrying a number of colonists to certain death, by placing her scapular on the moving mass while her companion prays nearby.

24. *Holy Family Mission in the Isle of Orleans*. Sister Marie Barbier and Sister Anne Meyrand, the two first missionaries, set out for the Church, at a distance of one-eighth of a mile from their residence. History tells us they used to return covered with snow and icicles, and that once, they were even buried in the very heavy snow. They were rescued with much difficulty, and left half dead by the roadside.

25. *After the massacre of Lachine*. Sister Soumillard and her companion take their boarders to Ville Marie.

26. *The Apostle of Mary*.

27. *A prophetic vision*, in which the artist pictures Mother Bourgeoys as looking upon the present Mother House near the old towers, and the Institute of Pedagogy, the greatest achievement of the Congregation de Notre Dame, upon Mount Royal.

28. *The miracle of the provisions*. The surprise of the Sister on finding flour in the bin which she had emptied the previous night, and wine in a vat long since drained dry.

29. *The supreme sacrifice*. The Venerable Foundress of the Congregation offers her life in exchange for that of Sister Charly, who lies at the point of death. Her sacrifice is accepted and the Sister recovers. Mother Bourgeoys is seized with a mortal disease which causes her death twelve days later.



Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

*First Missionary Community founded in Canada, under the auspices
of the Immaculate Virgin.*

THE Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception has taken birth from the desire to see Canada do its share in the work of the evangelization of the infidels.

It was on the 3rd of June 1902, at Notre Dame des Neiges, near Montreal, that, under the beneficent patronage of His Grace Archbishop Paul Bruchesi and under the direction of the late Reverend Gustave Bourassa, Pastor of St. Louis de France Parish, was laid the base of this first Community of Canadian Missionaries to which its zealous foundress, Mother Marie du Saint Esprit, and her devoted companion, Mother Marie de Saint Gustave gave it the humble name of Apostolic School.

In December 1904, His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal, then in Rome taking part in the feasts occasioned by the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, submitted to Pius X. the work in project: "Found it, Your Grace," said the august Pontiff "and the blessings of Heaven will descend upon the new Institute, to which you will give the name of Society of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception."

On the 8th of August, the anniversary of his episcopal consecration, His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi received the vows of the two first religious and gave the Holy Habit to three postulants.

Since its twenty-eight years of foundation, the Institute numbers 25 establishments, 12 of which are in Canada, 8 in China, 3 in Japan, 1 in the Philippine Islands, and a procure at Rome.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN CHINA

CANTON, Kouang Tong Vicariate (founded in 1909) The mission of Canton was the first confided to the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. On September 8, 1909, (7 years after the foundation of the Community,) gladly responding to the appeal of His Lordship Bishop Merel, Vicar Apostolic of Kouang Tong, six of their Sisters left Montreal to bring to the immense Chinese Empire, the first bough of their Congregation. They soon took charge of a foundling-home for abandoned children, of an orphanage, a workroom, a school for Christians and pagans, and of a novitiate for Chinese virgins. The fruits of their apostolate on Cantonese soil were abundant.

SHEK LUNG (founded in 1913) Responding to a new appeal of Bishop Merel in favor of these outcasts of humanity called lepers, four other religious left their Mother House to commence their heroic task of devotedness among the poor lepers of Shek Lung.

1200 lepers, men and women, are cared for each year by missionary religious. All these poor unfortunates, with a few exceptions, embrace the Christian religion which enables them to bear meritoriously and even joyfully their painful sufferings.

HONG KONG (founded in 1927) The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have in this city a school for Chinese children and a place of safety for their Sisters in other missions during time of war.

TSUNGMING, Haimen Vicariate (founded in 1928) The Haimen Vicariate is under the jurisdiction of Bishop Tsu, Jesuit, one of the six Chinese bishops who were consecrated at Rome, in 1926, by His Holiness Pius XI.

He desired in a particular manner to procure the happiness of heaven to the dearest portion of his flock, that is the millions of abandoned babies who each year die without baptism or who are brought up as pagans, owing to the lack of apostolic laborers. During his visit to Canada in January 1927, His Lordship came to solicit help from the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

Owing to the uprisings in China at that time, the departure of the first religious destined to this mission was delayed until the year 1928. Upon their arrival at Tsungming, where they were to remain, they immediately took charge of a foundling-home and an orphanage. They have since opened a school for catechists and aspirants to the religious life and a dispensary, and have also other works in view.

LEAO YUAN SIEN, Manchuria (founded in 1927) In the territory of Manchuria, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception co-operate in the works of the Fathers of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau.

At Leao Yuan Sien they have a dispensary which is becoming more important every day, and a novitiate for native virgins.

PAMIEN TCHENG, Manchuria (founded in 1929) In November our religious missionaries opened in Pamien Tcheng, post confided to Reverend Father Berichon, M.E., a dispensary where the patients are already numerous, and an orphanage.

FAKOU, Manchuria (founded in 1930) Post of recent foundation confided to Reverend Father Barbeau, M.E., where the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception opened a dispensary.

TSENG SHING, Kouang Tong Vicariate (founded in 1929) Upon the request of the Fathers of the Foreign Missions of Paris, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception took over, at Tseng Shing, the direction of a school, a foundling-home and a dispensary.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN JAPAN

NAZE, Kagoshima Prefecture (founded in 1926) In this prefecture confided to the Canadian Franciscan Fathers, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception were called upon to conduct a school for girls, and by this means to work for the christianization of young Japanese women.

KAGOSHIMA (founded in 1927) In this city, centre of the Prefecture

where numerous charitable works are yet to be created, our Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception were asked first of all to take charge of a kindergarten, hostels for young girls, workrooms and also to give private lessons in art and science.

KORIYAMA, Hakodate (founded in 1930) The first work that will be undertaken by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception who left recently to co-operate in the apostolic labors of the Reverend Dominican Fathers at Koriyama will be a kindergarten.

ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

MANILA (founded in 1921) Upon the request of His Grace Most Reverend M. O'Doherty of Manila, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception took over, in 1921, the direction of the Chinese General Hospital of that city. They also have a training-school for nurses whom they instruct in our holy religion and form to the spirit of devotedness and apostolate.

This is, according to the above statement, the share of apostolic works which the Lord has deigned to accord His humble Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception in the vast Mission field. May this kind and loving Master continue to shower His blessings upon their Institute and grant them, with numerous vocations, the grace to bring to all infidel lands the most abundant fruits of salvation.

BOOTH OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

In this booth are exhibited the artistic pieces of work made by the skilful hands of the Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos, interesting costumes of the natives of the Orient, their dwellings, mode of living, etc., as also an exhibition of the works of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in the Missions. Among other things are to be remarked:

A tableau representing a Missionary Sister of the Immaculate Conception binding the wounds of a poor leprous woman.

A magnificent antique Chinese piece of furniture, hand-carved and embossed with ivory flowers.

A *soung* dish (for food) of sculptured silver, formerly owned by a Mandarin family.

Antique buddhas formerly worshipped by the pagans.

Mitre of the second Bishop of Canton, His Lordship Mgr. Chausse.

A mandarin's collar.

An ivory ball, an artistic trinket carved from a piece of ivory, containing twelve separate balls.

A ship carved from a piece of ivory, an admirable work of art.

Variegated embroidered landscapes.

Beautiful lace of every kind, made by the Chinese orphans in the Workrooms of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

Carved objects, in miniature, representing the different instruments used by the Chinese to torture the martyrs.

Idols, "anite" (a warrior), also a divinity of the Kalinga tribe, etc. etc..

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



My very humble gratitude to St. Therese of the Child Jesus for favors obtained. F. S., **Timmins, Ont.** — Kindly accept my offering of \$1.00 in honor of the Little Flower for a Mass as promised. Please pray for our intentions. If I obtain the favor I am asking I shall send the sum of \$15.00 for your Missions. Mrs. L. F. W., **Springfield, Mass.** — Please find enclosed \$1.00 in honor of the Little Flower for favors received. Pray for me. Mrs. B. — This offering of \$2.00 is for a Mass of thanksgiving to the Little Flower for a position obtained and one for my deceased family. Please pray for a special intention. I shall send another offering if I obtain the favor I desire. M. A., **Montreal.** — The enclosed money order for \$2.00 is a donation towards the Little Flower Burse to thank the little Saint for favors granted me. I beg you to remember me in your daily prayers. A. P., **St. Henri.** — Enclosed please find a cheque for \$4.00. \$1.00 is a thank-offering in honor of the Little Flower for a favor received, \$1.00 for the renewal of my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and the balance for Masses for the repose of the souls of the departed members of my family. G. A. M., **Montreal.** — My cheque for \$10.00, a donation to the Little Flower Burse in thanksgiving for special favors. Please pray for me. Mrs. J. S., **Montreal West.** — This offering of \$1.00 is in gratitude to the Little Flower for her powerful intercession in obtaining favors for me. one of which was to me a miracle. May I ask you to pray for a very special intention. I promise to have a High Mass of thanksgiving celebrated in honor of St. Therese if she will come to my assistance once more. Miss M. O., **Verdun, P. Q.** — My offering of \$5.00 in honor of the Little Flower for favors asked for and obtained. Will you kindly pray to the Blessed Virgin for my intentions. Mrs. A. C., **Woonsocket, R. I.** — Please find enclosed \$5.00 for the Little Flower Burse to thank her for my complete cure from appendicitis. Miss C. T., **Montreal.** — I am sending you an offering in gratitude to St. Therese for a position obtained through her powerful intercession. I shall give \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby if I obtain other favors. Mrs. L. H. — Please accept my offering of \$2.00 in honor of the Little Flower for the month of September and October. My son thanks this little Saint daily for the good position she obtained for him. Mrs. H. G. — In honor of the little Patroness of Missionaries I am sending an offering of \$0.25 for the ransom of a dying baby, in thanksgiving for a special favor. Miss L. B. — As a token of gratitude for a favor obtained through the intercession of the Little Flower kindly accept my offering of \$1.00. L. L., **Bearn.** — I have obtained the favor I recommended to our dear "Scatterer of roses". To prove my gratitude to her, I am sending the amount necessary for the ransom of a baby likely to live. Miss B. B. — A special grace has been granted me through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus after promising to subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR". You will find enclosed a postal note for \$15.00 in favor of your missions. This is an offering in honor of St. Therese to thank her for a favor granted me. A subscriber. — Our donation of \$5.00 for the ransom of a baby likely to live, in gratitude to the little Sister of Missionaries for success in the sale of property. Mr. and Mrs. C. B., **Montreal.** — My most grateful thanks to St. Therese who has deigned to grant me better health after promising to publish. A subscriber. — Kindly publish my lively gratitude to the Little Flower of Jesus for a cure obtained. Mrs. R. M. — I am enclosing the sum of \$4.50

and beg you to unite with me in thanking St. Therese for favors obtained after promising to publish in "THE PRECURSOR". This money is for the Chinese missions. A. T., **Louiseville**. — In thanksgiving to the Little Flower for a favor obtained through her intercession, I am sending you an offering of \$2.00. At the same time I confidently recommend myself to your prayers for the success of a second operation I am about to undergo for cancer of the stomach, and the grace to patiently bear the sufferings which it will please God to send me. Miss R. C., **Woonsocket**. — Please accept my humble offering of \$2.00 for your missionary Works, in honor of the Little Flower for favors obtained. A subscriber. — An offering of \$1.00 for the distant Missions in gratitude to the dear little Saint of Lisieux. Anonymous. — To thank St. Therese for a favor obtained, I am sending an offering for a novena of lights, as also a subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". Please publish in your review. M. A. — In fulfilment of my promise, I am sending \$10.00 in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, for the monthly support of a Missionary Sister. If I obtain other favors I shall send another offering. A grateful friend. — I am making the small donation of \$0.25 for the Missions in honor of the little Sister of Missionaries, hoping that she will continue to assist us in time of need. Mrs. A. D., **Montreal**. — You will find enclosed a cheque for \$16.00 of which \$15.00 is for the ransom of three babies likely to live and \$1.00 for my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". Kindly accept these offerings which I promised St. Therese for having obtained my cure. My most grateful thanks. M. J. D.

Mary being in heaven nearer to God and more united to Him, knows our miseries better, compassionates them more, and can more efficaciously assist us.

St. Alphonsus

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 the **Burse** 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, (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 November-December 1930.....\$ 105.50



Cercle Notre-Dame-des-Missions



Cercle Ste. Thérèse de l'Enf. Jésus



Cercle Ste. Madeleine

MEMBERS OF OUR SEWING CIRCLES IN MONTREAL.

Grateful Homages

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, through the medium of The Precursor, extend their most grateful thanks to the religious Communities, to the devoted doctors, and to all the charitable persons, particularly the ladies and young girls of their Work-rooms, who have sent altar linens for the chapels of their needy missions, medicaments for their dispensaries, clothing, provisions, "sweets", etc. for the children of their Foundling-Homes and Orphanages.

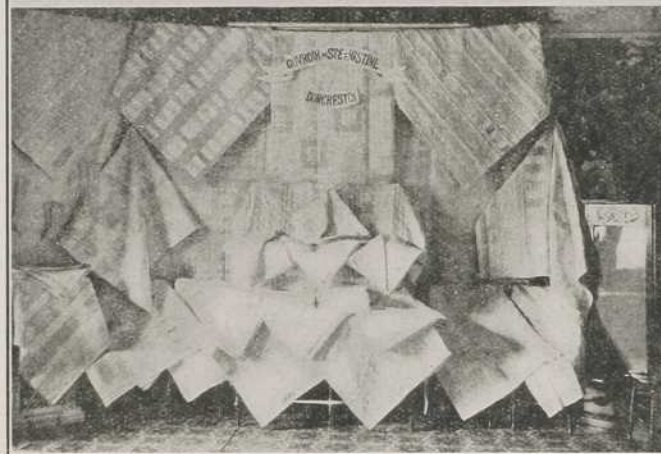
It is with their whole heart that they beg God, at the dawn of the New Year, to shower His most abundant blessings upon their generous Benefactors and Benefactresses, in return for the great charity they have shown towards His humble Missionaries.

"I was naked and you covered me..."

"It was our Divine Saviour Himself who uttered these consoling words which in the last moments of their life will be a source of happiness and hope for all "Charity Workers:" Come, ye blessed of my Father, for I was hungry, and you gave me to eat: I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink: naked, and you covered me..."

It is Jesus Himself whom the ladies and young girls of our work-room clothe, when they make linens, which, guided by a spirit of piety, they adorn with graceful embroidery or dainty lace. It is to Jesus, in the person of his Minister, that they make a gift when they cut and sew church vestments. And when they make flowers or other articles destined to beautify the Sanctuary, is it not Jesus Himself whom they adorn. How wonderful, when their charitable hands ply the needle or the crochet-hook in order to cover the suffering limbs of the little abandoned victims of paganism or of barbarism whom those filled with devotedness and love for souls have snatched from death and are raising in foundling-homes and orphanages, it is Jesus, yes really Jesus, whom our "Purveyors of the Missions" are clothing in the person of these poor children! Whoever could have assured us of this, if from the Heart of our Divine Saviour Himself these words had not been spoken to us: "He that shall receive one such little child in My name, receiveth Me..." O sublime charity, O marvellous fruit of love, how precious thou art in God's sight! Thou coverest a multitude of sins, thou openest heaven!...

During the year, the active Workers of our Sewing Circles have gathered together a number of little outfits for babies and little blankets for cradles,



EXHIBITION OF THE WORK DONE BY THE SEWING CIRCLES.

etc., which, after being carefully packed, were sent this autumn to our needy Missions of Tsungming, Manchuria and Canton.

Oh! if the devoted "Purveyors of our Missions" could see how happy and grateful our Missionary Sisters are on opening the precious cases, we believe that they would feel themselves amply repaid here below for their labors. The following lines, extracted from a letter from the Superior of Tsungming tell a little of this exuberant joy:

Tsungming, October 12, 1930

BELOVED MOTHER,

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The cases of children's clothing, of medicine and of a thousand other useful and comfortable things, which we have received from home, were real surprise packages for us. How many were the exclamations of joy and gratitude in your honor, dear Mother, and in honor of our devoted benefactors of Canada. How warmly and even prettily will the dear babies of our Foundling-Home be clothed... Poor little ones!... Mothers in Canada and our big Canadian sisters wish to treat the little Chinese as their own children, as their own little brothers and sisters. On seeing the contents of these packages we feel that such is the case, for everything is packed in so nicely. What devotedness and affection is hidden beneath the folds of each article!...

And the big box of medicine, how well it will be employed!... Dear Mother, I thank you for it from the bottom of my heart.

The day after our Sisters arrived, we gave our tiny tots the candies and medals which you sent them. We rejoiced the hearts of many little ones. We also went to the school to distribute the sweets. The six orphans, who started school in September, were given a handful of candies like the others. In the afternoon when they came back to the Orphanage, they joyfully told the Sister charged to watch over them, that they had received a handful of candy, and that it was *Ta Momo* who sent it to them, etc... You would have been greatly pleased dear Mother, to see so much happiness!

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May these touching lines encourage the ladies and young girls who so zealously devote themselves to the work of our Workrooms, and may they be an invitation to others who are able to follow their example by spending their leisure moments in making others happy.

For all information concerning the Sewing circles of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, write to one or the other of the following houses:

Mother House, 314 St. Catherine Rd., Outremont, Montreal;

Quebec, 4 Simard St.;

Joliette, Corner of St Louis and St. Angelique Sts.;

Three Rivers, 52 Bonaventure St.;

Rimouski, St. Germain St.;

Chicoutimi, 138 Rivière du Moulin;

Granby, 64 Ottawa St.;



WORKERS OF THE SEWING CIRCLE, "OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS," THREE RIVERS.

"Gaiety" Circle

On November 16th, the young girls of the Gaiety Circle of St. Louis de France Parish, Montreal, conceived the happy idea of coming to make a pilgrimage in honor of the Blessed Virgin in the chapel of the Mother House of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

We offer them our most grateful thanks for this pious initiative.



The lack of zeal in a soul is a sign of lack of love.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA



WORKERS OF THE SEWING CIRCLE, "ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS," GRANBY

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.

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



MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WHO LEFT FOR THE MISSIONS OF MANCHURIA
AND TSUNG MING, CHINA, ON NOVEMBER 6TH, 1930.

Towards the Orient

On November 13th last, eight religious Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception left for China. One of them, Sister Marie de Toutes Graces, (Albertine Laganière, Grondines, P. Q.) made her way to the Mission of Tsungming. The seven others went to join their Sisters in Manchuria: Sr. Marie Josephine (Eliane Gravel, St. Prosper, Champlain Co.); Sr. St. Bernardin de Sienne (Antoinette Foisy, Waterloo, Shefford Co.); Sr. Marie de l'Assomption (Alice Larouche, Sweetsburg, Missisquoi Co.); Sr. Ste. Catherine d'Alexandrie (Catherine Lebel, St. Epiphane, Temiscouata Co.); Sr. St. Jean d'Ephèse (Lorette Moran, St. Boniface, Manitoba); Sr. Ste. Rosalie (Ursule Charette, Three Rivers); and Sr. Gabriel de Marie, (Gabrielle Filion, Lachute, Argenteuil Co.)



*Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception who left on December 1st, 1930,
for the Missions of Canton and Manila.*

The 6th December, three other religious also left Canada, two for the Mission of Canton, Sr. Marie de Loyola (Orphise Boulay, Coaticook); Sr. St. Antoine de Padoue (Yvonne Forest, l'Epiphanie) and the third, Sr. Marie de l'Annonciation (Annonciade Strasbourg, Cheneville, Ottawa Diocese), for Manila, P. I.

May the Sweet Star of the Sea safely guide her humble Missionaries to their destination and continue to assist them in their apostolic labors.



92,447 Baptisms
in the different Missions of the
Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

Canton, China, founded in 1909

School - Orphanage - Workroom - Foundling-Home - Dispensary

Baptisms { Children 86,260
Adults 566

Shek Lung, founded in 1913

Lazaretto - Baptisms: 1,360

Leao Duan Sien, Manchuria, founded in 1927

Dispensary - Orphanage - Baptisms: 836

Pa Mien Tcheng, Manchuria, founded in 1929

Dispensary - Baptisms: 48

Tsung Ming, China, founded in 1928

Foundling-Home - Orphanage - Dispensary - Baptisms: over 1200

Tseng Shing, China, founded in 1929

School - Foundling-Home - Dispensary - Baptisms: 89

Manila, P. I., founded in 1921

Chinese Hospital - Baptisms: 1,415

Naze, Japan, founded in 1926

School for young girls - Baptisms: 7

Vancouver, founded in 1922

Chinese Hospital - Baptisms: 355

Montreal, founded in 1918

Chinese Hospital - Baptisms: 311

Echoes from our Missions

SHEK LUNG LAZARETTO

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, hospitallers at the

Shek Lung Lazaretto

Thursday, June 12, 1930

What a welcome gift we receive to-day, Pentecost Sunday: 21 lepers 6 of whom are women and the others are men. Among the latter is to be found a "prodigal son". He is a young Christian who escaped last month and who returned to us thin, worn out, and almost naked. He is a most pitiful sight to behold. Unfortunately we are not able to kill the "fatted calf" nor clothe the poor repentant man in handsome garments to celebrate his home-coming. Quite another story, he must even do without the necessities of life, but at least he will find here compassionate hearts and hands ready to soothe his woes...

When we ask him why he left us, he says: Sister, I did wrong... but I wanted to see my father again... Unfortunately, my desire was never realized, for I was arrested before reaching my destination." "Did you suffer much?" Sister inquires... "Oh! Sister," he replies, "nobody knows what I have gone through." "You have neither your beads, medals nor prayer book?..." "I have my beads and medals. Every day I said my beads and my morning and night prayers..." Poor young man! We feel that it is the Blessed Virgin who has brought him back to us, but he has changed so much that we can hardly recognize him.

Sunday, June 15

Two of our leprous women leave for heaven. One of them whom we baptized yesterday was beaming with joy. "I am so ignorant, how can you make me a child of God?" she asked. She said that she believed everything I told her and that she wished to be baptized. It was with a trembling hand that I poured upon her brow the regenerating waters which were to make her an heir to the kingdom of heaven. I gave her the name of Mary Anthony.

The other woman, who was already a Christian, received the Last Sacraments with the greatest piety and fervor. During her long illness she was a model of patience and resignation. Her whole body was eaten away by leprosy, and it was with a certain happiness that she felt death approaching, as is the case with nearly all our Christians.

Tuesday, July 22

Twenty new lepers arrive to-day. Among them is a woman who left us two years ago. We hope that these twenty souls, whom God has confided to us to-day, will be twenty souls for heaven.

To-day is also the anniversary of the first Solemn Baptism administered at the Shek Lung Lazaretto. Three of those who were baptized then are still living.

Monday, July 28

A sick woman, who came to us only two weeks ago, died to-day. She was baptized this morning and expired with the name of our Immaculate Mother upon her lips. Two others preceded her yesterday, after having received their precious passport.

Monday, August 4

How heart-breaking but at the same time how consoling and edifying it is to see how some of our lepers suffer! The one who has just died had a most terrible-looking leg. It was but one horrible wound from the knee to the heel which was all eaten away. And never did we hear a word of complaint escape her lips. Sometimes a few tears, caused by the excessive pain, moistened her cheeks, but that was all. She was only eighteen years of age. Truly these converted pagans are gifted with a spirit of faith and generosity which quickly makes them possessors of a rich salary for "their short life."

Sunday, August 10

The Divine Harvester has come to cull a precious little flower in His *parterre* of Shek Lung. One of our helpers a young leprous girl, has been snatched from us by typhoid fever. She is greatly missed by her companions and we also deeply regret her death, as she was everywhere an angel of duty.

Wednesday, August 27

Another contingent of twenty-three victims of leprosy comes to us from Canton. There are always more men than women. This time the former number twenty. One of the three women has a good education. As she is in an advanced stage of leprosy we do not think that she will live many days longer. But one thing is necessary: we must teach her the greatest of all sciences before she leaves for the land of eternal light.

MANCHURIA, CHINA

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

Friday, August 1, 1930

Dressings and divers treatments during the month of July, 2834; visits to the homes: 115; baptisms: 151.

At 5 o'clock, the Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart.

Monday, August 11

We learn this morning that two tubercular patients whom we baptized a short time ago have left for a better land. How we would like to be able to assist at the last moments of all the patients we visit! We recommend them to Our Lady of Mercy, certain that she will take good care of them. Towards 3 o'clock, one of the two who passed away, feeling that she was rapidly declining, asked to be clothed in her best apparel, adding that she wanted to leave soon for that country which is so beautiful, where she would see God and from which tears and sufferings are banished.

Tuesday, August 12

Three Chinese bandits, who were made prisoners, were shot a short distance from here. Crowds of people assisted at this sad sight. One of the spectators gave us a few details. According to the pagan mentality the prisoners appear to keep cool to the very last. One of them was eating some fruit on his way thither, another was peacefully smoking a cigarette, while the three of them assured their friends that in a few years they would re-incarnate, return to earth and become bandits. The pagans believe in the immortality of the soul, but how uncouthly!

The execution over, while the corpses were still bathed in their own blood, the men charged with bringing them to the cemetery, lost no time in accomplishing their task. They tied ropes around their necks, and so as to be able to get a better grip, put their foot on their heads, and then dragged the body in the mud to the cemetery where they would become the prey of hungry dogs.

Saturday, August 16

The following narration proves to us once again the great influence that the devil exercises over poor pagans. A woman suffering from heart trouble, whose case was very serious, refused to become a Christian. Time and again have we tried to obtain an affirmative answer, but never with success. This afternoon Sister Superior and Sister Ste. Anne made another attempt. Taking as pretext that they were going for a walk in the outskirts of the city, they went to the patient's home accompanied by three Chinese virgins. The oldest of them very tactfully brought around the all-important

subject... She spoke of heaven, of the goodness and mercy of God... but as soon as she asked her consent to be baptized, the patient became so agitated that it was impossible to obtain an affirmative answer. For nearly two hours each one in turn tried all that her heart and imagination could inspire, to grasp this soul from Satan's grip, but alas, all in vain! Deeply grieved we were obliged to leave her, but not without having confided her to the merciful care of our heavenly Mother.

Wednesday, August 20

The enclosed photograph will give you an idea, dear Mother of the patients of the dispensary of Leao Yuan Sien. While we are taking the present picture, 50 other patients, in a similar condition are awaiting in an adjoining room. The first of the five to the right has but one eye but this does not hinder him from studying the Christian Doctrine with ardor. A wound that he had on his head is nearly healed. His neighbor at the right is a poor citizen who was attacked by bandits two months ago. His forehead and the top of his head still bear the marks of the blows he received. A third blow broke the inferior part of one of his jaws. Not knowing of our dispensary, he did not receive the immediate care that his case required. At the first treatment we removed three fragments of the jaw. As soon as he will be able to open his mouth he will need to have his teeth extracted as abscesses which cause him great pain, have formed.

The patient in the centre lives three hundred *lis* from here. He remains in town so as to be nearer the dispensary. His companion who has an enormous sore on his back comes to the dispensary to-day for the first time. Seeing all the bandages that Sister uses to bind his wound he expresses his regret in not being able to bring some himself, for he scarcely has enough clothes to cover himself. The fifth one has a very bad knee which causes him great pain. He feels that he is better since the last few days.

Thursday, August 21

A military funeral takes place this afternoon. It is for a young officer, twenty-two years of age, killed the day before yesterday by bandits. The funeral march is headed by the Chinese Band and followed by a group of soldiers carrying red banners with black inscriptions. Then come two officers leading two white horses. Who would ever believe that these two horses that swing their heads in time with the music are made of *chou-kai* and paper. The horse is very symbolical for the Chinese, therefore one is always to be seen at a man's funeral. Other military men follow carrying white streamers. Finally, the enormous coffin appears. Needless to say that the weepers are there to play their part.

Saturday, August 30

The report for the month of August is as follows: 2,403 patients; 3,000 divers treatments; 1,143 dressings; 26 visits to the homes; 115 baptisms.

As you see the visits to the homes have greatly diminished. It is dangerous to go out, even around the house, the Chinese brigands are frightfully daring.

Monday, September 1

A good old Christian brings us a patient for whom he has made a bed in the bottom of his cart which is pulled by a donkey. After the treatment



AT THE DISPENSARY OF LEAO YUAN SIEN, MANCHURIA

is over both leave for home. Seeing that the patient has no hat, and as he suffers from violent headaches, we pass the remark that it is very dangerous for him to travel thus under the scorching sun... Immediately, the old man, who has acted as a Good Samaritan, takes off his big straw hat and very simply places it on the head of the sick man. If charity is beautiful in all countries, it is all the more touching on pagan shores.

Wednesday, September 3

Eight children are baptized at the dispensary to-day. More than 150 patients come to the dispensary every day to be treated. Two virgins go to visit a family and baptize an infant, seven days old.

Thursday, September 18

At five o'clock this evening six aspirants enter the Novitiate for natives. They are: Lee Louassa, 23 years of age; Ting Malea, 23; Yang Martha, 21; Tch'ang Louassa, 20; Tsi'en Marguerita, 19; and Wang Magdalena, 19. After Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place in our

chapel and the singing of the "Veni Creator", Reverend Father Superior speaks to them and gives each one a medal.

Tuesday, September 30

Ascending heavenward this evening the angelical spirits bear on their nimble wings the harvest gathered at the dispensary during the course of this beautiful month: 116 baptisms.

We register: 3,000 patients; 1,672 dressings, 3,746 divers treatments and 10 visits to the homes.

*Extract from a letter of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception of
Leao Yuan Sien to their Superior General*

Leao Yuan Sien, August 3, 1930

DEARLY BELOVED MOTHER,

For a long time we have been planning to write you a long letter. In Manchuria, there are no holidays for the missionary, not even Sunday many a time. Sometimes on a Saturday we say, "Now it is an understood thing, to-morrow we are going to write to the Mother House, to our parents, etc. Infallibly, on that very day we are not able to write more than two lines, we must sacrifice our spare time to some work of charity. According to your desire we use every spare moment to study the language. This year we are making progress in the study of the characters. We know the first three books, it is a good beginning, but what are 500 to 1000 characters compared to the 80,000 which we have yet to learn. We do not foster the ambition of becoming so learned that we shall know them all, but we apply ourselves to be able to write a letter properly for we often have the occasion of writing one. When the parent of a virgin or an aspirant dies we must needs write a letter of condolence. We must also be able to read the letters sent us.

Since the departure of our little orphans for Pa Mien Tch'eng it is much quieter here. Although they were not numerous they were enough to cheer up the Mission. Moreover the majority of the aspirants to the native Novitiate have returned to their homes to prepare for their entry.

A poor tubercular patient has just come to the dispensary to have his arm dressed. He lives eight *lis* from here and was not able to come during the week owing to a flood. It is painful to see him. He has a harsh face for he is a pagan who suffers without any hope. At the same time a man brings us a little baby 5 years old suffering from dysentery and so thin that it makes one afraid. We baptize it immediately.

Through the medium of the dispensary, entire families come to us as catechumens. The mission is gradually developing. Even though this work takes up the time of two or three among us we are, nevertheless, happy to devote ourselves thereto as it produces abundant fruits. The Almighty

God must needs preserve our health otherwise we would not be able to resist. The dispensary is well known now. Only the heavy rains can hinder the concourse of poor unfortunates who invade the Mission. From half-past seven in the morning until noon and from two o'clock until five, they come in procession... be it interesting or painful to behold. Some cry, others laugh... Beside the most serious faces are often to be seen a beaming countenance... This one is in such a hurry that he pushes by everybody and everything, while his neighbor takes things very coolly and wants to see and hear everything... A little girl leads her blind grandfather by the hand, a venerable grandparent carries in his arms a little yellow darling covered with sores and vermin... But the most interesting couple, lately, is a blind man who lends his arms and legs to a paralytic who uses his eyes for the two of them. Then come a band of convicts, with hands and feet chained, bandits captured by Chinese soldiers and guarded by officers with revolver in hand and sword by the side.

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Your loving children of Leao Yuan Sien

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TSUNGMING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Tsungming

Thursday, July 31

The report for the month is as follows: 60 children received and baptized, 42 baptized in the homes by the virgins. At the dispensary: 5 baptisms, 133 wounds dressed, 19 teeth extracted.

Wednesday, August 6

The mother of one of our helpers who has an infected finger, comes to see her daughter and is quite astonished to see that we have had her replaced for her work and that we are taking good care of her. The poor old soul, who is sick herself, asks for some medicine for her cold. She says that she is always coughing. After giving her a bottle of good syrup, she takes courage and asks us for something which will abate the fever, she says that she is often feverish. Then, taking her temperature, we find that she has 103 degrees, and yet she is up and around and has come twice for her daughter's clothes which she has brought back nice and clean, and this has been done in her spare time for she is obliged to work in the fields as she is very poor. How painful it is to see so much misery and these poor people must suffer without any relief, yet this brave woman is ever cheerful just as though she were in perfect health.

Friday, August 8

It is in all poverty that we celebrate to-day the Silver Jubilee of the religious profession of our venerated and dearly beloved Mother. No exterior display is possible. It is only the picture of Our Lady of the Missions in our little sanctuary that has donned its festal attire, but it is with all our hearts that we have made the decoration which consists of two little blue lights and a white carnation the only one we could find in our garden. How often during the day do we think of our venerated Jubilarian! How lovingly do we recall the maternal tenderness and the numerous bounties which she has never ceased to bestow upon us all since the birth of our dear Institute. May our Immaculate Mother grant us the happiness of uniting our voices to those of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception of the four corners of the globe, at the moment when the bells will ring out announcing the Golden Jubilee of our so loved and so venerated Mother.

Our heavenly Mother wishes to give us a visible proof of her maternal assistance. A young girl whom we adopted last year and who was helping us at the Foundling-Home, has been seriously ill for the last ten days. Yesterday the poor child expressed the desire of eating some olives and despite our extreme poverty, Sister Superior sent to Paochen for some. As they are very expensive at this time of the year we were able to procure a small quantity only. To-day, remembering yesterday's treat, we imagine that the patient would like to taste them again and here does not somebody come to the dispensary bringing us a goodly provision. It is the first time that a like present has been offered us, and just at the right time! Oh! how watchful is Divine Providence! We are most grateful.

Thursday, August 14, 1930

A little tot at the Foundling-Home, finding a tiny mirror belonging to one of the servants, tries to touch the little face she notices in the glass. She then promptly withdraws her hand as if afraid of getting hurt. One of our helpers in charge of the children, noticing what has happened, goes anxiously to one of the Sisters, saying: "Sister, just look at this little one. It is certain that she will never be intelligent..." This belief is founded on a superstition which says that a child not yet three years old, who looks in the glass, will never be intelligent.

Friday, August 15

A woman brings back to us the child whom we gave her a few months ago, and naturally before getting used to her new home the dear child cried for several days. The older children who have grown a little wiser and who are very nice, try their best to amuse her and make her change her mind. One brings her a kitten dressed up in rags, another, a teddy bear, another, a picture book, and still another, a tiny chair... but the little newcomer continues to cry... Then one of these devoted little ones, after having tried every plan, stops suddenly and says a little impatiently: "O koh!"

(don't cry). On her little face we can read these words: Is there any sense crying like that when we give you our nicest toys...

Tuesday, August 19

A young father comes to the dispensary with a pair of twins only a day old. They are both in a dying condition, and the poor man is heart-broken. We see that the most efficacious medicine we can give them is Holy Baptism. Immediately after the regenerating waters have been poured, one of them leaves for heaven, but the other lives long enough to receive Solemn Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the close of the day both are two of God's little angels.



BABIES BEING BROUGHT IN A WHEEL-BARROW TO THE
FOUNDLING-HOME IN TSUNG MING

Sunday, August 31

Children baptized at the Foundling Home during the month:	54
“ “ “ “ dispensary:	5
“ “ outside of the Foundling Home and the dispensary:	51
Dressings	138
Teeth extracted	20

Tuesday, September 2

Good trade, this afternoon, for our Sister *dentist*. A merchant of Paochen sent for her to extract one of his teeth. Carpenters, masons and other workmen are there, and in a moment all have assembled to see what is going on. Our Sister courageously extracts the tooth, and her patient loudly declares that he has felt no pain. Immediately a mason, the foreman, shows a tooth that he wishes to have pulled. Sister has no trouble at all in pulling this one. The head carpenter comes in turn. His is a famous one, broken in five pieces, but all goes on very well... Quite encouraged, another workman asks the same favor, then a fifth, a sixth, and a seventh... How happy are these poor people to have been thus relieved to-day!

Thursday, September 4

Last week, a man with an eye as big as the yolk of an egg, came to the dispensary. We treated him as best we could. Besides the medicine, we gave him a medal of the Little Flower telling him to often repeat the

little invocation which we had taught him. To-day, he returns completely cured, and proudly tells us that he has faithfully recited his little prayer and that he has experienced its efficacy. But the poor man is still a pagan... Let us hope that this dear little Saint after having cured his bodily eyes will shed the celestial rays of Faith upon his soul.

Wednesday, September 10

This will ever remain a memorable day in the annals of our Orphanage. The seven oldest of our orphans begin to go to the school of Prayer. This is the first time that such an event has occurred in the Mission. Before the arrival of our Sisters there was no orphanage here, only a foundling-home where children were taken in. When these little ones had grown a little older they were obliged to be given out for adoption. But when our Sisters came they kept these children who, to-day, are taking their first step in life. May these dear little tots one day realize the hopes we are building on them!

Friday, September 12

A pagan woman comes to the dispensary to have her eyes treated. In payment for the care given her, she hands Sister thirty cents saying that she is giving her this money as a present that she may buy some opium. This woman is a great opium-smoker, and doubtlessly deems this the greatest present she can give Sister. She feels quite happy in making this offering. Sister explains to her that the children need it more than she does, for clothes and food, but her words do not take any effect upon this good woman who is set on having this money spent for opium. Only after much arguing does Sister get her to consent to have it used for another purpose.

Sunday, September 14

We are careful to keep in mind that on the fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost the Church celebrates a feast very dear to our filial and grateful hearts. In truth, we are obliged to celebrate this feast interiorly, but we pray with no less fervor for our dear devoted Sister Assistant, imploring Divine Providence to keep her in health, in order that she may the more easily realize her apostolic and missionary desires and continue for many years longer to be the faithful helpmate of our venerated Mother.

Monday, September 15

Sister Marie de Sion has the happiness of baptizing three little "Juvenals" called after our dear Sister Superior's aunt, a religious of the Congregation de Notre Dame, so devoted to our Mission.

Wednesday, September 17

Our little Chinese children are cunning and sweet, but alas! we must admit that they also have their little faults. An example taken from among

many others: It is dinner-time for the children; Ya Sieu, one of our little orphans, perhaps the cutest little one of all, but very sly, notices that Sister has made a mistake and has prepared an extra bowl of rice and fish. Doubtlessly in her little head she passes this reflection. Fish is very good, it is not often that we have any, and since there is an extra bowl of it, why can I not profit by it?... And with this thought, she sets to work... While Sister is serving the babies in their little chairs, she quietly approaches the table and pushes the bowl to the very back. Then she calmly returns to her place and in no time swallows down all that she has in her own little bowl. Now to complete her happiness she has only to go for the bowl that she has put aside. She has already her hand upon it when the Sister in charge of the little ones, who has witnessed the whole scene, suddenly turns around. The little mouse is caught in her own trap. "Where did you take that bowl from?" asks Sister in a tone that is not very encouraging. "Ngou ze ka nao," (I took it myself) replies the little culprit all in tears. Then she quickly gives back the coveted bowl knowing full well that she should not have acted in this way.

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Manila, Philippine Islands

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

Monday, May 26, 1930

This morning our Reverend Pastor administered Solemn Baptism to a patient of the Charity Ward, seventy-five years of age.

The patient of Ward 21, suffering from pneumonia for the past three weeks, also asked to see the priest; he was not in the least uneasy about his physical condition until to-day when two of his children came to have dinner with him. They were *three* at table, an unlucky number, a sure sign of death... Moreover, a house-boy, when bringing down the tray, broke many of the dishes, another evident sign of death... Our patient is all upset... He, whom we have been exhorting in vain since his arrival, to see to his spiritual welfare, asks to go to Confession. "I am about to die," he tells us, "there is no longer any doubt about it, I am going to die..." Lucky superstition for once!

Tuesday, May 27

A young Chinese, Mr. Tam Chin Go, who arrived here yesterday, unconscious, is well enough this morning to listen to what we tell him about our holy religion and upon his request we make him a child of God.

Wednesday, May 28

Sister St. Gabriel has the happiness of baptizing a dying baby. A refined Chinese lady comes with her maid. As she is very sick and cannot walk,

we make a sign to her to wait a moment for the stretcher... But the maid finding that it is useless to go to so much trouble hastily places the patient on her back and begins climbing the stairs...

Sunday, June 1

Sister St. Dominique baptizes a little two-year-old girl giving her the names of her "two mothers." This evening she has the privilege of baptizing a good old man in the Charity Ward.

Wednesday, June 18

To-day it is Sister St. Gabriel's turn to have the good fortune of baptizing a baby and a Chinese patient who arrived here in a dying condition.

Friday, June 20

A nurse has just said to one of our Sisters: "The doctor finds that patient No. 57 is very low. He doubts if he will live until evening for he is already unconscious..." This poor man is a Chinese pagan. We feel certain that the Blessed Virgin will grant him a few moments of consciousness that we may teach him a little about our holy religion. One of the Sisters, who is reciting the beads, goes to his bedside. "Are you very sick? Have you a bad headache?" she asks. He looks up and nods his head. So she sees that he understands. Showing him the crucifix she asks him if he knows the *Santo Christo*. But he immediately makes the objection that he has no money. "That is not at all necessary", Sister tells him. "You do not need money to become a Catholic... If you are willing I shall baptize you at once. Thus you will become a child of the one true God and after you die you will enjoy the greatest happiness..." He smiled bashfully as one who is ashamed to accept so great a gift without being able to give anything in return... With all possible amability, Sister offers him a few spoonfuls of tea and then asks him if he wishes to be baptized. He lovingly kisses the crucifix and makes a sign that he desires the "Holy Water." After his baptism he again kisses his Crucified Saviour. His intense sufferings soon cause him to grow delirious and two hours later he expires. We have every reason to believe that he is now face to face with Him whom, alas! he has known so late.

Saturday, June 21

Sister St. Jean de l'Eucharistie also baptizes a poor dying man. He is too weak to speak, but the fervor with which he kisses the crucifix shows his great desire of participating in the merits of the Redemption.

Tuesday, July 1

The other day Miss Sy, a young Chinese girl who goes occasionally to catechize our patients, visited an old man who came here a few days ago.

He said to her: "I have come to the hospital to die for I think that it will be easier for me to die here." When asked his reason for so thinking he replied that he did not know just why. Our catechist explained to him that one dies peacefully in a hospital after having become reconciled with God and when he is certain that he is leaving this place of suffering for a place of eternal happiness. When she left him he was quite anxious to go to Confession. We immediately sent for a Chinese priest who discovered that he had been baptized already but in the Aglipayan religion. "If I am not baptized in the right way baptize me over again," he said. This morning in our chapel Baptism was administered to this aged patient who henceforth will be called Joseph. In his happiness after being baptized he folded his hands and gracefully thanked God for accepting him as his child.

A candid little girl, four years of age, comes to stay at the hospital just long enough to be baptized.

Wednesday, July 2

For some time past we have had as patient a little twelve-year-old girl upon whose features can be read the greatest pain and suffering. At first she was so dirty, deaf, and ailing that we could not make her understand anything about God. But the good care and kindness shown her brought a smile to her thin little face and won her little heart. A Father of the Society of the Divine Word, who had been our patient, gave her a few pictures. The one representing Our Lord carrying His Cross and the *Ecce Homo* particularly attracted her. She kissed them several times. Last Sunday, Miss Sy after giving her another lesson in Catechism found that she was quite willing to be baptized. She told her that the Waters of Baptism would open to her the gates of Heaven and that she would be God's child. "But I do not know how to pray yet," the little one said. "Later on when you are a little better we shall teach you your prayers," replied Miss Sy.

This morning she was very low. After Holy Mass the priest came to administer the Sacrament of Baptism, and an hour after she left to sing with the angels the praises of Our Lady of the Visitation.

A young Chinese suffering from pneumonia also receives his passport for heaven.

Friday, July 4

In Ward 27, surrounding the cradle of Kong King Kai, a Chinese baby, a year and a half old we find the father, mother, and grandmother all in tears. The dying child has a very bad attack of pneumonia. Its little hands and feet are already quite cold. It is a little boy, their only child. As the father has heard tell of our "all-bountiful" religion he asks us to baptize his son, promising us that he will always be free to practise his religion even though he will have to reject his parents in order to do so. We reassure him on this point by telling him that on the contrary our religion obliges us to love and help our parents.



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Naturally he is delighted on hearing these words.

Who is to be the godfather? We choose a young Chinese, a former pupil of the Jesuits, Mr. Francisco Lim, who has been married for three years and who is not only a true Christian but an apostle.

Everything is ready when the Reverend Pastor arrives. The child is carried to the chapel followed by a great crowd of people. It is comical to see the parents following the priest's every movement.

Since being baptized the baby is much better... How we thank God for its cure, for it means "the salvation of the entire family."

Wednesday, July 9

A Filipino is admitted to the men's Ward. The poor man is in the last stages of tuberculosis. He must sit up in bed all the time owing to shortness of breath. His end is very close at hand.

The priest who comes this afternoon to hear his confession also confesses his wife and blesses their marriage. Both are very happy... "We shall always keep away from sin now in order that death may not take us unawares," do they tell us. May our Immaculate Mother help them to keep their good resolution!

Thursday, July 10

A little Aglypayan girl four years old, comes to receive the Saving Waters of Baptism before taking her flight to her heavenly home. Sister St. Dominique, who is on night duty, has the happiness of pouring the Regenerating Waters.

Mr. Francisco Chin, a Jesuit student who comes here to teach Catechism to his fellow countrymen paid a visit to our patient, Mr. Ho San, last Sunday. The poor man told him that he had already been baptized in the Protestant religion. "It is the first time that I have heard of the Catholic faith. If I had known that yours was better I would have chosen it." Francisco told him that he still had time to remedy the evil but as it was getting late and as he was obliged to go to college he promised to come again to instruct him. Besides the patient was no longer in danger but as he suddenly grew worse during the night one of the Sisters baptized him upon his request after having had him recite the Act of Contrition.

Sunday, July 13

A poor Filipino suffering from typhoid fever dies to-day after having been anointed. He was brought here by his cousin who had adopted him when he was but a child. His mother had died and his father seeing that the poor little one was not very intelligent no longer took any care of him. His cousin's charity greatly edified us. "Give him all the care he needs," he said. "I shall pay all expenses since he was so unfortunate to have been forsaken by his own father..."

Tuesday, July 22

A little pale-faced four year-old boy, was brought to us last night. He is not sick but dreadfully thin owing to the lack of proper care. One of our nurses baptizes the little one giving him the name of John.

One of our patients who made his First Communion at the beginning of the month leaves to-day in perfect health. He brings with him a large crucifix, his prayer-book and a Catechism which he promises us to study. Before leaving he expresses the desire of coming every Sunday to recite his lesson and to ask all necessary explanations. He really thirsts for the knowledge of God his Father. During his stay at the Hospital he never ceased to "trouble" us about instructing him.

Wednesday, July 23

A day of special graces for our Charity Ward. Three of our aged patients receive Holy Baptism. The first seemed to be quite happy while in the power of Satan and it is already a long time that he has turned a deaf ear to the invitation offered him by grace. How often did Sister Marie des Victoires attempt to convert him... one day he had no need of Baptism as he was already baptized, the following week he could not go to Confession as he was not yet baptized, etc. At such times Sister Marie des Victoires would ask him to say this one little ejaculation: "O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee." When the other Sisters passed by his bed they would remind him of this little prayer which he loved to repeat.

Yesterday, our catechist, Miss Sy, visited this poor old man who has grown quite feeble. Our Blessed Lady had accomplished her task. He joyfully consented to become a Christian asking to be given the name of Manuel. This afternoon the priest baptized him and since then he has been continually asking us when he will share the Great Happiness with the children of the Great God.

His neighbor whom the priest baptized conditionally is an old man of seventy-five. He was too sick to realize exactly what he was doing.

The third is a patient in the last stages of tuberculosis. He could hardly speak but the signs he made, clearly showed how much he loved the *Santo Christo*. He was baptized in the chapel in his wheel-chair. Before leaving the dwelling of Our Divine Lord he made several deep graceful bows to the God of the Tabernacle who is now his Father and best Friend...

Saturday, July 26

Sister St. Gabriel sends a little Chinese girl to heaven with the angels.

A young man suffering from pneumonia receives the Last Sacraments.

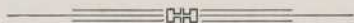
The patient of Ward 15 who arrived here in an extremely weak condition owing to pulmonary hemorrhages leaves to-day very happy, not only because of his temporal but also of his spiritual cure. After having been married here by the priest he and his wife were told of their religious duties by the

Sisters. This morning they went to Confession again and just before leaving they promised us to live as good Christians. May our Immaculate Mother ever protect them!...

Sunday, July 27

For the past few weeks we have had with us a Japanese patient about thirty years of age. His gentle and sympathetic countenance shows that he has had a good education. He was at first suffering from ma'aria but after several days the fever left him. What trouble we have in caring for this poor man who is not accustomed to the diet given here and who does not know a word of English or Chinese. If we only had one of our Sisters from Japan to help us.

Just lately he has caught another disease and is so weak to-night that we have no hope for his recovery. We send for the other members of the family. One of them who speaks Tagalog tells us that our patient does not practise any religion at all. A Japanese woman who speaks English soon arrives. She is a Catholic herself. Acting as our interpreter she tries to have the moribund consent to be baptized. As this poor man since his arrival here had always worn a miraculous medal on his arm, our Immaculate Mother did not let him leave this earth without being cleansed from original sin. "Yes, yes," is his answer. He wishes to be a Catholic. We are surprised to see how effusively he is able, in his weak condition, to kiss the medal and crucifix which we present him. When the Saving Waters are poured he again kisses the crucifix and closes his eyes to open them only in Eternity.



Mary was the most perfect among the saints only because she was always perfectly united to the will of God.

St. Alphonsus

I have noticed that all persons who have a true devotion to St. Joseph and render him special honor, are very much advanced in virtue, for he takes great care of souls who recommend themselves to him; and I have never asked of him anything which he did not obtain for me.

St. Teresa

How little is required to be a saint! It suffices to do in all things the will of God.

St. Vincent de Paul

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.

Thursday, October 16, 1930

Among the many happy days that we spend at the Novitiate there are none happier than the one on which we receive a visit from our beloved Mother.

Yesterday evening while we were studying, we were suddenly disturbed by a ring of the door-bell. We had had the presentiment that our Mother who was on a trip to Three Rivers might stop at the Dovecot for a little while... Really, the lessons did not enter our heads very quickly, despite the efforts we made to keep our minds on our books.

A few moments later our good Mother came to the door of our study-room saying: "Good-evening, children!... I am giving you a distraction, but I could not pass by your door without stopping for a moment..." We greeted her by an exclamation of filial joy while the greatest happiness beamed upon all countenances. She inquired about our health and addressed us a few kind words wishing us to spend a good night in the arms of the Blessed Virgin.

To-day, in passing through the different rooms where we are at work, she gives us a few encouraging words of advice and then "Deo Gratias". Upon her desire of having a concert, we at once begin to prepare a little play which we execute in the evening. Our Mother has the great kindness to find that we succeed wonderfully. "How music soothes," she says, "and how it makes one rejoice!... In heaven we shall have music continually... all that we shall have to do up above is to sing and to rejoice!... But here below we may prelude the eternal feast by singing God's praises and by devoting ourselves to joy and gratitude. How good and consoling it is to return thanks, moreover, our vocation makes it a duty for us, for we have dedicated our lives to thanksgiving." For a while longer our Mother still continues to speak to us and while listening to her we feel ourselves animated with the ardent wish of becoming religious according to her heart's desire.

May the Immaculate Virgin bless our efforts and resolutions.

Wednesday, October 22

Three missionary Jesuits from the Vicariate of Nankin, China, come to-day to speak to us of their missions. How pleasant are the hours we spend occasionally in the land of our dreams!

Once again we are given to realize that from every pagan land the same cry comes from all apostolic hearts: "The harvest is great, but the laborers are few." Souls are being lost by thousands and the evil spirit is constantly urging on fresh persecutions against the apostles of the Gospel. The legal war which is now raging in China is no less formidable than the bloody persecutions of the last century. "But," added the good missionary Father, "we have confidence in the future... Our Holy Father, in a private audience which he granted me a short time ago, repeated these word several times: "Tell the missionaries, one and all, to have courage and confidence until the end."

In terminating his interesting little talk, Reverend Father asks us to pray for three special intentions: that civil peace be re-established in China, that missionary vocations increase, and that the missionaries remain courageous and confident up until the very end, according to the desire of the Sovereign Pontiff.

It is for us an honor and a joy to aid, though in a modest way, in the establishing of God's kingdom in pagan lands.

Thursday, October 23

While bringing to our notice how rapidly the beautiful month of the Rosary is gliding away from us, our Mistress exhorts us to increase our fervor in order to please our heavenly Mother and to win the greatest possible number of souls. She suggests that we make use of the so precious weapon we hold in our hands, our Rosary, and then stimulates our devotion to our Guardian Angel to whom the month of October is also dedicated. "Too often," does she tells us, "do we forget this faithful companion of our life to whom God has given the special charge of watching over our soul, and of guiding, inspiring and protecting us. Never do we think of conversing with him, of thanking him and of asking him to help us... How lonesome must he be in our company... Let us do better in the future, let us speak to him frequently and send him often on messages to heaven, to the divine Prisoner of the Tabernacle, to the Blessed Virgin, to our Sisters in the Missions, to our parents... Let us ask him at every moment of the day to go to seek souls for us: souls of little pagan children, of infidels, of sinners, of the dying... He will quickly accomplish this task: a flutter of wings and, immediately he will be back with the precious trophy. Oh, what a beautiful bouquet we might gather each day!

Saturday, November 1

When, with the greatest pleasure and enthusiasm, we are announcing our holy Protectors for the year — as is the custom on All-Saints Day — we suddenly notice our eight Sisters who are to embark next Thursday for distant China. They are coming to the Novitiate to bid us farewell!

In the afternoon, we entertain them as best we can, and we must add that our hearts are deeply touched, when we repeat the eloquent strophes of our departure hymns. But when we consider with what serene happiness

they are leaving all that is dear to them, we realize once again that God's grace makes everything easy, even the most heart-rending sacrifices. Yes, they are leaving full of joy, courage and zeal, to make God and His Blessed Mother known to the miserable pagans.

Sunday, November 2

As our monthly retreat falls on the day between All Saints' and All Souls' Day all our exercises are of a special character. After having considered the happiness and glory of heaven, we now see before us death, the Supreme Judge, the cleansing flames of Purgatory. We make more serious reflections and take the firm resolution to spend our time, more profitably this unappreciated gift which comes to us from God and which should conduct us to God.

Towards three o'clock in the afternoon, in unison with Holy Mother Church who becomes a supplicant for our suffering brethren, we continue our visits up until bedtime.

How sweet to us is the thought that probably numerous new Elect, this evening, gratefully smile upon us from the heights of heaven.

Thursday, November 6

Oh, the snow! the first snow!... Is not God most delicately thoughtful towards His humble missionaries who are to leave to-day for China! They so greatly desired to again see their native soil covered by the beautiful white snow, before leaving for distant shores... They are overjoyed... What kindness does our Heavenly Father show His children!...

The departure ceremony takes place at the Mother House at three o'clock this afternoon. Our mistress is present with one of our Sister novices, whose sister is one of those who are leaving to-day. Thus we shall have a detailed account of the different events of this memorable day. Oh! how sublime is the departure of missionaries! What blessings does the Church bestow upon these apostles who are leaving to bear the light of Faith to infidel nations! These ceremonies which are repeated so frequently in our religious family, far from becoming common, appear to us accordingly as they occur, more and more solemn and profound. From all hearts is voiced the same cry of joy: Oh, how beautiful and sublime it is to be a missionary of God and of the Immaculate Virgin!...

I have never succeeded in persuading myself that a person can be saved if he has done nothing for the salvation of his brethren.

St. Chrysostom

To spread the light of the Gospel is to become a fellow-worker of Our Lord Himself.

Cardinal Simeoni.

Chinese Superstitions

The Tiger "HOU"



The tiger, noted for its ferocity, is a source of terror to the devils and a means of protecting human beings from corruption. It is also frequently rode upon by the most dreaded enemies of the goblins,

Tchang Tao-ling who made his home at *Long-hou chan*, the mountain of the Dragon and the Tiger, is sometimes represented as mounting a dragon, and sometimes as mounting a tiger.

Hiuen-tan p'ou-sah, the god of wealth, often mounts the tiger brandishing his knotted stick. The tiger is sometimes constituted guardian of the marvellous money-box of the god of wealth. On one side a dragon is painted and on the other, a tiger.

Kiang Tse-ya, the canonizer of the gods of the Chinese pantheon sometimes chooses a tiger to ride upon. Judging by legends and popular pictures the immortals also enjoy the same privilege. The tiger not only serves as an animal to ride upon but is recognized as a spirit. Its picture is hung in the home as a renowned talisman to which the Taoist priests affix the seal of the celestial mandarin, T'chen-hoang. Sometimes the word *Wang* (king) is written in characters on its forehead, it is the tiger king. Divers legends are related concerning the tiger.

Sometimes he appears as an ordinary man, and when night comes on he suddenly pounces upon an unfortunate traveller. If he is killed the person in question disappears. At other times he is seen under his real form, and is then accompanied by one or several detectives, or *Koei*, to whom has been confided the charge of discovering the snares that might be set on his customary track. These explorers, it appears, are none other than the spirits of the human beings whom he has devoured and made his slaves.

The picture of a tiger is sometimes painted at the entrance to the tribunals, and also over the doors of private dwellings, of which he is the constituted guardian.

The claws of the tiger, and the ashes made by the burning of its hair, form wide-famed talismans which are very expensive.

Here we do not speak of the bones of the tiger employed by Chinese doctors, for we should be wandering from the subject of superstitions.

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.

A few weeks ago I wrote asking a remembrance in your prayers for a very special intention and it is with much pleasure that I enclose a Mass offering in thanksgiving for having partly received my favor. I promise to have a High Mass celebrated if I obtain the rest of this favor from St. Therese. Miss M. O., **Verdun, P. Q.** — Enclosed please find cheque for \$4.00 in fulfilment of the promise made you in my July letter. We beg you to kindly remember us in a very special manner. J. A. O., **Ottawa, Ont.** — As I have met with much success in my undertakings I am sending an offering to help your needy Missions. Kindly pray for us and also for my nephew that he may find work. Mrs. J. D., **Kapuskasing, Ont.** — Please find enclosed \$2.00 in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother for a favor obtained some time ago. Kindly have a novena of lights burned and pray for the health of myself and family. I promise \$5.00 for the ransom of a pagan child if my little son is cured from his cough. Mrs. J. F. B., **Verdun.** — Kindly accept my offering of \$3.00 in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for favors obtained. Mrs. T. K., **Wyoming, Ont.** — Find enclosed the sum of \$5.00 in gratitude for a request granted. I beg the assistance of your prayers. Mrs. R. F., **Point St. Charles.** — Offering of \$12.00 in thanksgiving for favors obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower. R. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — I thank our Blessed Mother from the bottom of my heart for the favors she has granted me. Please pray for the things for which I stand in need and for a happy death. M. C. — Enclosed please find cheque for \$1.00. This is my regular monthly donation to aid your Missions in thanksgiving for past favors. I. M., **Montreal.** — I am a former subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR". Last year I asked that my son might obtain steady work for the winter and I am glad to tell you that my prayers were heard. Please accept this post office order for \$2.00 in token of my gratitude. May I ask your prayers for my granddaughter that she may quickly be restored to health and be successful in her examinations. I promise to become a subscriber again as soon as I have the means to do so. C. N., **Alert.** — I am enclosing \$5.00 for the ransom of a pagan child, in thanksgiving for a favor obtained. Please publish in "THE PRECURSOR". I am very anxious to receive another favor and kindly ask your prayers and those of the little orphans, for this intention. If I have success I shall send another donation. Mrs. G. S., **Breche a Manon, P. Q.** — Kindly accept this offering of \$1.00 for lights to be burned in honor of the Blessed Virgin to thank her for favors granted me. Mrs. J. L., **Ottawa, Ont.** — Inclosed please find \$10.00 in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary for a great many favors received. Please have this published in "THE PRECURSOR". 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