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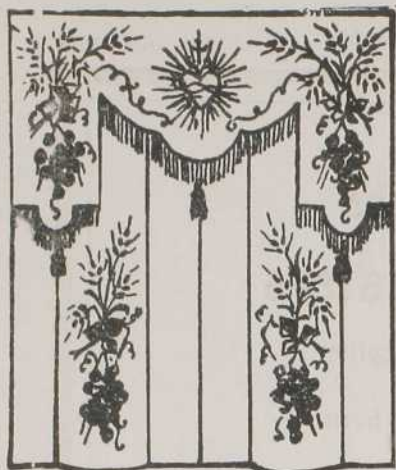
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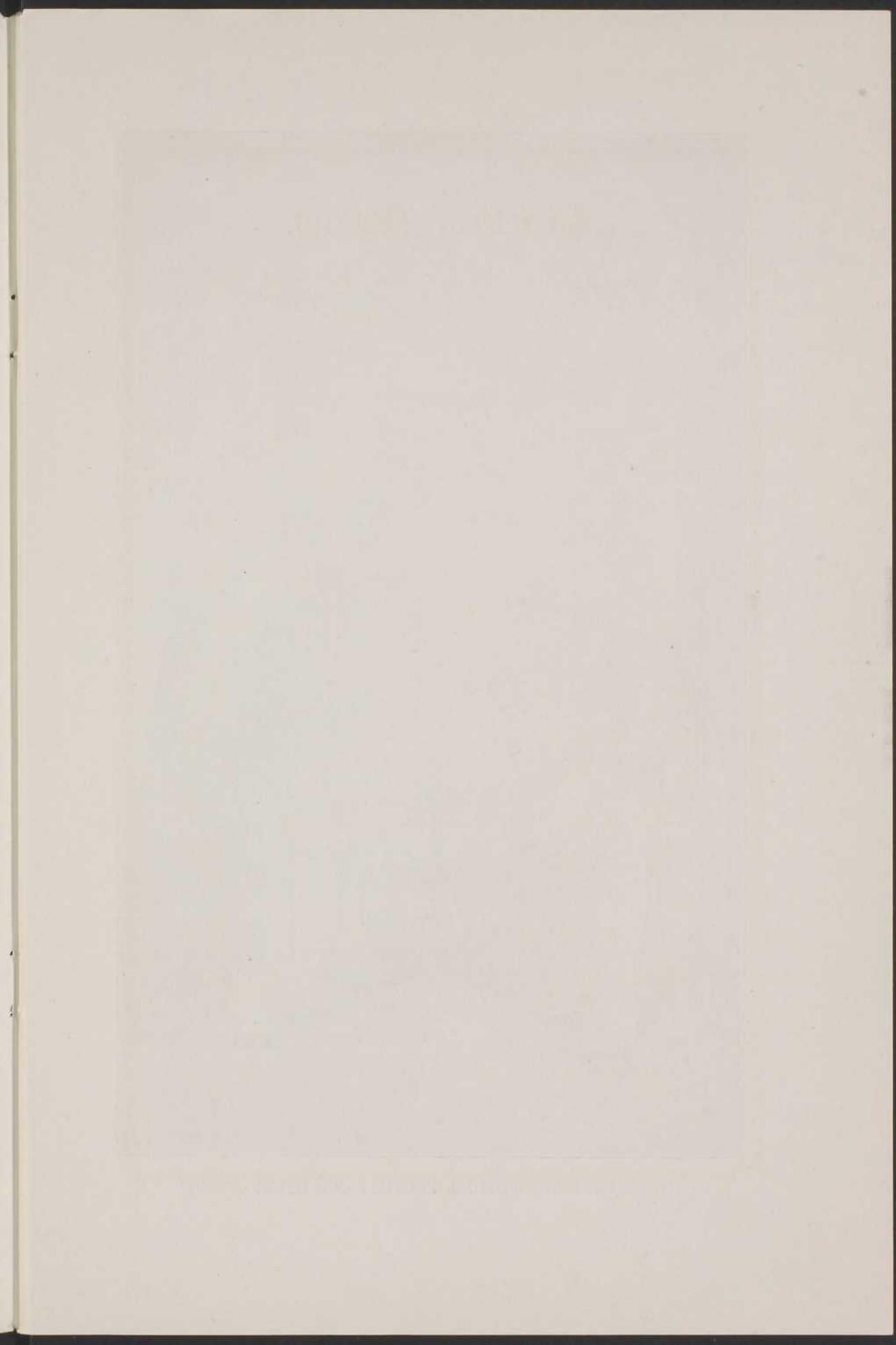
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The missionary must not be alone to sacrifice himself. All Christians must unite and help him in his work by their prayers and alms.





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Our Lady of Grace

Ave, Mater Gratia!
Thy children kneel to greet thee.
From North and South,
And East and West,
We gather to entreat thee.

Sedes Sapientia!
Look down on us below thee!
Send forth thy light,
Dispel the night,
And open our minds to know thee.

Mater Amabilis!
Fair as the sky above thee,
Defend our hearts
'Gainst Satan's arts,
And move our wills to love thee.

Regina Apostolorum!
Queen of those who preach
In fields afar,
Where'er they are,
Protect them, we beseech thee.

Ave, Mater Christi!
By the solemn words He spake thee
He made us thine;
Keep us thine,
Let none of us forsake thee!

(Selected)

Text of Speech of His Holiness

The inauguration of the new Vatican Station HVJ permitted His Holiness Pope Pius XI, on February 12th, to broadcast a message of peace to the world. Now we realize what are these "intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff" for which we are so often asked to pray.

To all Creation: Having in God's mysterious designs become the successor of the Prince of the Apostles — those Apostles whose doctrine and preaching were by Divine Command destined for all nations and for every creature — being the first Pope to make use of this truly wonderful Marconian invention, We in the first place turn to world things and to the people of the world, and We say to them:

"Hear, O ye heavens, the things I speak. Let the earth give ear to the words of my mouth." "Hear these things, all ye nations; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world, both rich and poor together." "Give ear, ye islands, and hearken ye people from afar to Almighty God."

Let Our first words be: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men of good will."

Glory to God Who in our days hath given such power to men that their words should reach in very truth to the ends of the earth. And peace on earth where We are the ambassador of that Divine Redeemer Jesus, Who, coming, preached peace — peace to them that were afar off, and peace to them that were nigh, bringing peace in the Blood of His Cross, both as to the things on earth and the things that are in heaven.

To Catholics: Turning now to men, We bear in mind the words of the Apostles — "Work good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of the Faith."

We are pleased, therefore, to speak in the first place to those who have been received in the Master's family and the Master's fold of the Catholic Church and call Us by the loving name of father — to all, that is — fathers and sons, sheep and lambs — whom Christ the Universal Pastor and King has entrusted to Us to nourish and to guide.

To the Hierarchy: We address you, Our fellow laborers in the various orders of the Hierarchy, Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church, Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops, prelates and priests; chief objects of Our daily solicitude as well as faithful sharers and helpers in Our labors.

We earnestly exhort each one to persevere in his vocation, that you walk worthily in the vocation in which you are called, feeding the flock of God which is among you, being made an example of the flock in your souls so that when the Prince of Shepherds shall appear, you may receive a never-failing crown of glory.

Meanwhile, may the God of Peace Who brought again from the dead the Great Shepherd of the sheep, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Blood of

His everlasting Testament, adorn you with all goodness that you may do His will, "doing you that which is well pleasing in His sight through Jesus Christ."

To Religious: We now speak to you, sons and daughters of Our Pre-dilections, who, zealous for the better gifts, are not content to obey the Commandments merely, but by the pledge of your holy vows and the religious disciplining of your entire lives faithfully fulfil the desires and counsels of the Divine King and Spouse. Thus is God's Church filled with the fragrance of your chastity, made glorious by your contemplations, supported by your prayers, enriched with your learning and knowledge, beautified and perfected from day to day by the ministry of your words and your apostolic work.

Yours, therefore, is a truly celestial and angelic vocation, and the more precious the treasure you possess, the greater must be your diligence in guarding it so that not only you may make safe your vocation and election, but in addition, special faithful and devoted servants, you are to the heart of your King and Spouse some consolation and reparation for the numberless offences and negligences with which men requite His inevitable love.

To Missionaries: Now Our words go out to you Our most dear sons and daughters in Christ who in the mission fields of the world are laboring in prayer to propagate the Holy Faith of Christ and to spread His kingdom. As the first Apostles of the Church, so you too, by dangers, by trials of patience, by tribulation, by necessities, are made a spectacle. As they, so also are you the glory of Christ, you who in labors often likewise in chains, and in your blood, are fighting even unto death the great and good fight of faith and of suffering, and by your great example are winning souls and sowing the seed of future Christians. We salute you, gallant soldiers of Christ!

And, too, We salute those native priests and faithful catechists who are at once the principal fruits and loyal sharers of your labors.

To All the Faithful: Our heart is opened to you all — to the faithful of Our episcopal city and to the faithful of all the world, and most particularly to you of the laity who are sharing with Us, with Our Venerable Brethren the Bishops and with Our Priests, the labors of the apostolate like the first believers, men and women, whom the Apostle for that reason praises: "You are God's people and the sheep of His fold. You are a chosen generation, a loyal priesthood, a holy family. Let your modesty, then, be known to all men, and whatsoever things are true, whatsoever modest, whatsoever just, whatsoever holy, whatsoever lovely, whatsoever of good fame; if there be any virtue, if any praise of discipline, think on these things. These do ye that God may be honored in you."

To Unbelievers and Those Outside the Fold: To you who are still separated from the Faith and Unity of Christ, Our thoughts and Our prayers are turned daily. Indeed do We offer prayers and sacrifices for you to the God and Lord of all, earnestly beseeching Him to illuminate you with the

lamp of Faith and to lead and unite you to those sheep who hear His voice that there may be "but one fold and one shepherd."

To the Leaders of Peoples : Since we are debtors to all, in the first place, We pray the leaders to govern in justice and in charity unto edification, and not unto destruction, and to be ever mindful that there is not a power but from God and that they must render unto God a strict account.

To Subjects : To those who are subjects, We say be obedient not as to men, but as to God, knowing that he who resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God, and that they who resist purchase to themselves damnation.

To the Rich : To the rich, also, and to the poor, We speak. We remind the rich to consider themselves as ministers of God's providence, trustees and stewards of His gifts to them. Christ Jesus Himself has confided the poor. From the rich the Divine Judge will demand more because they have received more. Let them never forget the words of Christ, "Woe to you that are rich."

To the Poor : We earnestly exhort the poor to think of the poverty of Jesus Christ Our Lord and Saviour. We ask them to be mindful of His example and promises. We ask them not to neglect what is easier for them, the acquisition of spiritual wealth, and whilst they are endeavoring to better their condition as morally they may, let them with a good and upright heart commend themselves to God and not stretch forth their hands to iniquity.

To Laborers and Employers : We earnestly entreat laborers and employers to put aside hostile rivalry and strife and unite in friendly and brotherly accord. The employer supplying means and direction, the laborers industry and toil, let both seek what is just and both give what is just. Let both, as well, at the same time work out the good of each and the good of all in the tranquillity of order.

To the Afflicted : Our last word is reserved for you, last in time but first in Our thought and the affection of Our heart — for you who are weak and suffering, afflicted and distressed, especially if these afflictions and distresses are at the hand of the enemies of God and of society. Offering you Our prayers and as far as possible Our help, and recommending you to the charity of all as representatives of Christ, We say to you, "Come to Me, all you that labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

It remains for Us to impart to the city and to the world and to those who dwell therein, Our Apostolic Blessing, and this We do in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

—Catholic Record.

DECREE

*of the Introduction of the Cause of the Beatification and Canonization of the
Servant of God Pauline Marie Jaricot, Foundress of the Association of the
Propagation of the Faith and of the Living Rosary*

PAULINE Marie Jaricot was born at Lyons on July 22nd, 1799, in the parish of St. Nizier where she was baptized. She was the daughter of Antoine Jaricot and Jeanne Marie Latier. At the age of twelve she made her First Holy Communion, after which she was placed in an institution for young girls. Her companions, with whom she remained for three years, looked up to her as a model. She possessed a most tender piety; her nephew, Pierre Perrin, who died as a missionary and martyr, was always deeply impressed by her words. Her vocation, that of a pious and charitable woman, was decided upon when, at the age of sixteen, she assisted at a Lenten sermon on worldly vanity. She made constant visits to the hospitals in the city, where she took pleasure in performing the most humble services. She took particular interest in servants and in all women belonging to the working-class. As a reward for her zeal she had the great happiness of bringing back many of these women to the practice of their religious duties and of recruiting souls who would repair the outrages committed against the Sacred Heart of our divine Lord. But she is particularly celebrated as being the Foundress of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. Her brother, Phileas Jaricot, when studying for the priesthood in the Seminary of St. Sulpice, was charged by his superiors to collect alms in favor of the missions. As he asked Pauline's assistance, she at once began to go through Lyons, begging from door to door: thus the Association of the Propagation of the Faith originated. (1) The Servant of God founded also, in 1826, the Association of the Living Rosary, which has been approved by the Church and enriched with spiritual favors by the Sovereign Pontiffs. The Blessed Curé of Ars, in one of his sermons, publicly praised Pauline for her admirable patience in time of trial and especially when she was unjustly accused. In 1834, at Mugnano, she was miraculously cured of a serious illness by St. Philomena. While on a visit to Rome, she was favored in a particular manner by Pope Gregory XVI. Our Lord took her to Himself on January 9th, 1862. The curio of Lyons ordered that a diocesan process be commenced. In a decree dated May 27th, 1927, permission was given to carry out this process. The postulator is Reverend Father Jules Grimal of the Society of Mary. The decision of the Sacred Congregation of Rites regarding the introduction of the cause, was sent in on June 17th, 1930, and the Commission signed by the Pope, on the following day.

1. This Work was made a Pontifical Association on May 3rd, 1922, when its headquarters were transferred to Rome, Lyons and Paris remaining national centres.

A Bishop recently elected

His Excellency Mgr. A. Desmarais has just been named Auxiliary Bishop of St. Hyacinthe by the Sovereign Pontiff.

The new Bishop was born at St. Ephrem d'Upton in 1891. After making his classical course in the Seminary of St. Hyacinthe he came to Montreal for his higher studies. He was ordained to the priesthood in July 1914.

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, through the medium of their modest review "The Precursor," take the liberty of offering to His Excellency Mgr. Desmarais the homage of their religious respect and their very best wishes.

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Fifty-seven Missionaries give programme on ship in nine languages

Passengers on board the German steamship Trier on her latest voyage from Europe to the East had a rare opportunity of witnessing the Catholicity of the Church as well as her universal missionary effort. The vessel carried fifty-seven missionaries of various nations and tongues bound for scattered ports, which is believed to constitute a record group for a single ship.

An interesting feature of the trip was an "Academia" presented by the missionaries, at which nine languages were used in entertaining the passengers, many of them non-Catholics. The addresses were in English, German, Spanish, Italian, French, Irish, Dutch and Filipino, and the hymns in Latin.

The missionaries included two Benedictine Fathers bound for Korea; a Spanish Benedictine priest and lay Brother going to Manila, Philippine Islands; two Benedictine scholastics bound for Manila; seven Carmelite nuns for Borneo; two Salesian priests for China and Japan; ten Salesian scholastics; nine Salesian novices for Siam; eight nuns for Siam, Japan and Hong Kong; two priests and one deacon of the Society of the Divine Word for China; three Scheut Fathers for the Philippines; two priests and three lay Brothers of the Pious Society of Missionaries for Australia; a Spanish Augustinian for the Philippines, and one Irish Jesuit priest with two scholastics for Hong Kong. — (Fides Cor.)

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Missionary Exposition

For a few months past the different conferences delivered at the Montreal Missionary Exposition have been appearing in "The Precursor."

As a volume containing these conferences has been issued recently we are discontinuing to publish the same in our review.

The Sowing of Happiness

THE active and devoted members of our Sewing Circles have imposed upon themselves the important task of making others happy.

The dainty lace, flowers and altar linens, which they so generously give us for the chapels in the Missions, are a source of great happiness for our Missionaries who, in a pagan land, lack even the necessities of life. What heartfelt thanks do they render to the God of heaven and earth who, in the Sacrament of His love, deigns to share in their poverty!

How their hearts are touched on receiving the many different articles of clothing for the unfortunate little pagan children, whom they care for with a mother's love, in their Foundling-Homes and Orphanages. The little ones, themselves, cry for joy when they behold the dainty dresses, the pretty bonnets, the warm little stockings and the hundred other things of which they have such need!...

The last packages received by our Missionaries contained many toys for their little orphans. One little girl, three years of age, was given a small doll and a carriage. She wheeled her little treasure up and down until evening, and once in a while she was heard to say: "To-day, I do not need to go to bed."

If the devoted members of our Sewing Circles could witness even one of these scenes, they would feel amply repaid for their charity. It is God Himself who reserves their reward, for "He who helps the apostle has a right to the apostle's recompense."

The ladies and young girls who desire to join one of the Sewing Circles directed by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception may apply to one of the following Houses:

Mother House:	314 St. Catherine Rd., Outremont, Montreal;
Quebec:	4 Simard St.;
Three Rivers:	52 Bonaventure St.;
Rimouski:	St. Germain St.;
Joliette:	100 St. Louis St.;
Granby:	66 Ottawa St.

To-day, nineteen hundred years after the Redemption, there are still one hundred millions of men who do not share its fruits, who perhaps have never heard that a Saviour was born to them. May God grant that their souls be brought into the fold of the true Church.

When the sea is stormy and the waves of temptation run high, let us call upon Mary, and say to her, as the disciples said to Jesus: "Save us, we perish."

St. Alphonsus of Liguori

Work being done by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception at Granby

ON May 1st, 1930, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, with the paternal authorization of His Excellency Mgr. Decelles, took possession of a modest dwelling in Granby.

As they have been given charge of the Holy Childhood Work in the diocese, they have already visited many schools wherein they have received a warm welcome. His Excellency and the priests of the different parishes have also permitted them to propagate their missionary review which is a means of making the Missions better known.

Every Friday of the year, before the Most Blessed Sacrament exposed in their humble chapel, the Sisters pray for the intentions of the Bishop and Clergy of the diocese as well as for their Benefactors and those who have recommended themselves to their prayers. Ladies and young girls come in turn to adore their Eucharistic Lord.

Their little chapel is also well filled on the first Saturday of each month, when men, women and children come to pay their homages to Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces.

Many also follow the exercises of the Closed Retreats, a Work which gives bright hopes for the future.

The ladies and young girls of three Sewing Circles gladly spend much of their spare time in making altar linens for the poor chapels in the Missions, as well as clothing for the little abandoned children cared for by the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception in their Foundling-Homes and Orphanages in China.

The interest which the people of Granby take in the Work of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception is a gage of its success.

To all their Benefactors and devoted friends, they wish to express their most lively gratitude.

“What shall I say or how shall I speak of the glorious and holy Virgin? God alone excepted, she is above all beings. More beautiful than the Cherubim and Seraphim and all the angelical army, an earthly voice, or even that of an angel, is too weak to fittingly praise her. O Blessed Virgin, purest dove, celestial spouse! O Mary, heaven, temple, throne of the Divinity, you possess the Sun which illumines heaven and earth, Jesus Christ... The angels accused Eve, but now they glorify Mary, who has rehabilitated fallen Eve and opened heaven to Adam expelled from Eden. For Mary is the Mediatrix of heaven and earth, uniting these two extremes.”

St. Epiphanius



Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy Kingdom come in every pagan land!

The Scapular of the Sacred Heart and of Mary Mother of Mercy

THE origin of the scapular of the Sacred Heart, according to official documents, dates back to the time when St. Margaret Mary, upon the request of Our Divine Lord Himself, had pictures painted representing His Most Sacred Heart. Many began to wear this image on their breast, especially after they had heard of the wonderful miraculous favors accorded to those who, during the terrible plague which swept over Marseilles in 1720, carried with them this blessed safeguard.

This was but the beginning of the Scapular, although hundreds of thousands had already donned this glorious livery of their Divine Master.

In 1876, just before the bitter war against religion was declared, the Blessed Virgin appeared at Pellevoisin, in the heart of France, where she revealed the true Scapular of the Sacred Heart of her Divine Son and also of her own immaculate Heart.

On one part of the Scapular is represented the Heart of our All-merciful Lord burning with love for mankind, and on the other, Mary herself, who bears the title of Mother of Mercy.

The Confraternity of the Scapular of Pellevoisin grew rapidly; in one year it counted as many as 200,000 Members.

Rome, after slightly modifying this Scapular which is actually known as the Scapular of the Sacred Heart, officially promulgated it upon the request of the Oblates, confiding it to them as their own particular Scapular, enriched with extraordinary indulgences.

This Scapular is the fulfilment of the revelations at Paray-le-Monial. Mary wished to inflame us with a most tender love for this so beautiful, useful, and necessary devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Let us not separate what Jesus and Mary have united, but rather let us respond with a most generous and reparative love to the merciful Love of their bountiful Hearts so incomprehensibly wounded through love for us,

In fine, let us not refuse the request made us by Mary and her Divine Son: let us don the holy Scapular which will, in a special manner, consecrate us to their Hearts.

It will be for us a safeguard and a perpetual source of all kinds of blessings.

The Mercy of Jesus and Mary for Sinners

This extract is from the writings of Miss Leonie Guillemant, a privileged soul who frequently conversed with our Divine Lord.

March 31 — Yesterday, I was deeply grieved on hearing of the death of one of my fellow-citizens. Like many others, he had spent a reckless life, forgetful of God and of his religious duties. The priest who was with him in his last hours, doubted if his penitent had been saved.

This man left a large fortune which he had acquired in a few short years. His wealth was a source of great happiness to him.

During Holy Mass, this morning, I desired to pray for the repose of his soul, but it seemed as if an invisible power hindered me from doing so. I was in a state of terror, for once before, I had experienced the same feeling in regard to a departed soul whose damnation Our Lord afterwards made known to me.

After Communion, I suddenly caught sight of a hideous demon who was standing just opposite me. Boisterously swinging an enormous chain he exclaimed: "It is too late now to pray for this soul, for it is lost forever!"

I hastened to make the Sign of the Cross, at the sight of which this wicked demon immediately vanished. Shaking from head to foot, I asked Our Lord if this soul had really been lost.

"No, set your mind at rest," He kindly said to me, "this soul is saved, but it must remain in the depths of Purgatory for a time that is known to myself alone.

"The devil who is furious because Mary has snatched from him this soul in the same way as she daily snatches thousands from his clutches, wishes to hinder you from thinking of it, so that it will be deprived of the help of your prayers."

"To whom does this poor soul owe its salvation?" I then asked my divine guest.

"To the priest, who at the dying man's bedside, called upon Mary's assistance. These prayers together with his confession and the Sacrament of Extreme Unction obtained for him a moment of consciousness during which he repented of the evil he had done. And the grace he obtained on receiving absolution, united to his imperfect contrition, saved him from the flames of hell!"

"But dear God," I continued, "he was not conscious when he received the Sacrament of Extreme Unction."

"That is indeed true, but the virtue and power attached to the Sacraments which I have instituted are of such value that Extreme Unction takes a great effect on the soul of a dying person, even when he is deprived of every feeling. And although this Sacrament, when received in this state, is not as efficacious as it otherwise would be, it obtains great graces, even the grace of a moment of consciousness for the dying. The soul, streng-

thened by my grace, turns towards me, and is saved by the means of the last absolution. "

Our Divine Lord continued to tell me of the hatred which Satan bears to the Blessed Virgin for daily robbing him of thousands of souls, that a sinner is never lost if a pious person thinks of praying for him, and that if this sinner, during his life, has honored Mary in some way even though it has been only in his childhood days or at the moment of his First Communion, she will always remember him and obtain for him a means of salvation.

"Oh! how good Mary is!" I exclaimed. "Dear God, is it possible that she loves us more than Thou dost?"

"No," He replied, "she does not love you as much as I do, but I have formed her heart according to my own. And Mary has been created as a mediatrix between myself and mankind. She is a real Mother, and daily does she protect her children from the arm of my divine justice when she sees it ready to strike them!"

Then, full of confidence in the bounty and powerful intercession of Mary and burning with an imprudent zeal, I decided to ask her to implore her Divine Son to free this poor soul from Purgatory where I knew it must remain for such a long time.

But Our Lord immediately said to me: "Do not ask this favor of Mary, for she will refuse to hear your prayers. She loves and adores my infinite perfections, my justice is as dear to her as my mercy. While seeking to appease my just anger, she does not wish to destroy it. You can easily understand that my justice would no longer exist if one who has done nothing for me during his entire life and who at the moment of death has but a very imperfect contrition sufficient only when the grace of absolution is added to it, was to enter heaven immediately after dying. No, my Mother never makes such a request, and this soul must pay even the last farthing of its debt. You may obtain it relief by your prayers but not the entire remission of the punishment which is its due.

April 1. — To-day, I happened to meet the priest who had anointed this man. I asked him if he noticed that his penitent regained consciousness for a moment before his death. He told me that just before administering Extreme Unction, he had looked everywhere for a crucifix, and meeting with no success, he picked up a rosary, which he happened to find, and offered the cross to the moribund saying: "Here is the image of Christ who died for us all! If you understand what I am saying to you, and if you love Our Saviour and are sorry for your sins, make me a sign."

Then the poor man stretched forth his dying lips and kissed the cross. "When I showed him a medal," the priest continued, "asking him to recommend himself to our good heavenly Mother, he kissed it also."

On hearing these words which confirmed what Our Lord had just told me, with tear-filled eyes I begged this good priest to be at ease, for the prayers that he had addressed to Mary for this poor dying man had certainly obtained him salvation.

The confidence we should have in Mary

COSMAS OF JERUSALEM has called the intercession of our Queen not only powerful, but omnipotent. And Richard of St. Laurence has written: "From the omnipotent Son the Mother was made omnipotent." The Son is omnipotent by nature, the Mother by grace, inasmuch as she obtains from God whatsoever she asks. That this grace has been given to Mary we may infer from two reasons: first, because of all creatures Mary has been the most faithful, and the greatest lover of God. Hence, as Suarez says, the Lord loves Mary more than all the other saints and all the angels together. St. Bridget heard our Lord one day saying to His Mother: "Mother, ask what thou desirest of Me; for thy petition cannot be in vain..." Then He added: "For since on earth thou didst deny Me nothing, I will not deny thee anything in heaven." The second reason is, that Mary is a mother: hence St. Antonine has said, that her prayers partake of the nature of a command because they are the prayers of a mother. St. John Damascene says: "O Lady, thou hast all power to save sinners; thou needest no other recommendation to God, since thou art His Mother." And St. George of Nicomedia has written, that Jesus Christ, in order to discharge the obligations that He owed in a certain manner to Mary for having given Him, His human nature, grants whatever she asks from Him. Hence St. Peter Damian has gone so far as to say, that when Mary goes to Jesus to ask a favor for any of her clients "she approaches the altar of human reconciliation, not asking, but commanding; not as a servant, but as a mistress, for the Son honors her by not refusing her anything.

From the time that Mary was on this earth she had the privilege of having all her prayers heard by her Son. Speaking of Mary's request to Jesus to provide wine when it failed at the marriage of Cana in Galilee, St. John Chrysostom says, that though the Redeemer appeared to refuse the favor, saying: Woman, what is it to Me and to thee? My hour has not yet come, still He granted the petition of His Mother.

The prayers of Mary, says St. Germanus, obtain great graces for the most abandoned sinners, because they are prayers accompanied with the authority of a mother. In a word, there is no one, however wicked, whom Mary does not save by her intercession when she wishes. Hence St. George, Archbishop of Nicomedia, says: "O great Mother of God, thou hast insuperable strength, since the multitude of our sins does not outweigh thy clemency. Nothing resists thy power, for the Creator regards thy honor as His own." "To thee, then, O my Queen," says St. Peter Damian, "nothing is impossible, since thou canst succor and save even those that are in despair."

—*St. Alphonsus Liguori.*

Manner of investing several persons in the Miraculous Medal

It is a well known fact that in order to validly receive the Miraculous Medal, a priest, having the necessary faculties, should himself invest the faithful in the Medal while reciting a special formula. By virtue of an indult, dated June 16th, 1909, renewed for ten years on May 23rd, 1919, upon the request of the Superior General of the Lazarist Fathers, the priest is not obliged to invest the faithful when too numerous, but they may invest themselves in the Medal while the priest recites the prescribed formula in the plural. At the desire of Reverend Father Verdier, Superior General of the Lazarist Fathers, the Sacred Congregation of Rites, on June 4th, 1929, renewed this Rescript for another period of ten years.



The "Agnus Dei"

On Sunday, December 28th, 1930, Feast of the Holy Innocents, the Sovereign Pontiff blessed the new *Agnus Dei*.

The blessing of the *Agnus Dei* is an ancient ceremony in the Catholic Church. It dates back to the time of Constantine.

They are made in Jerusalem by the Cistercians of the Holy Cross. White wax is employed in the fabrication of this emblematical image which is always of an oval form.

When new *Agnus Dei* are made, they are stamped differently. This time they bear on one side the representation of the symbolical Lamb with a few words relating to the Sacerdotal Jubilee of His Holiness Pope Pius XI; and on the other, the effigies of the saints canonized in 1930: Theophile de Corte, St. Robert Bellarmin, St. Catherine Thomas, St. Lucia Filippini and the holy Canadian Martyrs. The ceremony was carried out according to the established rites. Among others present were the sister and two nephews of His Holiness and the Minister of Nicaragua with his wife.

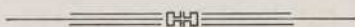
It is to be remarked that this is the fourth time that Pius XI has blessed new *Agnus Dei*. As these images are now in great demand, this ceremony must be repeated oftener than formerly. Benedict XV performed it twice, Pius X once, and Leo XIII once, also.

Recitation of the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament

His Holiness Pope Pius XI in a Brief dated September 4th, 1927, declared that under ordinary conditions, all the faithful who should devoutly recite the third part of the Rosary (five decades) before the Blessed Sacrament, either exposed or in the Tabernacle, might gain an indulgence *toties quoties*.

On February 22nd, 1929, the Sacred Penitentiary approved the "*Collectio Precum piorumque Operum*" which states that the decades may be separated, provided that the recitation of the beads or the Rosary be finished the same day.

Therefore in order to gain a Plenary Indulgence *toties quoties*, one has only to recite before the Blessed Sacrament exposed or in the Tabernacle, five decades of the beads even at different intervals, provided that the whole five decades be said the same day.



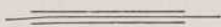
Six Paters, Aves and Glorias

On January 13th, 1930, the Sacred Penitentiary authentically declared that it was necessary to recite at each visit the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory be to the Father at least six times, in order to gain the indulgence of the Portiuncula.

For the sake of uniformity and to dispel all doubt, the Sovereign Pontiff, on July 4th, 1930, answered His Eminence Cardinal Lauri, stating that these conditions suffice to gain all the indulgences *toties quoties* provided that a church be visited.

(Acta Apostolicæ Sedis, August 7th, 1930).

(Translated)



We must strive to merit Mary's help by faithfully obeying her, and endeavoring, according to our state of life, to follow her example. We must implore her aid with fervor and confidence, always remembering that she has all power over the Heart of Jesus. And since the treasury from which she draws her gifts is infinite, and her liberality as great as the favors she has at her disposal, when we invoke her we can rest assured that she can and always will grant our requests.

A visit to Japan

IN my childhood days, when I first began my elementary study of Geography, I pictured it as a stately, magnificent country which I should like to visit, and which was well worth studying on the spot — this mysterious land of Japan. And to-day when I am here and gaze upon it in contemplation, I find that it is that I fancied it to be.

The bay of Yokohama presents a gorgeous panorama to one who beholds this extreme edge of the Orient. The frightful typhoon that had swept down on the fair coast-line the preceding day had left ruins everywhere, scattering desolation and distress all about the fallen dwellings.

ROOFS WERE TORN OFF.

The timbers were strewn across the road with heaps of debris still smoking everywhere, and what is worst of all, on every side languished poverty-stricken little ones — families in misery, destitute of home and shelter.

The newspapers estimated that more than 150,000 were, in 1918, made homeless in and about Tokio and Yokohama. There had been thousands of small boats and skiffs sunk, while one whole island was engulfed by the water and completely submerged. The only advantage of this terrible scourge was gained by a countryman in the neighborhood of Kioto who found in the rice fields half a dozen whales, about twenty feet long, that had been left there by the waters in their sudden subsidence.

While the passengers of the *Tenyo* were anxious to land and were busy making arrangements for their passports, the dark grey clouds broke across the horizon and in the opening suddenly appeared very high above us, from the gloomy surroundings of nature, an almost miraculous vision of Fujiyama — the great mountain of Japan: a mighty and irregular conical peak, unique, picturesque in its altitude, whose image is reproduced on every banner, advertisement and hotel menu in Japan. It now lies before us on the far-off horizon, uprising in astonishing clearness, with its snowy summits towering aloft in the realms of space.

Hardly had we landed and left the dock when a crowd of men, queerly dressed, who had the appearance of lying in wait for us, came jostling up to us, crying out, and obstructing our passage like determined little demons. These are the *jin ricksha* or human horses. They draw the only vehicles in use here, for there are no carriages or automobiles. I slipped into one of these carts and off we went flying, without any attention being paid to our orders. Happily I had with me a good guide — Fr. Hoffman.

Ha! ha! ho! ho! These fellows yell out the cries of an animal to arouse themselves and to warn the passers-by of their approach. Very odd and curious is this manner of going about noiselessly in a small rubber-tired vehicle at a high speed drawn by men,

WHO RUN WITH ALL THEIR MIGHT.

Sometimes it seems even dangerous. Now we are bounding over cobblestones, now we make sharp turns, now we have a collision with or overturn people or other vehicles.

Over a quarter of an hour was taken up by this hazardous journey before we arrived at the station. We saw a queer-looking little railroad that hardly seemed more than a toy. This amused us, as did everything else in Japan. At the wicket they examined with care for the hundredth time my passport, which will be almost a joke-book — so filled will it be with signatures of every kind. It was in due form, and they handed me my ticket.

The little train was crowded with people; the lower class predominates here; therefore to secure a seat in the coach one has to push in and elbow along with the crowd. Finally we were off amid the confusion of whistles, ringing of bells and the puffing of the little engine, all of which happens in Japan just as in Canada.

On both sides, as we hum along, one can see fresh and fertile stretches of vegetation lying in the morning sunshine — a beautiful morning in autumn. The whole country is under a high state of cultivation; everywhere are fields of corn, rice and yams with the large ornamental leaves so familiar in the public squares.

IN THE FIELDS CAN BE SEEN MANY WORKMEN.

The whole country is level; only afar off is discerned a chain of high mountains covered with forests; on half-closing your eyes you would say it was Europe, Italy—the Piedmont, for example, with the Alps uprising from the valley of Aosta on the horizon.

There is, in this green meadow, a profusion of red flowers, a species of lilac from the marsh lands, with thin, curling petals like ostrich feathers. In the vast rice-fields these flowers grow in abundance, spreading everywhere their elegant feather borders, so to speak. The train stops at every turn in the fields where there are little stations with curious names. Alongside the railway stations and alongside the pipes and engines appear, to our surprise, the old temples with their curved roofs, their historic entrances, their sacred trees, their porches made of granite, their idols and monsters.

At the entrance to each village, before every hamlet and in every market-place, we beheld a more or less imposing statue, around which are clustered the dwellings — as at home they are clustered about the church steeples.

An hour later, the scene had entirely changed. The green and purple fields had become a long succession of streets ringing with the noise of a large town. We were at Tokio, the capital of Japan, where I spent three wonderful days — made pleasant by the sweet companionship of our Fathers at the University.

I could then verify for myself the correctness of what someone said recently to Father Boucher, a member of that little family: "The community is ideal, closely united and very charitable, despite the difference in language, race, and education, what a beautiful mosaic it makes!" There are in fact seven nationalities represented among the eight Fathers, but in my opinion, I have never found a family spirit more intimate, more sincere and more fraternal.

I shall not linger over the description of the great capital, except to mention our University at Tokio. Let us hasten on to Kioto, the sacred city which for so long was inaccessible to Europeans, a place surrounded with mystery. Now that the railroad goes there, it is the same as saying that it has become vulgar, mean and worthless.



A STREET OF NAZE, JAPAN

As a matter of fact, I came from Tokio by a train which was almost express but which, however, certainly has nothing in common with the express trains of America — with the "20th Century Limited" of New York. And yet this train which I took, represents for the Far East the *nec plus ultra* of speed.

Of all the Japanese towns, none is more interesting as regards religious monuments than Kioto. One should visit them carefully and at his leisure remaining at least a few weeks. One who stays only a day must hurry.

IN ORDER TO GET A LOOK AT EVERYTHING.

Thanks, however, to the itinerary suggested by good Father Aurientis, who for thirty years has been pastor and superior of the Catholic mission,

and who knows every nook and corner of the city, I was able to get a very clear and exact view of this sacred city that contains within its walls more than three thousand temples.

The good old missionary, unable to accompany me personally, obtained a big jovial fellow with his *jin ricksha*. He looked intelligent, had a pair of broad shoulders and well-hardened muscles, and, besides his native chattering, was able to exchange a few words in English. He stepped into his little carriage and away we went like the wind.

What an immense city — this Kyoto, occupying with its parks, palaces, pagodas and temples, almost as much space as the city of Paris! It is built on a level tract of land, but surrounded by high mountains, which seem to add to the mystery. We hurried on, passing through a labyrinth of little streets, lined with small frame dwellings, very low and dark in appearance. The place seemed to be deserted. It is generally true of the Japanese that they never get excited. I alone caused a disturbance, for they turned around to look at me. What a fickle, changeable, unsettled sort of city is Kyoto!

There are some busy streets crowded with coolies drawing their vehicles, or filled with pedestrians and peddlers of colored posters and banners of extravagant hues that float in the breeze. Now we are in the midst of noise and excitement; now it is silence and abandonment amidst the ruins of things that are dead and gone. We are in the midst of ostentatious displays of dry goods, of porcelain, or again we approach the huge temples, and their dealers in idols show well-stocked shops, containing every imaginable figure.

Again we are taken by surprise on entering a bamboo forest, among trees of an astonishing height, placed close together, and fragile, making us feel like weak insects that crawl under the plants of the field during the month of July. And what a great religious Capharnaum, what a gigantic sanctuary of adoration, of idolatry, is this Kyoto of the ancient emperors!

THREE THOUSAND TEMPLES

where in lie untold treasures consecrated to every kind of god, goddess or animal. A half-hour of weird ride and we arrive at the temple of Kiso Midzou, which is one of the most beautiful and venerated monuments in all Japan.

According to the ancient custom, it is built on the slope of a hill, surrounded by the beautiful verdure of the forests. The approaches are everywhere filled with peddlers of porcelain whose innumerable varnished and gilded stalls shine brilliantly. As we approach and go up, the china-sellers give place to venders of images who have a still stranger display of wares — thousands of figures of gods, sinister monsters, wicked, mocking or grotesque. Some are of a huge size, and very old, relics from ancient demol-

ished-temples. These are sold at a high price. There are many made of clay and plaster, sold even for one cent or less — quite gay-looking and comical — for the children. Where does the deity end, where does the toy begin? Do the Japanese themselves know?

Soon, indeed, the road became very steep and I got out, although my driver declared that it did not make any difference, that he could easily mount the hill with me in the vehicle. Finally we came to a staircase of granite, of immense size and at the top of which runs the first spacious portico of a temple. First you enter broad spaces in the form of terraces from which one has a fine view of the Sacred City; very old trees lift up their branches from a confusion of tombs, hideous forms, religious kiosks and tea-shops covered with garlands.

Some smaller temples of less importance crowded with idols, are placed here and there indiscriminately. The two large ones appear in the background overwhelming everything with their enormous roofs. A body of water, believed to be miraculous, and from which, people come from afar, to drink flows fresh and clear from the mountain, emptying into a basin nearby through a bronze figure of angry mien. This bristling figure, the picture of rage, is crouching down as if about to take a leap.

Usually in these temples, the visitor is seized from the very beginning with an unexpected feeling bordering on fear or even religious horror. The gods appear there in a corner, whose very

OBSCURITY MAKES THEM THE MORE FRIGHTFUL.

A series of rails keep from profanation the space that they occupy and in which burn lamps with veiled light. They can be seen placed on benches, on stairs and on golden thrones. There are images of Buddha, Hamidha, Kwanous and Beuteus, a confusion of symbols and signs, even to the mirrors of Shintoism, representing Truth, a frightful mixture of Japanese theogony.

Before them lie heaped up unheard-of riches — gigantic censers of antique design, wonderful lamps and sacred vases from which, in the form of sheaves, protrude lotus plants of gold and silver. From the ceiling of the temple hangs a profusion of embroidered banners — lanterns, huge branched candlesticks made of copper and bronze — crowded so closely together that they come in contact with one another in extravagant confusion.

But time has cast upon these decorations a grayish tinge, that has a softening effect like the stroke of a brush bringing all into harmony. The massive columns with bronze foundations, have been worn by the constant touching of successive generations, that have come there to pray. All this speaks of the yellow race, of mustiness, and of death. Everything taken together breathes a spirit far, far off in the past ages.

Groups of men and women file barefooted before the idols, in an inattentive, frivolous attitude; they say their prayers, clapping their hands

the while to attract the attention of the spirits and arouse them if they are asleep. Sometimes they stop and take off their head-dress, bend low, with their hands on their knees, and strike a metal gong; then they stand erect again and leave, satisfied to sit under the tents of the tea-merchants for a smoke and a laugh.

Behind and over to one side are crouched some Buddhist priests, who appear to be meditating or day-dreaming. Before them is a large chest where the people place their coins in order to obtain the good-will of the gods. Great heavens! how this disgusts the heart of a missionary, especially when before these uncouth idols he sees innumerable candles lighted up, the perfume that is burnt there, and the incense smoke that ascends from the perfume pans.

The second temple resembles the first; even to the heaping together of precious articles — the same absence of light, same odor of antiquity, only it has this peculiarity of being oddly built — not all in line with the others and suspended over a precipice, where prodigious poles have for ages supported it in the air. No one suspects it at the entrance, but when he arrives at the end, on the veranda at the back, he leans over with surprise to cast his eyes on the gulf of verdure that hangs there.

There are bamboo trees with a refreshing greenness; below in the plains is stretched out the city of a thousand temples and monumental roofs, where in vain you would

SEARCH FOR A CHURCH OR A CHURCH-STEEPLE.

The sun shines brightly and one can see floating up from below like a veil, the light mist of an autumn day. This affords a respite after all those terrible divinities just seen and which are still felt to be there behind, resting in their sanctuaries in the glimmering light of mysterious lamps.

After a quarter of an hour's journey at full speed, my little coolie stopped again in front of another great temple. My porter was a charming fellow, never tired and never out of breath. Only on going up hill did a little perspiration glisten on his chest. He took off his jacket with immense sleeves variegated in ridiculous fashion, and with a lot of things written on the back in big Japanese characters; he removed his broad hat which was the shape of a parasol, all the while running at the risk of bumping into somebody. What a pity that I was not able to converse a little with him, for he had the appearance of knowing the history, the theogony and the legends of his country very well.

The temple of the Dai Boutsou seems to be a temple to provoke fun, an immense jest to amuse the faithful. Of the great Buddha, from whom it receives its name, there can be seen only the head and shoulders which are about thirty-three feet high, and which seem to rise from the very bowels of the earth. The god is bending his neck like one who is trying with difficulty, to draw himself out of the earth. He completely fills the whole

temple, and his woolly hair touches the roof. One reaches him, as he does the other gods, by means of a staircase, through porticoes and paths along which are trees centuries old, in which the sacred doves make their nests.

From the door of the sanctuary it is hard to discover at a first glance what this mound of gold is, this shapeless mass, right before the visitor's eyes. It is only after raising the head straight up, that one perceives in the air this colossal golden figure, those great staring eyes looking down from a height of over thirty feet with a look of silly immobility upon the visitor.

I happened to be making a visit to the temple at the same time as the family of Doctor X., a good family of American Protestants, who were my



BUDDHIST TEMPLE, JAPAN

travelling companions aboard the steamer *Tenyo*. They could not recover from their astonishment, especially the ladies of the party, on seeing such an immense god, and they gave vent to their feelings by exclamations of surprise and by smiles. No, in very truth, this Buddha is too comical, with a neck like a stork's and his foolish look; just as comical as a snow-man fashioned by children on a street corner; just as comical as a huge caricature which has been entrusted to children to make. By paying two cents, the visitor is permitted to make a tour of the great Buddha. The ascent is made by very steep wooden slopes, which allow one to pass behind the head of the colossus, a bit higher than the nape of the neck. I cared to go no farther, for it was slippery, old, cracked and worm-eaten. Behind this enormous head, in a dark corner, an old Buddhist priest was crouching. For a penny

HE SHOWED US A COAT OF MAIL AND A WAR-MASK

of very ancient date which must have belonged to some great Taiko Sama. Then he opened up closets of old idols where are stored away countless divinities of sinister appearance, and relics the shape of the head of an animal.

In the court of this temple is to be found the largest of all the bells in the city of Kioto, which is at least twenty-four feet in circumference. It is rung by means of an enormous beam covered with iron, a kind of battering-ram hung horizontally by ropes. By paying two cents you have the right to try the thing, and there is no failing, if you once grab the straps which start the battering-ram in motion. Ding! Dong! A frightful, cavernous, prolonged sound goes forth with such powerful vibrations as to be heard for miles and miles around. Then a wild joy is experienced by those present; it is hard to get over it. Everybody laughs, everybody is overcome by it. As for me, I soon recover, and yielding to the amiable invitation of my faithful porter, I am borne to another temple which is worthy of honorable mention.

This is the temple of the Thirty-three Cubits, so called because its pillars are constructed, each at a distance of thirty-three cubits one from the other. It is also called the Temple of the Thousand Gods, designed over eight centuries ago by some mystic or other in delirium who must have spent prodigious sums of money to carry out the original plans.

In my opinion, it is the most wonderful sight in the entire city. It resembles no other temple. Here, there are no altars, no burning incense, no sacred enclosures. Ten stories of steps rising one above the other, each about seven hundred feet long, on which a legion of gods projecting from all the sanctuaries seem to be ranged in line in order to be present at some wonderful spectacle, some world-wide cataclysm.

In the centre, in the place of honor, upon a full-blown lotus flower, as wide as the base of a tower, sits enthroned a colossal Buddha of gold in front of a golden nimbus which is spread out behind, like the extended tail of an enormous peacock. The image is surrounded by a guard of twenty scarecrows, of huge human form, which look like devils and corpses.

When one enters by the middle door which is low and hard to discern, and which conceals above it a god of very old and decrepit appearance,

WEARING A SMILE OF DISDAIN BENEATH A COATING OF DUST

one recoils on being almost directly in front of those terrible nightmare forms. They occupy all the lower gradations, extending down with their menacing aspect to the floor. They raise their arms, they make gestures of rage with their shrivelled hands; they gnash their teeth: they open their eyes which are without eyelids—all with an expression of intense horror.

Their veins and arteries, plainly visible, run up and down their limbs,

which are fashioned with striking anatomical correctness. They are painted blood-red, blue or green; sometimes like the flesh of a person flayed alive or like a corpse—in short, in all shades of living flesh or that which has begun to putrefy.

On either side of this great central booth extend the rows of the thousand gods, five hundred to the right and five hundred to the left, standing erect and in lines of ten stories, all of which occupy as much space as a body of troops. They are similar, of endless symmetry and of superhuman height. They sparkle from head to foot with golden rays, and each of them has forty arms. Over each head is a halo which also projects rays; and their gilt clothes are tightly bound round them with Egyptian rigidity.

Each of them smiles sweetly with the same mysterious smile, and holds six or eight of its hands in the peaceful attitude of prayer while the other pairs of arms spread out like a fan, brandish in the air either lances, arrows



CHURCH OF URAKAMI, JAPAN

or sculls. In the darkness of this abode the onlooker feels himself overcome with an inexpressible feeling of terror and dismay.

Behind the great temple is to be found another sacred enclosure. Not seeing anybody, I walked aimlessly around. Soon a Buddhist keeper came toward me making a deep bow. He was pleased to see me and was going to guide me through the inner halls on condition that I were willing to take off my shoes and remove my hat. He even brought me velvet sandals, which are for the use of the visitors and which cost two cents.

"Thanks, I prefer to go barefooted, just like yourself" I said. Then we began our walk in silence along passages and through halls, all decorated

with a strange and exquisite beauty. On the floor, everywhere, are white mats, which are simple and neat. They are found not only in the temple but also in the homes of the middle class and even of the very poor.

At length we passed through a corridor filled with manuscripts containing prayers and then we entered another temple of magnificent adornment with its walls, ceiling and pillars all in golden lacquer work. It receives its faint light from verandas outside on which are represented the leaves and flowers of peonies in full bloom. These are sculptured with



INTERIOR OF A JAPANESE HOME

such delicacy that it might well be imagined that they are ready at the slightest breeze to fall to the ground in a rain of golden petals.

It happened to be the hour for office in the Buddhist worship. In one of the courts a bell of deep base tones commenced to ring very slowly. Then Buddhist priests,

WHOSE FACES WERE INVISIBLE BENEATH IMMENSE POINTED HATS

made their appearance, carrying bells and draped in a mass of muslin, and wearing green surplices; taking very small steps, they made their ritual entrance, the movement of which is very complicated.

Finally, they reached the centre of the sanctuary where they crouched down. There were few worshippers, scarcely two or three groups, which appeared lost in the great temple. They were for the most part women squatting on the mats. All had brought along their little smoking boxes and their little pipe with its long stem. They were chatting together in

a low voice, waiting for the service to begin, and repressing their desire to laugh.

Meanwhile the bells started to ring more quickly and the priests made deep bows to their gods. Then, as the vibrations of the bell increased, the priests prostrated themselves on the floor, face downward and began to chant a monotonous hymn, which seemed unending and which they accompanied with the irritating scratching of a stone. I did not wait for the end of the ceremonies but requested that I might be taken back to the place I started from. If left alone I would surely have been lost in this maze. Fortunately my guide brought me back after having obtained my shoes for me. This was not easy to do for among such a large number of wooden clogs, straw sandals and the like, how was my footwear to be found? Happily my shoes were the only ones of their kind; hence, after all, it was easy to distinguish them.

We returned through new courts where could be seen many plump children, little girls with their pretty eyes, dressed like the women with flowers and big pins in their doll-like necks. These all with their bright little almond eyes turned around and stared at me as if I were some wild animal in a zoo. At length I reached the outer portal by which I had entered, and where my faithful coolie was impatiently awaiting me.

The sun is now sinking on the horizon and the shadows of night are spreading over the vast city, which resembles an ant-hill built at the foot of a mountain. As evening approaches, the visitor is bewildered by so many novelties, that have been seen in the course of the day and is rather tired after the wild rides he has had in the little bouncing carriage, which has bumped over all the rocks on the road. The visitor is above all wearied and almost disheartened after seeing so many profane, idolatrous temples containing so many gods with horrible faces and frightful grimaces. All this brings to our mind the most dreadful visions, painting for us in real life the sad figure of the enemy of the human race who rules as master in this beautiful country.

Alas! How can we imagine that a people so intelligent as this, with manners so refined, with an everlasting smile, can have lived for so many centuries buried in terrible mystery, and have produced these thousands of temples with their frightful monstrosities? Poor Japan! So beautiful to the eyes of the body, so sad to the eyes of faith! How long will you continue to burn your incense before idols and to grow musty among the shadows of death, beneath the bright rays of your beautiful Oriental sun!

Father Chabloz.

The greatest wish of the Saviour of mankind is that *all men* be saved. For your neighbor's sake, then, — and every pagan is your neighbor — practise the highest form of brotherly love — zeal for souls. For your own sake call to mind the words: "You are worth only what your charity is worth."



Little Flower of Jesus
PATRONNESS OF MISSIONARIES

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

I am sending a money order for \$2.00 in thanksgiving to the Little Flower for having obtained a favor for me. Mrs. F. J. S., **Ansonia, Conn.** — Enclosed please find \$5.00 for your poorest Chinese mission in token of my gratitude to the Little Flower for a favor received. Please ask this little saint to help me in an undertaking. A friend, **Timmins, Ont.** — I have received a favor through the intercession of the Little Flower. To fulfil my promise I am donating \$2.00 towards the Burse in her honor. Mrs. J. M., **Seaforth, Ont.** — I wish to return thanks to St. Therese, for my mother is now quite well. Kindly accept my offering of \$2.00 in her honor. Mrs. J. P., **Montreal.** — Please help me to thank our beloved little Saint for what she has done for me and ask her to continue to protect me. M. L., **Ottremont.** — With my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am enclosing \$1.00 towards the Burse in honor of St. Therese in thanksgiving for a favor received. Mrs. J. V., **Brockville.** — I am sending 0.25 for the Missions to thank the Little Flower for a favor granted me. M. H. D., **Montreal.** — Please find enclosed \$1.00 in favor of the Missions in token of gratitude to St. Therese for having cured me. Mrs. F. P. — I hasten to fulfil a promise made to St. Therese by sending \$2.00 in her honor. Miss M. D., **Montreal.** — By sending you this small offering of \$1.00 I wish to express my gratitude to the Little Flower who granted my husband a position which he has held all winter. I beg this dear Saint to continue to help us as we are poor and have many children. Mrs. P. F. **Montreal.** — As I am indebted to the powerful Patroness of Missionaries for a special favor granted me, I am enclosing \$5.00 in her honor and shall send other offerings if she deigns to grant me the favor I now desire. Mrs. A. C. — My most grateful thanks to the Little Flower for a favor granted me through her intercession. Please accept my offering of \$1.00 toward the Burse in her honor. Anonymous. — You will find enclosed my thank-offering of 0.25 in honor of St. Therese for a favor obtained after promising to publish in "THE PRECURSOR". A subscriber. — I am gladly renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and at the same time am sending \$5.00 in favor of the Missions with my most heartfelt thanks to the Little Flower for her protection over me. Mrs. A. P., **Montreal.** — My husband and myself are sending you this money order for \$5.00, a donation toward the Little Flower Burse. We wish to offer our most grateful thanks to the little Saint of Carmel. Mrs. H. C., **Montreal.** — Mr. N. T., **Taunton, Mass.** asks us to publish his lively gratitude to St. Therese. As a thank-offering he sends \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. — Through the powerful intercession of the "Patroness of Missionaries", I was promptly relieved from illness. I beg you to pray that I may be completely cured. Mrs. L. M., **Amos.** — Kindly publish in "THE PRECURSOR": My most lively gratitude to the Little Flower for a favor received. I am enclosing a thank-offering of 0.50 for the ransom of two dying babies. I earnestly entreat this dear little Saint to continue to protect us. My husband promises to forward the sum of \$25.00 in favor of the Missions if he completely recovers his health. E. G., **Matana.** — You will find enclosed the sum of \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. This is to fulfil a promise made to the Little Flower. W. M. — Kindly accept my offering of \$2.00 toward the Little Flower Burse in thanksgiving for special protection granted me. I am now asking for the cure of my aged father who is suffering from a nervous breakdown. A. C., **Lachine.** — Mrs. G. S., **Hull,** has sent in the renewal of her subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" offering her most grateful thanks to the powerful "Patroness of Missionaries" for favors received. — Enclosed please find my humble offering of \$1.00 which I beg you to accept for your missions in thanksgiving to St. Therese for a favor received. Miss J. C. — Most heartfelt thanks to the Little Flower for having protected us. We entreat this little Saint to let

fall another rose upon our family. A subscriber. — Please find enclosed an offering for a novena of lights to be burned in honor of St. Therese in thanksgiving for a favor granted me through her intercession. I beg her to continue to help us. Mrs. S. L. — Sincere gratitude to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower of Jesus for great favors received. I am now asking for many spiritual and temporal favors for all the members of my family. Mrs. J. P. — Kindly accept my humble offering of 0.50 in honor of dear St. Therese to thank her for her special protection over us. I beg her to continue to assist me and all dear to me. Mrs. L. T.

“O Mary, were I Queen of Heaven and wert thou Theresa, I should wish to be Theresa that I might see thee Queen of Heaven.”

(*St. Therese of the Child Jesus.*)

What compassion I have for souls who are going astray. It is so easy to lose one's way in the flowery paths of the world. Undoubtedly for a soul who has risen a little above the things of the earth, the sweetness offered is intermingled with bitterness, and the immense void of its desires cannot be filled by the praises of a moment.

(*Hist. d'une ame, Ch. IV*)

“If you only knew how sweet it is to love God as I do! Let your soul be caught in my net of love!”

(*St. Therese of the Child Jesus.*)

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**.

OFFERINGS FOR THE “LITTLE FLOWER” 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
In January-February	1931	157.50
In March-April	1931	119.75

The Devotion to the First Saturday



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

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

and who will pray for the intentions of Sovereign Pontiff."

Acta Apostolicæ Sedis, September 30, 1912

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

Imprimatur: † PAUL, Arch. of Montreal
May 1, 1918

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

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

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



THE POOR LEPERS OF SHEK-LUNG WITH THEIR INFIRMARIAN SISTERS

Echoes from our Missions

SHEK LUNG LAZARETTO

Letter from the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception,

Hospitallers at the Shek Lung Lazaretto, to their Superior General

Shek Lung Lazaretto, January 5, 1931

BELOVED MOTHER,

Our good lepers, as well as ourselves, hasten to thank you for all that you have sent them just lately. First of all, the screens!... You cannot imagine the relief you have procured these poor unfortunates, for it is a long time since their old ones have fallen to pieces. And the good meal which you provided for them at Christmas... How they all enjoyed it!... Many a time have they reminded us of telling *Tai ma Me* how grateful they are to her for always thinking of them.

We have also received the welcome packages so kindly sent by our Canadian benefactors. I wish you could have seen our patients when I distributed to them the leggings and woollen toques. They were like real children. The next day they told us that their feet were not cold any longer, and that we must not forget to thank their benefactors.

Not since 1913, the year when the Lazaretto was opened, have we spent a happier Christmas. The altars and cribs of the two chapels were beautifully decorated, and as three Jesuit Fathers came to spend a few days on the island, all the ceremonies were most solemnly celebrated.

Towards the end of December, we received twenty new patients at the Lazaretto. Their arrival was a cause of great rejoicing.

We no longer receive any money from the Chinese Government, and we find it very hard, at times, to procure food for so many people. As the price of rice has gone up to \$11.00 the hundredweight, and as it takes 685 pounds a day to feed all our lepers, we must rely on Divine Providence alone.

It may interest you to hear how the Chinese care for the sick. A little girl comes to the Dispensary for treatment. As we remark that her eyes are all bloodshot, she tells us that her parents have rubbed them with all-spice before sending her here.

"A Foun", a little eight-year-old girl, has a very high fever. As all the medicine we give her takes no effect, the Chinese boil together some worms, cockroaches and different herbs, and pouring off the water, they give it to the child to drink.

This *wonderful medicine* does not do our little patient the least good. As she is very low, we send for a priest who brings her Holy Viaticum and



anoints her. It is certain that she has not many hours to live. Nevertheless, the Chinese women make a last attempt to save her. They buy a rooster, and after scalding it, they pull out a few of its feathers with which they rub the whole body of the little moribund. They believe that if they succeed in drawing out a hair, the patient will soon be restored to health...

Thursday, February 12

I now have something to tell you which, I am sure, will make your heart rejoice. On the Feast of Our Lady

of Lourdes, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to sixty-seven of our lepers. It greatly consoles us to see how these poor unfortunates appreciate the gift of Faith.

Beloved Mother, while busy attending to our charges, we think of you very, very often. We know that by your prayers you help us to do all the good which the Divine Master expects of us.

Your loving and grateful daughters of the Lazaretto.

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*Letter from Sister Saint Patrick, Missionary of the Immaculate
Conception, to her Superior General.*

*Shek Lung Lazaretto,
August, 16, 1930.*

DEARLY BELOVED MOTHER,

I am out in Shek Lung. Sister Superior very kindly sent Sister Marie des Victoires and myself here for a little change. From my own point of view, it is a change that benefits one spiritually and physically.

From a corner of the verandah which is nicely shaded from the hot rays of the sun by friendly trailing vines, I can see the rippling waters of the river that surrounds the Island whereon our 740 lepers are located. Shek Lung is not the dreadful place that one who is a victim of the loathsome disease, would expect. Oh! how many were lured here by the stern laws of fate — outcasts of society — with nothing to live for, and Death the stern Reaper,

as it were, stretching out his arms to receive his prey. But, Life, however, soon appears under a different aspect. The blue vaulted sky with its banks of white clouds and the sun in its dazzling splendor of the noonday or its rich settings of the evening are just the same as in any other part of the Orient, but the transformation that is effected in the soul when Faith illumines the intellect, is the cause of the spiritual joy that fills the heart when for the first time it becomes aware of the existence of God. Plying their trade as of old, fishermen can be seen in their sampans; simultaneously they throw out their nets, and after a little time, draw them in again; some are rewarded for their trouble — others catch nothing. The scene reminds one of the miraculous draught of fishes during the time of our Lord, and His promise to the apostles: "I will make you to be fishers of men."



PLAYTIME AT THE FOUNDLING-HOME OF CANTON, CHINA

We arrived here on Friday morning, and as soon as we landed the young girls came to meet us. When we reached the house we were accorded a hearty welcome by Sister St. Raphael, Sister St. François d'Assise and Sister Marie Bernadette. In the evening, we visited the men's chapel which is situated at some little distance from the women's. The decorations for Corpus Christi still adorned the pillars and walls of the church; the hand-painted banners ingeniously ornamented with colored beads, etc., spoke of the time and care that was given to this work of love. We met many of the patients — all cheerful in spite of their swollen limbs, shapeless hands and feet, and distorted faces. Upon returning to the house, we met a middle-aged woman; she said that she had been in the place eighteen years.

Mass was celebrated next morning in the women's chapel by Reverend Father Kennedy, S. J., Reverend Father Marsigny officiating in the men's chapel. It was very edifying to see the number of communicants.

On the verandah this morning a little baby about three years old was the subject of interest; she had lost her mother the day before. The woman arrived the week previous, but nothing could be done to save her. Before dying, she expressed the desire that the child should be cared for by the Sisters, otherwise the father would sell her. The poor little tot looked so forlorn that I thought she could not smile, but, presently, when Sister distributed the box of candies sent by Sister Superior for the children, her little countenance lighted up and she smiled her thanks as the other children led her off to play. Needless to say, she will be looked after in accordance with the request of her mother.

We took a walk down to the rice-field; some of the patients, who, so far, are able to do that kind of work, were transplanting the Chinese staff of life. It is very laborious work as the rice must be planted in water, but it is an occupation that absorbs the attention of a great number in China.

At the house several patients were awaiting Sr. M. Bernadette; they came by boat from the village. Sister has the reputation among the villagers of being able to effect a cure for eye trouble.

We leave Shek Lung this afternoon; the bark will be here about 2.30. I must now make a little visit to the chapel, dear Mother, and express again my gratitude to our dear Lord for the many favors He has bestowed upon me. How glorious it is to work in the vineyard of the Lord! I look around at our Sisters as they pass to and fro among the helpless ones and know full well that their yoke is sweet and their burden light.

Your affectionate daughter,

Sister ST. PATRICK (1)

1. Nora Reid, Point St. Charles

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Christ, Himself, outlined the complete programme of missionary endeavor when He witnessed to His own Divine Mission by saying to the disciples of John: "The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are made clean—and to the poor the Gospel is preached." If it was the Master's way, it should be ours also. Our healing of the sick and the afflicted must, of course be in a human way.

Mary hears our prayers, Jesus hears Mary, the Father hears Jesus: in that is my great confidence and hope.

St. Bernard

The truly innocent and pure are always humble like Mary.

MANCHURIA, CHINA

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

Monday, December 8

Immediately after High Mass, Mgr. Lapierre administers Confirmation to some thirty Christians. Several priests from the different mission assist at the ceremony.

In the afternoon, our distinguished visitor gives Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Tuesday, December 9

We have just baptized a young girl, 15 years old, who lives in the country and whom we have been in touch with for the last two years. Tuberculosis of the spine, a sickness so common in China, condemns its victims to remain in the same position all their lives unable to move any part of their bodies except their hands when they are not covered with sores.

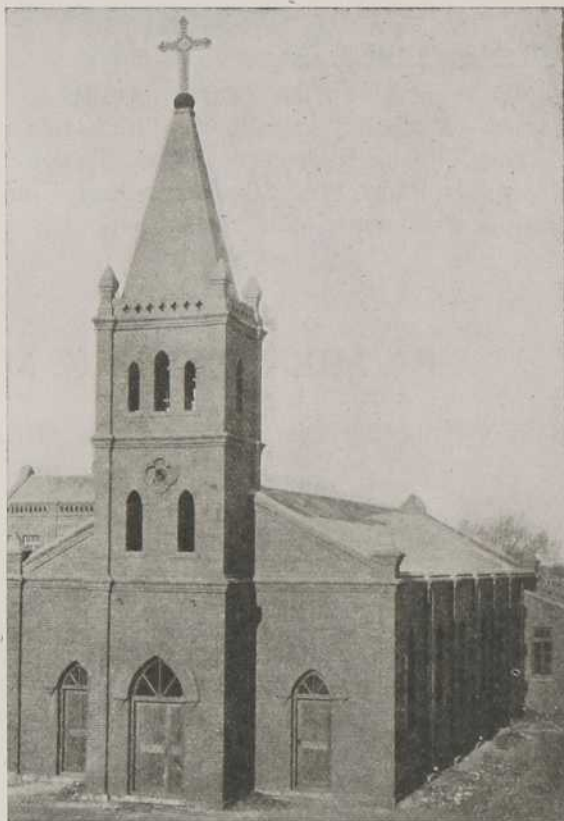
This poor child was not even able to lift herself, except when motherly hands would carry her outside to lie for a little while on a bundle of straw, thus exchanging for an instant the dampness of her earthen hut for the beneficent rays of the noonday sun.

We could see this morning that the end was close at hand. As one of the greatest joys of the patient was to receive the visit of the Sister infirmarian and the Chinese virgin, she sent for us without delay. After a Catechism lesson, the Saving Waters of Baptism were poured on her brow.

Saturday, December 13

Another adult, a young man 22 years of age, was baptized at his home.

Report of the Dispensary for the year: 37,059 patients received, 754 visits to the homes, 23,733 dressings, 235 vaccinations, 36,156 divers treatments, 6,880 eye treatments, 1,027 baptisms.



CHAPEL OF LEAO YUAN SIEN, MANCHURIA, CHINA

Saturday, January 24

Twelve catechumens were baptized to-day. As many of them had received their religious instructions at the dispensary, they come hither in procession and, making a *keto* (Chinese bow) to the aged professor, they ask if he will kindly stand for them. The old man gladly accepts.

Sunday, January 25

We are called upon five times during the day to pay a visit to the different homes. A young boy suffering from tuberculosis has not long to live. Although he has never heard a word about religion, after the first explanations given him by the Chinese virgin, he immediately begs to be baptized, thus assuring himself the eternal happiness of heaven.

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PA MIEN T'CHENG, MANCHURIA

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Pa Mien T'cheng,
Manchuria, China*

Wednesday, December 3, 1930

It is just a year ago to-day, feast of St. Francis Xavier, that our dispensary was opened. In looking over the Register we notice that thousands of patients have come thither and have learned something about our religion which is so beautiful and so consoling. Two hundred and twenty-one patients were baptized. Several of them were adults who were anointed during the year. How grateful we are to our Immaculate Mother and Saint Francis Xavier. We beg them to continue their powerful protection so that during the course of this second year more numerous will be the souls regenerated in the Saving Waters of Baptism.

Thursday, December 4

A good old woman comes to the dispensary. She has a toothache, a headache, and she wants to "eat" some good medicine that will cure her right away. Sister Marie de la Protection puts some medicine in her tooth and gives her something for her headache and sends her away. But imagine her surprise when Sister sees her coming back ten minutes later. "*Tae fou*" (doctor) I'm not cured, give me another kind of medicine, my head and tooth are still aching. Sister tries to explain to the poor woman that she will have to give the medicine time to take effect, that she can not have another kind so soon, etc... "But Sister, I'm not better," she says. We succeed in persuading her, but as it takes a considerable time, the pain has time to stop. "Ah! yes," exclaims our good old woman, "the doctor was right, I should have waited for the medicine to take effect." She then starts for home, quite happy.

Saturday, December 6

During the "Triduum" preparatory to the feast of the Immaculate Conception, we have the privilege of assisting at a conference every day at 4.30 P. M.

Sunday, December 7

The little babies of the Orphanage having received dolls as Christmas presents spend their time wrapping them up, unwrapping them, and then wrapping them again in a red handkerchief, also a Christmas gift. They do not want to part with them even when they go to bed. Martha put a medal around the neck of hers, so right away little three-year-old Therese ran and asked Sister Superior to give her one.

This little one is very cunning, and above all, very docile. Whenever she is told to do anything in a certain way, nothing can make her do it otherwise. "Sister told me to do it that way," does she say to those who try to make her change her mind, and cries and screams if they insist.

Tuesday, December 30

Mgr. Lapierre accompanied by Reverend Fathers Turcotte and Lacroix come to visit us this morning. Mgr. offers us his New Year wishes and adds a few fatherly words of advice. "Be true religious," does he say, "practise humility, obedience, charity. Have a great love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin. May the good Master, when looking upon this dwelling, find herein a place where He may rest. Few are the houses throughout poor pagan China that rejoice this Divine Heart! Mgr. concludes by giving us his blessing and asking us to pray daily for his intentions.

Report of the Dispensary of Pa Mien T'cheng for the month of December 1930:

Patients	1,035	Treatments	1,085
Dressings	626	Teeth extracted.....	9
Baptisms	3	Visits to the homes....	14

Report of the Dispensary of Pa Mien T'cheng from January 1st, 1930, to December 31, 1930:

Patients	19,774	Patients sheltered ...	13
Dressings	5,860	Visits to the homes....	142
Baptisms	221	Teeth extracted.....	112
Treatments	19,691	Children vaccinated ..	38

Report of the Dispensary of Pa Mien T'cheng for the month of January 1931:

Patients	924	Baptisms	3
Treatments	988	Teeth extracted.....	7
Dressings	445	Visits to the homes....	14

FAKOU, MANCHURIA

Wednesday, November 5, 1930

To-day, we leave Leao Yuan Sien for the new mission of Fakou. After visiting our divine Lord in the Tabernacle, we place ourselves under the Blessed Virgin's protection. Then, after fraternally embracing one another, we set out on our trip. As the train stops for a few minutes at Pa Mien Tch'eng, we have time to say a few words to our dear Sisters of this mission who have come to the station to see us. Towards evening we reach Tichling where the Sisters of Providence of Portieux welcome us as if we were their own Sisters. These nuns, who are but three in number, care for eighty children in their orphanage here and have many patients to look after as well. One of these good Sisters has spent thirty years in the Missions.

Thursday, November 6

At six o'clock this morning, Reverend Father Bonin sends someone to tell us that the carriages which are to conduct us to Fakou are waiting at the door. We must content ourselves with making a Spiritual Communion. The Sisters have thoughtfully prepared some good hot tea which we take with us, for we are certain that it will come in useful during the trip. When we leave, the sun is shining brightly, but there is a cold wind blowing. Owing to the bad roads it is a long time before we reach our destination. Reverend Father Bonin and his servant travel on horseback. Our two wagons follow closely after, drawn by lean little horses. If you could only see us, you would take us for Bohemians. And if the little Canadian children were to see us approaching, doubtlessly they would flee from us in all haste thinking us to be a band of wicked robbers.

Some ten *li* distant from Tichling, we cross a river in a boat in which everything is pell-mell: men, women, horses, carriages, baggage, etc. Three men push it along by means of pickaxes which they drive into the thin ice.

Towards one o'clock we stop at an inn to give the horses a rest. In the yard there are many mangers.

The roads are very rough. Twice during the trip, one of the horses falls to the ground and does not get up until it is given five or six lashes. Several times our carts are on the point of upsetting, but the Souls in Purgatory comes to our assistance and no accident occurs. Unfortunately however, towards six o'clock one of the wagons falls to pieces. After working for half an hour in the moonlight, we succeed in repairing it and continue on our way.

At eight o'clock the same evening we reach our destination. Reverend Father Barbeau immediately conducts us to our new home. On entering the parlor we notice on a little table, a beautiful statue of the Sacred Heart. Reverend Father, while showing it to us, utters these touching words: "See the Sacred Heart is waiting for you." The Reverend Pastor, after showing us through our little white and blue dwelling invites us to come to the re-

factory where we are served a nice hot supper. This good priest then leaves us after giving us his blessing, and blessing our table.

The meal over, we renew our consecration to the Blessed Virgin, recite the Magnificat, and after a few minutes of recreation, we retire for the night.

Friday, November 7

This afternoon, the virgins whom we only saw for a moment, yesterday evening, come to pay us a visit. One of them is to help us at the dispensary.

This evening, we are told that our trunks, which we had sent on ahead of us, will arrive here to-morrow. The Fathers send a servant to meet the carts which are still some thirty *li* away. We are told that one of the horses has died on the way.

Saturday, November 8

Immediately after breakfast we receive our trunks. We return thanks to our Immaculate Mother, and while enjoying the holiday which Sister Superior kindly gives us to-day, we hasten to put everything in order.

Sunday, November 9

A Christian woman tells us that the reason why there is such a large attendance at Mass to-day, is because all are very anxious to see the Sisters.

This afternoon, accompanied by the virgin catechists, we visit the Mission compound.

Monday, November 10

A pagan woman comes with her little six-year-old child, who, for a year, has been suffering from paralysis. The little one is almost blind. As she is seriously ill, we deem it prudent to baptize her at once. The poor woman seems to think that we ought to be able to cure the child. "Do you think that she will become totally blind?" she asks. Oh! if she only realized what a gift God has just bestowed upon her little daughter, she would no longer be uneasy.

Friday, November 14

For a few days past, Sister St. Gerard has been teaching one of the Father's servants how to prepare the meals. She does not pretend to make him a first-class cook, but would like at least to show him that our soup is not a mixture of vinegar, tea leaves, pig-skin and withered celery.

Sunday, November 23

The Christians' retreat is brought to a close to-day by the celebration of High Mass. It was most consoling to see the number who received Holy Communion during the week. May our divine Lord, in coming into the hearts of these poor Chinese, give them the courage to overcome the obstacles which prevent them from living up to their duties as Christians.

Tuesday, November 25

Mgr. Lapierre honors us by visiting our mission. At half-past eight this morning he blesses the new church in the presence of several Fathers from the neighboring posts and all the faithful. Mgr. then administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to a few Christians.

In the course of the day, our distinguished visitor comes to see us. He promises to return shortly to bless our dispensary which will open its doors on December 1st.

Sunday, November 30

Oh! how happy we should be here at Leao Yuan Sien if we could have with us our beloved Mother and dear Sisters of Canada. We willingly offer the sacrifice caused us by this separation for the success of the works of our new mission.

Monday, December 1

To-day, only thirty patients, most of whom are Christians, come to be treated at the dispensary. Doubtlessly, it is owing to the cold weather that they are so few in number. May Mary, Comforter of the afflicted, lead to our hospital all the poor sufferers of Fakou. While relieving the bodily ills of these poor people we shall strive, at the same time, to teach them the way to reach eternal glory.

Tuesday, December 2

This evening, the Fathers show us a series of lantern slides of the Foreign Mission Seminary and the Novitiate at Pont Viau and the different posts of the Canadian missionaries in China. We even have the happiness of seeing two of our Sisters of the dispensary of Pa Mien Tch'eng.

Saturday, December 6

To-day, in our diary, we shall tell you about Sing Chou, the catechist at the Dispensary. Although quite young, he is most zealous in the work of instructing his compatriots. This afternoon, while attending to our daily tasks, we heard him say to the patients: "God loves the Chinese, for he is our Father. He wants us to be happy with him forever in heaven."

Sunday, December 7

This afternoon, Reverend Father Barbeau speaks to us of the Blessed Virgin, presenting this good Mother to us as a model of humility, obedience and patience. He concludes by urging us to practise these three virtues in our everyday life. This little spiritual conference inflames our souls with a more ardent love for our Immaculate Mother whose praises we shall sing to-morrow.

Monday, December 8

Tota pulchra es, Maria, these are the words which, on awakening this morning, we address to our heavenly Queen.

We spend the day as piously as possible in union with all the members of our dear Community.

This afternoon, the Reverend Fathers send us a basket of nice fruit with their best wishes for a "holy and happy Feast."

Towards evening, Reverend Father Barbeau comes to procure some medicine for a dying baby, but sixteen days old. He asks a professor to



MANCHURIAN WOMEN

bring it to the dying child, reminding him to baptize the little one. Our heavenly Mother could not have sent us a more welcome present. With grateful hearts we sing the Magnificat in her honor. A pagan, fifty-one years of age, asks us to accept him as a catechumen.

Tuesday, December 9

At the dispensary, the walls of the waiting room are adorned with holy pictures which, while arousing the curiosity of the poor Chinese, are for them the source of profound meditation.

The number of patients increases from day to day. We register sixty to-day.

Friday, December 12

It is very mild to-day. If the sun did not remain hidden behind the clouds, we should believe that we were again back in September.

To-morrow, a banquet will be held in the Mission to celebrate the opening of the Dispensary. All the leading men of the city will come to offer their congratulations to the Fathers and *doctors*.

Saturday, December 13

Not a patient comes to the Dispensary to-day. At noon the noise of fireworks announces the arrival of a train of visitors. Heading the procession are four men who carry a big table, in the centre of which a clock with three faces and two flower pots have been placed. Others follow close after them playing the *sweetest music*. Then comes another group carrying a second table on which many dishes have been arranged, as well as a clock and numerous flower pots. At one o'clock we are requested to repair to the Dispensary. After a brief discourse delivered by the Reverend Pastor, we are introduced to the *sien cheng* of the Mission who in turn introduce us to all present in the following manner: "This *doctor* is in charge of the hospital, the other sees to the consultations while the third prepares the medicine."

As our visitors then make two deep bows, politeness obliges us to do likewise before taking our leave. At four o'clock eighteen little dishes are brought to us as our part of the banquet. Everything looks very appetizing and we should certainly enjoy this food if we were certain that it had been properly prepared. When all is over, these pagan men visit the chapel merely through curiosity.

Let us hope that this celebration has been for the greater glory of God. It was the first time that many of these fifty pagans had ever come into contact with Catholics. May this visit to the Catholic Mission be a means of bringing them to the light of our holy Faith.

Sunday, December 14

Reverend Father Barbeau makes us a present of the clock with three faces which he received yesterday. We are very glad, for we shall now be able to return the alarm clock which Father Bonin kindly lent us upon our arrival at the Mission.

Monday, December 15

For some time past, a mother has been bringing her little four-year-old child to the Dispensary for treatment. She comes again to-day, and as the little boy does not seem to have grown any better, we decide to baptize him. This may be the last time that he will be brought to us, as the weather is so cold, and we do not want this little soul to be lost.

Tuesday, December 16

A Chinese comes asking us to go to visit a young lady who is dangerously ill. It is not long before Sister Superior reaches her patient as she does not live far from the Dispensary. As the poor woman has just taken a Chinese remedy, Sister returns at four o'clock and gives her medicine for the night. Then, after confiding her to the Blessed Virgin, she takes her leave. This young lady is a Mohammedan and we must not let her die without being baptized.

Thursday, December 18

Reverend Father Barbeau brings us a picture of our Sisters who left Outremont in November. He has cut it out of a Canadian paper.

Sister Superior goes again to see Mrs. Lang, who is now out of danger. All the members of the family are glad to see that she is improving.

Friday, December 19

Report for the day: 80 patients, 110 treatments, 16 dressings.

Saturday, December 20

Tan sien cheng, professor at the boys' school came to the Dispensary last week, hoping that we should be able to pull out one of his decayed teeth with a cork-screw and afterwards glue in the piece that had broken off!...

Tuesday, December 23

Several patients refuse to take their medicine, for to-day and to-morrow their religion forbids them to eat anything before six o'clock in the evening. A woman tells us that the Mohammedans fast thus every day during the second month of the year.

Tuesday, December 30

The Reverend Pastor, who asks his cook to clean the furnaces, catches him taking out the soot with a big spoon. The other day, this same Chinese, wishing to prepare a big meal, filled up the oven with pigs' feet, claws and all. When roasted, he placed them all on the table. The priest, on counting them, found that there were no less than sixteen!...

Wednesday, December 31

Report of the Dispensary for the month of December:

Patients	1,781	Baptisms	7
Treatments	2,468	Homes visited.....	9
Dressings	333		

Friday, January 9, 1931

The other day, when Sister Superior asked a Chinese woman if she suffered from the cold at home, she said that her feet were nearly always half-frozen.

Saturday, January 10

At noon, when we are about to lock the doors of the Dispensary, a woman, who lives nearby, brings us her dying child. The poor little one has been

sick ever since its birth. We pour the Regenerating Waters upon its brow and give it the name of Joseph to thank our holy protector for the many favors granted us.

Tuesday, January 13

While attending to our patients, we return in spirit to our dear Mother House and to the Novitiate. We recall all the happy days we spent in these two blessed abodes.

Monday, January 19

The other day, Sister Superior asked one of the Fathers' servants to give her the feathers of the hens he killed instead of throwing them away. She wanted to tell him that she uses them to make pillows, but instead of saying *t'sen t'oo*, pillow, she said *man t'oo*, bread. She noticed her mistake when the young Chinese bursts out laughing, saying: "The Sisters put feathers in their bread!"

Thursday, January 22

As we had told one of our patients to bring us a bottle which we should fill with medicine for her, she arrives this morning and without saying a word, hands us a very big preserving jar.

Saturday, January 24

Sister St. Gerard asks St. Joseph to send her something for the kitchen. She tells him that she will lose confidence in him if he does not answer her prayers.

At noon, a Christian woman sends us two pheasants. We immediately return thanks to him who has never refused help to those who seek his intercession.

Wednesday, January 28

A Chinese procession is just going by. Some twenty persons, wearing white toques, march behind a kind of hearse which is supposed to contain the spirit of a man who died just lately. We are told that the poor man has already been buried and that these people, wishing to honor his spirit, are making their way to the cemetery where a ceremony will be held.

Saturday, January 31

Report for the month:

Patients	2,880	Baptisms	6
Treatments	3,840	Homes visited.....	11
Dressings	584		

TSUNGMING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

*Letter from a Missionary Sister of the Immaculate Conception at
Tsung Ming to her Sisters in Quebec*

Tsung Ming, January 27, 1931

BELOVED SISTER SUPERIOR, AND DEAR SISTERS,

It is indeed a pleasure for me to tell you a little about my life in the Missions. I arrived in Tsung Ming on December 2nd. Our dear Sister Superior came to Shanghai to meet me. After speaking about our beloved Mother and all our Sisters, I pay a visit to our loving Lord to thank him for bringing me to this strange land in order to save souls.

We then go to the Convent, a long white house with red windows and doors. It contains but four rooms. Are we not to be envied since we spend our lives in such a poor dwelling which so greatly resembles the one in which our Divine Saviour chose to be born.

On the mission compound are to be found ten buildings, the church, the rectory, the seminary, etc... The men's dwellings are separated from the women's by a high wall.

Each year, more than six hundred abandoned babies are brought to the Foundling-Home. Nearly all of these little ones, after being baptized, go to join the angels. They are the treasures of the little Associates of the Holy Childhood. Oh! if they could only see the good that we accomplish thanks to their zeal!

At the Orphanage, Sister Marie d'Ephèse has charge of twenty-four little ones from three to seven years of age. They form a most interesting little group. Sister Superior is most grateful to Mrs. Drolet and to the members of the Sewing Circle, for the clothing they so kindly sent for these children. This clothing is much appreciated here; you have no idea of the poverty of the inhabitants of this Island.



RESIDENCE
of the Missionary Sisters of the
Immaculate Conception

CHURCH OF TSUNG MING
Haimen Vicariate

PRESBYTERY



Some fifty pupils from twelve to thirty years of age attend our boarding school. After finishing their course, many of them will enter the native novitiate which Bishop Tsu expects to open next September. Besides visiting the different families and baptizing the babies in danger of death, these religious will teach the children Christian Doctrine. Our Holy Father the Pope realizes the help that these native religious are to the country; that is why he so ardently desires that they become more numerous.

Sister Marie de la Foi is just beginning her work in the Dispensary. The other day she was delighted to have had the occasion of extracting a tooth.

The principal feasts of the Church are celebrated here with great pomp. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is not a holy day of obligation in China, but at the Mission it was most solemnly observed. The seminarians sang at Holy Mass and many trumpets were blown. Several young ladies were received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin.

At Christmas our altars were not very richly decorated, but the Infant Jesus in His humble little crib seemed to gaze tenderly upon us. I did not fail to ask Him to bless all dear to me as well as all our benefactors. In the afternoon Sister Superior gave each of the big girls a few presents: a note-book, a pencil, a pair of gloves, and to the little ones, she distributed the pink candies given us by a benefactor.

As the Epiphany is the feast day of our dear Sister Superior we did not fail, on this day, to express to her our gratitude and affection. And the Chinese, each time they saw her passing, set off many fireworks.

You have always been told that Southern China is very hot. Yes, in summer this is the case, but in winter we have cold weather here. The snow which fell for three days covered the ground for a week. As we have not much fire in the house, the water is frozen day and night. But we are willing to suffer from the cold, if, in return for this sacrifice, our loving Lord deigns to enkindle in the souls of the poor pagans the fire of His divine love. The Chinese children must feel the cold very much, for none of the houses are properly heated. The other day, Sister Marie de Sion received a little two-year-old child whose head, arms and legs were frozen, and a dying baby wrapped up in cold rags. Sister hastened to baptize these two little ones who, a few hours after, took their flight to heaven.

The pagans are quite discouraged. They pray and offer sacrifices to the god of the cold. Oh! how much they are to be pitied!

I have begun to study Chinese. I beg you to pray that I may succeed in learning this difficult language. It is a real drawback when one cannot make oneself understood in a pagan land.

Dear Sister Superior, I wish to thank you for all your kindness to me. I also thank our dear Sister Assistant and all the Sisters.

Your loving Sister,

Sister MARIE DE TOUTES GRACES (1)

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Manila, Philippine Islands

*Letter from a Missionary Sister of the Immaculate Conception of Manila,
to Reverend J. A. St. Laurent, P. P., St. Jean l'Évangéliste.*

REVEREND FATHER,

Most probably a little word from your former parishioner will please you. For my part, it is a very pleasant duty. Your kind letters were for me a source of great encouragement and happiness. I appreciate the deep interest you take in missionaries. This I realized the more when, on going through your parish, I contracted such a heavy debt of gratitude. Little did I expect so much generosity which was certainly due to your influence. Many are the prayers that I offer for your intentions in return for your kindness to me.

Numerous missionary vocations will certainly spring from your beautiful parish, thanks to your ardent zeal, it is so sweet to co-operate with God in the salvation of souls.

Much good is done at our hospital, the enclosed statistics will doubtlessly interest you. Manila is Catholic, but the faith here is not very strong. It is a common occurrence to meet young people twenty years of age and over, who say they are Catholics but who do not know a single prayer, and have never been to confession nor Communion. And how numerous are the illegal marriages...

May I solicit from you, Reverend Father, a remembrance in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that I may not be the useless servant spoken of in the Gospel; but that I may be a religious and especially a missionary worthy of my noble vocation.

Before closing, I again wish to thank you for your great kindness in my behalf.

Deign to accept, Reverend Father, with the assurance of my gratitude, the respectful homages of your former parishioner,

Sister S. Pierre Apôtre, M. I. C. (2)

1. Albertine Laganière, Grondines, P. O.

2. Léocadie Landry, St. Jean l'Évangéliste

1929-1930

Student nurses.....	57
Graduate nurses	10
Patients received.....	1,808
At the Charity Ward (for the poor)	378
Operations.....	390
Treatments	5,542
Treatments for the poor	18,300
Baptisms	172
Confirmations	9
First Communion	24
Marriages rectified.....	56
Patients anointed.....	91

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters at the Chinese General Hospital***Sunday, October 3, 1930**

Is it a rose which the Little Flower sends us to-day? A poor little Chinese girl brought to the hospital this afternoon, is baptized and immediately takes her flight to heaven. Naturally we give her the name of Therese. May this sweet little Patroness of Missionaries continue to send us numerous other souls to be regenerated in the baptismal waters!

Tuesday, October 14

Two Soiemn Baptisms at the chapel. The child of one of our former graduates, Mr. Del Mundo, and a little twin whom we have had in the hospital for the last few months. Its little brother who is already in heaven is most probably drawing it thither, for the child is very weak. Without any doubt, a few days more and this frail little creature will have closed its eyes to everything here below to open them again in heaven.

Sunday, October 19

A good Cantonese is admitted to Room 13 — a case of acute appendicitis. — The Director of the hospital, Dr. Tee Han Kee, asks Sister St. Louis de Gonzague, who speaks Cantonese fluently, to try to convince the patient of the necessity of an operation. Sister takes advantage of the occasion to speak to him of the necessity of believing in the one true God and of being baptized in order to enjoy eternal bliss. The patient is well disposed and accepts to receive the Saving Waters and even seems to be far more interested in spiritual things than in being...operated on. He soon shows symptoms of peritonitis, and towards evening the poor man is almost unconscious. Sister St. Louis de Gonzague, relying on his previous good desires, pours the Sacred Waters on his brow.

Saturday, November 1

A little Chinese baby only a few days old comes to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and then hastens to Heaven to be honored in union with "All the Saints."

Monday, November 3

A good old maid suffering from heart trouble comes to us this morning accompanied by all her relatives. Her first thought is to ask us if we will help her to die a happy death...(This is an exceptional case)... The priest



A WARD IN THE CHINESE GENERAL HOSPITAL OF MANILA, P. I.

is sent for immediately. He hears her confession, gives her Holy Communion and then anoints her. Before long this privileged child will contemplate Him in whom she has placed all her trust.

Friday, November 14

Mr. Tu Chui, a Chinese adult to whom we have extended hospitality for the last few days, is baptized before leaving for eternity. During the few days that he spent here, he suffered so much that it was almost impossible to speak to him about religion, still he gladly accepted to be baptized after having recited the acts of faith and contrition.

Screaming with pain, a little girl seven years old is brought to the hospital. The poor little one is badly burned. On her way home from school she was quarreling with one of her companions when the latter pushed her into a boiler of hot water which had been prepared to boil fish. The poor white-haired grandfather cried bitterly. Despite the great care given to the dear child, she died at six o'clock this evening after the sacred waters of Baptism had been poured over her brow.

Sunday, November 16

An aged patient of the Charity Ward, who has never wanted to hear anything about our religion, to-day asks one of the Sisters to give him some *Holy Water*. He is on the threshold of eternity and realizes the necessity of Baptism. This evening he leaves for his heavenly home.

Friday November 21

To-day, after our probationers receive their new uniform, they repair to the chapel to there entreat our Blessed Lady to bless them and to grant them success in their new career.

Sunday, November 30

To-day, an aged Chinese of the Charity Ward is baptized in the chapel. His godfather, Mr. Francisco Lim, a catechist at the Jesuit College, asks that he be called after him.

After the ceremony, our patient says to his sponsor: "Tell the Sisters to give me good clothes and the very best food, for I am a Christian now!"

Sunday, December 7

One of our patients, a wealthy Chinese, wishes to be baptized. He has two wives, one in China and one here. As he is seriously ill and more ignorant than guilty, the priest has him make a general confession and baptizes him together with three of our probationers and a house boy. This is the festal bouquet which we offer to our Immaculate Mother and Patroness.

Tuesday, December 9

Our aged patient "Cresus" who was baptized on the 7th, to-day receives Holy Communion for the first time and is also anointed. On seeing us preparing a room for him he says: "Sister, must I confess all my sins again?"

This afternoon, he asks that on his tombstone his surname be preceded by the name he received in Baptism.



Report of the Montreal Chinese Hospital Year 1930

Consultations.....	367	X-Ray examinations	16
Patients received....	91	Operations.....	5
Ordinary treatments.	620	Injections	542
Dressings	739	Prescriptions filled	481
Electric treatments	253	Baptisms	25
Divers examinations	299	Deaths	19

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.

Wednesday, February 11, 1931

Every year, on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, new missionary recruits come to increase our ranks. To-day, attracted by the smile of Mary Immaculate thirty-one postulants ask to don the white livery worn by this holy Virgin when she appeared to humble little Bernadette. After receiving their new costume, the young novices are given another name: Misses Jeanne Laramée, Outremont (Sr. Marie Jeanne); Florine Morin, Montreal (Sr. Marie du Perpétuel Secours); ; Isabelle Ethier, Montreal (Sr. St. Vincent Ferrier); Marie Rose St. Pierre, Boucherville (Sr. Marie de la Ste. Famille); Angele

Lemay, Ste. Emélie de Lotbiniere (Sr. Marie Arthur); Suzanne Tremblay, Lachute Mills (Sr. Ste. Suzanne); Marguerite Gagnon, Quebec (Sr. Marie Lucie); Marie Jeanne Doyon, Bromptonville (Sr. Marie Placide); Madeleine Payette, Montreal (Sr. Madeleine du Sacré-Cœur); Marie Louise Breton, St. Romain (Sr. Marie Théophane); Marie Josèphe Ouellet, St. Fabien (Sr. Joseph Herman); Juliette Villeneuve, Quebec (Sr. Ste Adeline); Benoitte Labelle, Montreal (Sr. Ste Léopoldine); Isabelle Legris, Montreal (Sr. St. Amable); Marie Anna Letourneau, St. Roch des Aulnaies (Sr. Ste Elizabeth de Hongrie); Alice Vézina, St. Joseph de Beauce (Sr. Marie Marthe); Angela Benoit, Three Rivers (Sr. Ste. Angele de Foligno); Marie Anne Levesque, Rimouski (Sr. Ste. Léocadie); Eva Tessier, St. Bonaventure (Sr. Marie du Crucifix); Jeanne Bastien, Montreal (Sr. Ste. Alice); Béatrice Bérubé, St. Octave des Métis (Sr. Ste Béatrice); Germaine Ménard, St. Isidore de Prescott (Sr. St. Gaétan); Rhéa Bigras, Ste. Dorothée (Sr. St. Paul de Rome); Valentine Lévesque, St. Donat (Sr. Marie de Bethléem); Irene Archambault, Montreal (Sr. Marie de St. Marcel); Germaine Lefrançois, Longueuil (Sr. St. Germain d'Auxerre); Cécile Gérard, Montreal (Sr. St. François de Paule); Annette Allard, Joliette (Sr. St. Aimé); Yvette Brosseau, Montreal (Sr. St. David); Germaine Beauchemin, Ste. Clothilde de Horton (Sr. Ste. Clothilde); Germaine Gagné, Montreal (Sr. Marie Herman).

Sixteen novices, after having spent two years and a half in the life which they have chosen, ratify their offering by pronouncing their first vows. They are: Sr. St. Liguori (Marie Thérèse Pilon), Montreal; Sr. Marie Estelle (Estelle Tremblay), Lachute Mills; Sr. St. Victor (Germaine Tanguay), Nashua, N. H.; Sr. Marie Emmanuel (Berthe Crevier), Ste. Anne de Bellevue; Sr. St. Thomas d'Aquin (Estelle Cantin), St. Ulric; Sr. Marie Alice (Marie Alice Ladouceur), Ste. Geneviève; Sr. Marie Laure (Yvette

Boily), Baie Saint Paul; Sr. Bernadette de l'Immaculée (Bernadette Bouchard), Ste. Anne de Beaupré; Sr. Ste. Emérentienne (Marie Berthe Fleurent), St. Germain de Grantham; Sr. Ste. Paule (Jeanne Nadeau), Ste. Sophie d'Halifax; Sr. Madeleine de Jésus (Adélia Laforest), St. Arsène; Sr. Ste. Marcelle (Germaine Mathieu), St. Ephrem de Tring; Sr. St. Laurent (Marie Anne St. Laurent), Val Brilliant; Sr. Marie Vianney (Marie Thérèse Savaria), Montreal; Sr. Ste. Adélaïde (Adélaïde Tremblay), St. Cyprien; Sr. Marie Majella (Majella Allaire), Montreal.

And eight young professed Sisters add to their formula of vows, which they have pronounced every year for three years, these two words " forever ". They are: Sr. Madeleine de Béthanie (Madeleine Pigeon), Quebec; Sr. Ste. Julie (Béatrice Tessier), St. Jérôme; Sr. Thérèse de St. Augustin (Béatrice Cornelier), Collinsville, Mass; Sr. Marie du Précieux Sang (Aurore Racette), Rivière Rouge, Mich.; Sr. Mechtilde du Saint Sacrement (Alphema Vanasse), St. Guillaume d'Upton; Sr. St. Philippe de Néri (Délia Philippe), Ste. Cécile de Masham; Sr. Ste. Monique (Monique Parrot), Montreal; Sr. Marguerite du Saint Sacrement (Charlotte Bissonnette), Cartierville.

Reverend Father Boily, Pastor at St. Urbain de Charlevoix, the uncle of one of our newly-professed Sisters presided at the ceremony, and Reverend Father Côté, O. M. I., who preached our retreat, delivered a sermon fitting to the occasion.

Thursday, February 25

Msgi. Gignac of Quebec, District Director of the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, honors us by coming to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our chapel, this morning. He expresses his satisfaction on seeing us so numerous and with patriotic interest asks how many of the Sisters are from Quebec. Several novices have come from this ancient city. He then gives his blessing to us all as the future promoters of the Propagation of the Faith, a Work for which he labors with untiring devotedness.

Monday, March 2

As in former years, during the month of March, new little birds come to nestle in the Dovecot of the Immaculate. This evening thirty-six little " sparrows " chirp gayly with the " doves ". We feel that before very long the little newcomers will have learned the sweet refrain which we, in our happiness, are wont to sing. But for the moment we know that they are a little heart-broken at the thought that they have separated from their dear ones. So it is with the greatest affection that we strive to comfort them in their grief. Our Blessed Mother certainly comes to our assistance, for towards the end of the recreation, all appear to be quite at home.

Oh! dear little sisters, we wish you the same happiness which we all enjoy!

Sunday, March 15

"Lætare!..." sings the Church to-day. Lætare!..." is echoed back by the little birds of the Dovecot, for in a house where happiness reigns supreme, days of rejoicing are not forgotten. And without scandalizing anyone, we spend the entire day in recreation. Our dear postulants, who are already a little spoiled, ask for a concert, but as we cannot think of a programme, we decide to improvise some entertaining charades. In our old "stock" we find enough to amuse them for a long time. And our little sisters, who find that the hours glide by only too rapidly, declare that they have never enjoyed a more interesting pastime... Oh! what happiness is to be found in a community whose members possess a real family spirit.

Around Mary's Shrine all gather because it is the shrine of the Mother of God. Lovingly they light the candles around it and for her fair image weave as a crown the fairest blossoms of advancing springtime. Joyfully they join in solemn procession, throwing silken banners to the breeze and filling the air with hymns and canticles sung in Mary's praise and the whole Christian world knows that all this honor paid to Christ's Mother is all the more to honor God who chose her to be the Mother of His only begotten Son. Queen of Heaven, — the saints of old called her — Star of the Sea, Light of Nazareth, Ladder of Heaven, Beauty of the World, and a thousand other names of honor. But whatever titles they give her, they know that they are all summed up in her most eminent title — Mother of God.

Cardinal O'Connell

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

Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin

for favors obtained

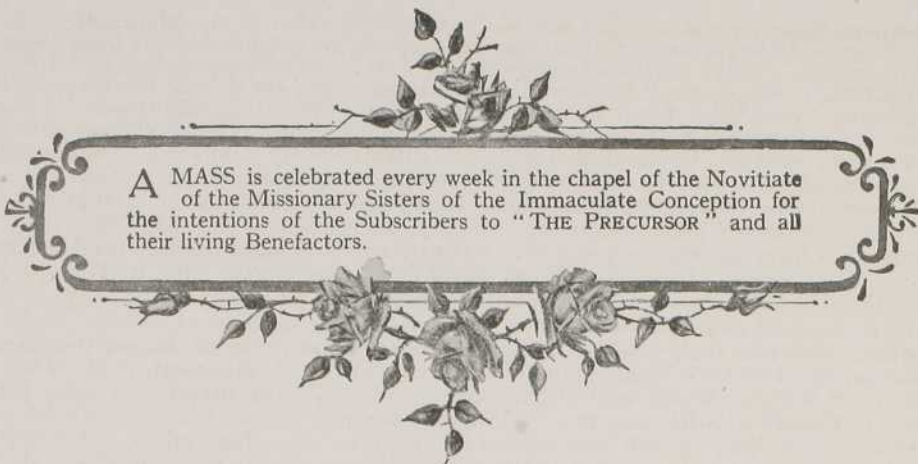


"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection.

BL. HENRY SUZO.

With my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am sending \$20.00 for the upkeep of the sanctuary lamp in your houses in Canada and in mission countries, and \$4.00 for Masses for my mother. Kindly pray for one of my friends and also for myself that I may be cured of rheumatism. If I obtain relief I promise to become a protector. **J. R., Sebringville, Ont.** — Since asking you to make a novena, my daughter-in-law's health has greatly improved. As a token of gratitude please accept my offering of \$1.00 in favor of your Works. **Mrs. J. P., Montreal.** — Enclosed you will find a money order for \$3.00. Please have three Masses said in honor of the Blessed Virgin to thank her for a favor that has been partly granted me. I beg you to continue to pray for my intentions. **Mrs. L. W., Spencer, Mass.** — I am enclosing an offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for having sent me good tenants. I promise to send more money later on. **Mrs. K., Windsor, Ont.** — I have obtained the favor I desired. Please continue to pray for our intentions. You will find enclosed \$1.00 for the Missions. **A. G., Verdun, P. Q.** — Having read in "THE PRECURSOR" of the wonderful work done by the Sisters I wish to share a little in the good works by sending this offering of \$5.00. **G. M., Quebec.** — Enclosed you will find my offering for a Low Mass for the repose of the soul of my mother in thanksgiving for a favor obtained. Thank you for remembering her in your prayers. **Mrs. L. R., Willimansett, Mass.** — Kindly accept my offering of 0.25 in honor of our Blessed Lady to thank her for a favor granted me. Please continue to pray for some very special intentions. Anonymous. — I am sending \$10.00 for Masses for the repose of the soul of Mrs. P. M. W. This money is to be sent to the Chinese Missions. **F. W., St. Lambert, P. Q.** — With the renewal of my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I wish you to accept this donation of \$5.00 for the Missions. It is an offering to the Blessed Virgin Mary and her Divine Son in token of my gratitude for favors received. **Mrs. J. C., Verdun, P. Q.** — As my prayers have been heard I am sending you an offering as promised. **Mrs. J. C., Verdun, P. Q.** — I am enclosing \$1.00 in fulfilment of a promise made, and also an offering for the ransom of four dying babies. Please remember me in your prayers. A subscriber. — Please accept my renewal subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and this offering of \$5.00 in thanksgiving for a favor received. I beg your prayers to the Little Flower that my husband may be more faithful to his religious duties and that he may find a suitable position. **Mrs. W. C., Springfield, Mass.** — Enclosed you will find my offering for a Low Mass as I have obtained a favor. Please remember my husband in your prayers. **Mrs. L. R., Willimansett, Mass.** — Kindly accept this offering of \$3.00 in token of my gratitude for a favor that has been granted my mother. I am also enclosing another offering of \$2.00 in favor of your Works. Please make a novena for my daughter that she may secure a suitable position. She promises to send an offering of \$10.00 in honor of St. Theresa if she obtains this favor. **Mrs. I. D., Rostock, Ont.** — Enclosed please find an offering of \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph for a great favor received. I beg your prayers for a very special intention. If I receive this favor I shall send \$5.00 a year as long as I am able. **Mrs. T. K., Temiskaming, P. Q.** — Kindly accept the small sum of 0.25 which is a thank-offering for a favor received. **Mrs. G. L., Chandler, P. Q.** — This offering of \$5.00 is for a High Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated in honor of the Blessed Virgin. Please pray for my health and other intentions. **Mrs. A. C., Woonsocket, R. I.** — Enclosed please find cheque for \$1.00 for your mission needs. **I. M., Montreal.** — Kindly accept the sum of \$1.00 which is part of the offering which I promised to send. I shall forward other offerings for five months and promise to subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR" for three years. Please pray that my mother may receive a sum of money to help her in her time of need. **C. L. J.** — After having made the novena of three Hail Marys, our Blessed Lady deigned to hear my prayers and obtained a long-desired position for one dear to me. Anonymous. — You will find enclosed the sum of \$1.00 for Masses for the year. **Mrs. E. K., Ottawa, Ont.** — I am enclosing \$1.00 in thanksgiving to St. Anthony for favors received. I am coming to you again to ask you to make a novena for me that I may be successful in getting boarders, for I am in need of money to pay my debts. **Mrs. C. A. O., Vine Villa, P. Q.** — Glory and gratitude to our merciful heavenly Mother for the many graces granted us through her intercession. I wish to thank

her in particular for obtaining the cure of a consumptive. Mrs. W. A., **Montreal**. — My offering of \$1.00 for the neediest of your missions, a token of my gratitude to Mary Immaculate. Mrs. L. P. B. — You will find enclosed the sum of \$1.00 for my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". This is my thank-offering to our Blessed Lady for a favor granted me. I confidently solicit other favors from this good Mother. Mrs. D. P., **Montreal**. — I am making the sacrifice of \$5.00 in order to ransom a Chinese baby. This is in thanksgiving for a favor received. Kindly publish in "THE PRECURSOR". Mr. P. L., **Montreal**. — Sincere gratitude to the Blessed Virgin for a cure obtained after promising to send an offering for your Works. Mr. E. P., **Montreal**. — Kindly accept this offering of \$1.00 in honor of our compassionate heavenly Mother. I owe her a great debt of gratitude. Mrs. G. B., **Quebec**. — I am enclosing an offering of \$1.00 for the ransom of pagan babies in thanksgiving for a favor received. I hope that I shall obtain many other graces. Mrs. W. D. — I am sending \$3.00 for the Missions, in honor of the Blessed Virgin for graces received through her intercession after promising publication. A thousand thanks to this good Mother. A subscriber. — My most lively gratitude to our Immaculate Mother for she has deigned to answer my prayers. I am enclosing an offering in her honor. Mrs. A. P., **Montreal**. — My thank-offering of \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. Anonymous, **Montreal**. — A subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR" asks us to publish the following: Enclosed is an offering for your missions in thanksgiving for a favor granted me, and that I may obtain others. — My most grateful thanks to our Immaculate Mother who has blessed me in a special manner. Mrs. J. H., **Verdun**. — With my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am enclosing an offering of \$1.00 in token of my gratitude for a favor granted me. I promised to have this published. Mrs. V. B., **Three Rivers**. — Kindly publish my gratitude to the Blessed Virgin. I am sending you an offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving to the Immaculate Conception for a favor received through her intercession. Will you please pray that my husband may soon be cured. Mrs. J. H., **Ville Emard**. — My heartfelt gratitude to the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin for favors granted me. Please accept my offering of \$5.00. Mrs. J. D., **Montreal**. — Kindly publish my gratitude for a favor received through our Blessed Lady's intercession. I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR," begging this good Mother to continue to assist me. Mrs. H. H. — Our most grateful thanks to our compassionate heavenly Mother for having granted us health and success. Mrs. G. P., **Joliette**. — A thousand thanks for relief obtained after having had recourse to Our Lady of the Rosary. M. C. C. — I wish to return thanks to our Blessed Lady for a position and three cures obtained through her intercession. A subscriber. — I am gladly sending this offering of \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby likely to live in token of my gratitude for the cure of a sore arm. A subscriber, **Montreal**. — I am sending \$5.00, as promised, to thank the Blessed Virgin for having heard my prayers. I beg this good Mother to continue to protect me. Mrs. J. C., **New Bedford Mass.** — I am most grateful to our Blessed Lady for a favor obtained through her intercession. Please accept my offering for a novena of lights in her honor. Miss E. L. — Offering of \$2.00 for the ransom of Chinese babies in thanksgiving for favors granted me after promising to publish. Anonymous, **Three Rivers**. — Mrs. R. S. L., **St. Lambert**, sends an offering for a novena of lights to be burned in honor of our Immaculate Mother and the Little Flower of Jesus to thank them for favors obtained through their intercession. — I am enclosing stipends for a High Mass for the Holy Souls. Some time ago I asked a special favor and my prayers have at last been answered. Mrs. A. P., **Montreal**. — Enclosed you will find a cheque for \$5.00 which is my thank-offering to the Blessed Lady for having protected me in a special manner. Mrs. L. G., **Holyoke, Mass.** — In return for favors granted me, I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR," for I have promised to be a life-long subscriber. Mrs. L. G. — Kindly accept my thank-offering of \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. Anonymous, **Montreal**. — After a serious operation I am now on the road to health, thanks to the loving protection of our Blessed Lady. I wish to fulfil a promise made this tender Mother by publishing this favor and sending you an offering of \$2.00 in her honor. Mrs. T. P., **Verdun**. — A subscriber sends in her subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" as a thank-offering to the Blessed Virgin for having come to her assistance in time of distress. — Offering of \$3.00 for a favor obtained through the intercession of Mary Immaculate after promising to publish. Anonymous. — My heartfelt gratitude to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph, for through their intercession, my husband regained his health and I obtained some very special favors. Mrs. J. G. — My offering of \$1.00 for your missions the most in need in thanksgiving to the Immaculate Virgin. Mrs. L. P. B. — Our dear Lady has deigned to grant me a favor. To thank her I am sending you an offering of \$1.00 in her honor. Please pray that I may be successful in selling my farm. A subscriber, **Waterloo**. — To fulfil a promise made some time ago, I am sending you an offering for the ransom of four dying babies. Please publish in "THE PRECURSOR" Mrs. F. S., **Montreal**. — My most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for the cure of a fractured knee. M. A. C., **Knox Bridge**.



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

Petitions

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

Please pray for my dear father who is suffering from rheumatism. Mrs. I. B., **Leominster, Mass.** — I am coming in all confidence to ask the help of your prayers that my husband may find work soon. I shall send a donation if my request is granted. Mrs. J. L., **Springfield, Mass.** — Enclosed please find \$1.00 for a Low Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin for two special favors. Miss M. M., **Chatham, N. B.** — Will you please ask our Blessed Lady to keep me in good health and to help me to find a position. V. C., **Montreal.** — Kindly accept my offering of \$1.00 in favor of your Works. Please pray for us. Mrs. M. L., **Ottawa, Ont.** — I am asking a special favor in honor of the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please remember us in your prayers. I promise to make an offering whether my petition is granted or not. A subscriber. — I am enclosing \$2.00 for your good works as promised. Please continue to pray to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower that I may obtain other favors. Mrs. J. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — The enclosed \$10.00 is for the upkeep of a crib for January and February in hopes that I may be granted the favor which I am asking of our Immaculate Mother. Mrs. G. H. R., **Fitzroy Harbour, Ont.** — Your earnest prayers to the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin Mary are specially requested for particular intentions. J. A. O'D., **Ottawa, Ont.** — With my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am sending an offering for lights that my eyesight may be restored. Mrs. W. H., **Verdun, P. Q.** — I beg your prayers to the Blessed Virgin for my father who is dangerously ill. I promise to send \$1.00 if he regains his health and also to make other offerings according to my means. U. C., **Timmins, Ont.** — I am enclosing \$1.00 to help in the Missions. Please pray for my sister who is writing a very important examination. I shall send another donation if she is successful. S. M., **Montreal.** — I should be very grateful if you would begin a novena to our Blessed Lady for my intentions. If I obtain the favor I am asking, I shall send \$2.00 at once for the ransom of Chinese babies, and other donations later on. I also promise to subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR". V. L., **Ottawa, Ont.** — You will find enclosed \$5.00 for the ransom of twenty dying babies, and \$1.00 for a Mass for the Holy Souls. Please have the little ones pray for my sister's intentions. Mrs. A. L., **Worcester, Mass.** — Will you please pray to the Blessed Virgin that a friend of mine may secure a position. If I obtain this favor I shall send \$1.00 to help in your good works. M. R., **Montreal.** — I beg the help of your prayers as my husband is out of employment and everything in general seems to be going wrong with us. I promise to pay a subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" for three years if my husband obtains a position. Mrs. L. M., **Rosemont.** — I am enclosing an offering for the ransom of four dying Chinese babies. Please pray for my intention and if my prayers are answered I promise to send another offering to ransom five babies likely to live. E. P., **Montreal.** — Enclosed please find \$1.00 for the renewal of my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" as also an offering for lights to be burned before the statue of the Little Flower of Jesus for my daughter's intentions and that God may bless my home. May I ask you to pray that my husband may have steady employment and good health. If I obtain this favor I shall subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR" for five years. Mrs. D. M., **Verdun, P. Q.** — Will you kindly make a novena to our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph that I may be granted some very special favors. I shall send a generous donation if I obtain these requests. K. L.,

Notre Dame de Graces. — Please pray for us all and we shall say a prayer for you that your work will be a success. Mrs. W. C. S., **St. Mary's, Ont.** — A few days ago I asked you to make a novena for my intention. I am now enclosing 0.75 for lights and a small offering in honor of our Immaculate Mother. Mrs. J. K., **Montreal.** — I have been without work for nearly a year. If I obtain a position within a month I shall send an offering in favor of your Works. A. R., **Windsor, Ont.** — Enclosed you will find a donation of \$5.00 towards the Little Flower Bursary. I beg you to remember me in your daily prayers. Mrs. E. G., **Holyoke, Mass.** — Will you please pray to the Blessed Virgin for my intentions. I. M., **Windsor, Ont.** — Please pray for our intentions during the novena to St. Joseph. I shall renew my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" this month. B. P., **Montreal.** — Will you please pray for me as my husband has been sick and out of work since last October. J. A. F., **Cote St. Paul.** — Please include me in your prayers to St. Joseph during the month of March that I may enjoy good health and be successful in business. O. O., **Ottawa, Ont.** — I am enclosing \$1.00 in payment of my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and \$1.00 to help in your good work. I desire to secure a position. If I obtain this favor I shall remit \$5.00 for the ransom of a baby likely to live. J. V. P., **Verdun, P. Q.** — May I ask you to make a novena in honor of the Blessed Virgin that my mother may be relieved from the congestion in her head caused by high blood pressure. I am enclosing 0.75 for your Works. Miss G. L., **Montreal.** — Please accept this offering for a novena of lights to be burned in honor of the Blessed Virgin for my intentions. If I obtain the favor I am asking I shall publish in "THE PRECURSOR". M. M., **Thamesville, Ont.** — I solicit your prayers for two very special intentions and promise to renew my subscription and send a further remittance for your missionary work if our prayers are answered. Mrs. K., — I am enclosing a small offering in favor of your Works. Kindly make a novena and burn a candle for my mother that she may be relieved of her sufferings. Mrs. I. D., **Rostock, Ont.** — Please continue your prayers for my husband for sixteen days longer. Thank you for the prayers you have already said for us. Mrs. D. M. C., **Ormstown, P. Q.** — Enclosed you will find the sum of \$5.00 to be used for the Chinese missions. I beg the help of your prayers that our present financial strain may be relieved. Anonymous. — I am writing to ask you to make a novena to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph that I may obtain a steady position. If I obtain this favor I shall subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR" all my life. P. J. C., **Montreal.** — My offering of \$1.00 in favor of your Works. Please pray that my husband may obtain employment. Mrs. H. D., **Cleveland, Ohio.** — The enclosed offering is for a novena of lights in honor of our Blessed Mother. Please continue to pray for me that I may receive a great favor. Mrs. L., **Verdun, P. Q.** — I am a subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR". Please ask our Blessed Lady to help my husband to find work soon. When this favor is granted us I shall send \$5.00 for the Foreign Missions. Mrs. H., **Verdun.** — Enclosed please find \$1.00. Would you kindly make a novena for my special intention. Mrs. K. S., **Outremont, P. Q.** — May we ask the help of your prayers for the immediate satisfactory sale of our property. We promise to send a donation towards your Works. Mrs. W. H. S., **Merlin, Ont.** — Find enclosed the sum of \$2.00. Will you kindly pray for my intentions. Mrs. R. F., **Point St. Charles.** — I am sending \$1.00 for your mission work. Kindly remember my intentions in your prayers. K. M. — With my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am sending an offering of \$1.00 to help you in your good work. I am asking a special favor and beg your prayers for my intentions. I promise to make another offering as soon as my request is granted. Mrs. M. K., **Verdun, P. Q.** — I beg you to pray to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower for three special intentions. I promise to send something for your good Works if I obtain the favors I am asking. Miss A. S., **Merlin, Ont.** — I am sending you \$1.00 to help along the good work you are doing. Please pray that I may obtain some very special favors. Mrs. M. D., **Central Falls.** — Will you kindly make a novena to the Blessed Virgin and dear St. Joseph that my sister may find employment and that my husband may not lose his position. I promise to send \$1.00 as soon as possible for a Low Mass for the Souls in Purgatory if these favors are granted. Mrs. K. G., **Montreal.** — Enclosed please find a postal note for \$1.00 for the ransom of four dying babies. Please pray for some particular intentions of mine. Miss J. S., **Toronto, Ont.** — I beg your prayers that I may obtain the favors I am asking. Mrs. G. C., **Outremont.** — I would like to sell my property. Please pray that I may meet with success. I promise \$10.00 for your missionary work if this favor is granted me. Mrs. A. N., **Tecumseh, Ont.** — Enclosed you will find \$1.00 to help in your Works. Please pray for my intentions. Mrs. D. H., **Stratford, Ont.** — This money is for vigil lights to be burned in honor of the Little Flower. May I ask you to pray for my intentions. Mrs. M. H., **Montreal.** — I am sending \$1.00 for lights. I wish you would pray that we may be successful in the sale of our property and that my husband may find employment. Mrs. L., **Tecumseh, Ont.** — Please find enclosed the sum of \$5.00 which I am sending in honor of our Blessed Lady. Kindly remember me in your prayers. Mrs. M. S., **Montreal.** — May I beg the help of your prayers that I may find employment. If I obtain this favor I shall send \$2.00 for your good work. Miss M. K., **Montreal.** — Kindly accept my offering of \$1.00. I am asking a special favor and beg your prayers for this intention. If my request is granted I shall send \$5.00 or more to help your missionary work. Mrs. B. L., **St. Jerome, P. Q.** — You will find enclosed \$1.00 in honor of our Blessed Mother that I may find work soon. I shall send another offering if my prayers are heard. A. H., **East Windsor, Ont.** — Please

pray that I may obtain a position which I held formerly. I shall send 0.50 from my first pay to help you in your Works. B. P., **Montreal**. — Kindly accept the enclosed cheque. May I ask you to pray for my intentions during January and February. R. S. W., **Fitchburg, Mass.** — Please pray that I may rent my house to good tenants. I promise to send you an offering as soon as it is rented. Mrs. L. K., **Windsor, Ont.** — Enclosed please find a cheque for \$1.00. This is my monthly contribution towards your missions. Will you please pray for a young man who has not made his Easter Duty for six years. I. M., **Montreal**. — We entreat Mary Immaculate and St. Theresa of the Child Jesus to grant us the many spiritual and temporal favors in which we stand in need. We promise \$5.00 monthly for one year for your missions. Mrs. A. F. M., **Montreal**. — Enclosed please find \$2.00, an offering in honor of the Little Flower. Please make a novena to this little saint for me. If I receive the favor I am asking I shall send a donation for your poorest Chinese mission. A friend, **Timmins, Ont.** — Please offer up some special prayers to the Little Flower and St. Anthony for my intention. I promise to be a life-long subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR" and to send a donation as often as possible for your missions. F. M., **Verdun, P. Q.** — My father has some property to sell. Kindly join us in our prayers to St. Theresa that she may grant us this favor and also make a novena to her that my husband may be given the position which has been promised him and that we may find a buyer for our car. I am enclosing \$1.00 for a novena of lights and promise to send other offerings for your missions and to subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR" if these favors are granted us. Mrs. F. L., **Tecumseh, Ont.** — Please find enclosed the sum of \$1.00. I desire to obtain a very special favor and beg you to commence a novena for my intentions. If God wills to grant me the favor I am asking, I shall publish it. K. R., **Ottawa, Ont.** — Please pray that my wife may be restored to health. When she is able to do her work alone I shall send you an offering of \$10.00 to use as you see best. A. J. M., **Meteghan Centre, N. S.** — Please have prayers said that my two sisters may have better health, that a son may look after his mother now that she is old and needs care, also for two other special intentions. Mrs. C. — Please find enclosed the sum of \$2.00 for your Works. Kindly pray for my intentions. I. M., **Windsor, Ont.** — I am asking Almighty God, through the intercession of His Blessed Mother, to grant me a good steady position at once. I promise to subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR" for twenty years and also to help the Missions in far-off pagan lands if I obtain this favor. G. M., **Montreal**. Once more I am asking you to pray for me. I have already promised \$5.00 for your needy missions, and will send this offering as soon as I obtain the favor I am asking. Mrs. F. J. D., **Kapuskasing**. — May I ask you to make a novena for a very special intention. If God deigns to hear my prayers I will send an offering of \$5.00 to help you in your Works. A. J., **Leominster, Mass.** — You will find enclosed \$1.00 for lights in honor of the Blessed Virgin that she may grant me a very great favor. One who has confidence in Mary. — A young girl recommends her sick mother to the fervent prayers of the subscribers to "THE PRECURSOR" and also begs prayers for her own intentions. Miss L. H. — I am sending you an offering for the ransom of four little dying babies, begging our Blessed Lady to protect us. Anonymous. — May I ask you to make a novena that I may be cured if it is God's Will. Mrs. H. T. — Kindly accept this small offering of \$3.00 that I may obtain a cure through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. G. R., **Montreal**. — I confidently ask our Immaculate Mother to intercede for my husband that he may secure a position as he has been out of work a long time. Mrs. B., **Worcester, Mass.** — You will find enclosed an offering of 0.75 for lights in your chapel. I desire to obtain some very special favors. Mrs. R. — The enclosed offering is for the ransom of five dying Chinese babies. I promise to send the same sum every month as long as I am able to earn my living. Please pray that I may be granted some very special favors. Miss R. B., **Salmon Falls, N. H.** — Being a widow with six children, I am obliged to go out working in order to earn a living for my little family. Please ask our Blessed Lady to cure my eldest son who is suffering from a nervous breakdown, for his affliction is a cause of great sorrow to me. Anonymous. — If, through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, I meet with success in an important undertaking and find the means to pay my debts, I will continue to subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR" and send an offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby. A subscriber, **Montreal**. — Please accept the sum of \$1.00 for your missions in China. I am asking the Blessed Virgin to grant me a special

favor and it is in her honor that I am making this offering. Anonymous. — I beg you to pray for the cure of my young daughter and for some other special intentions. I promise to send \$25.00 for the ransom of pagan babies if I obtain the favors I am asking. Mrs. W. B., **Montreal**. — I promise to send an offering of \$10.00 for the Missions besides my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" if the Blessed Virgin deigns to hear my prayers. Mrs. T. — I recommend to the prayers of all the subscribers a young man neglectful of his religious duties and who is addicted to drink. I promise an offering for the Missions if he decides to live as he should. A friend of the Missions. — I promise \$50.00 for the upkeep of a chapel in the Missions if I obtain two special favors. Mrs. A. P. — Kindly recommend the following intentions to the readers of your review: the cure of my sister, the securing of good positions for two friends. I promise \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby if these favors are granted. Anonymous. — I beg you to pray to the Blessed Virgin that through her intercession I may be cured of eye trouble. I promise to be a life-long subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR" and to send you an offering of \$3.00. A subscriber. — I am subscribing to "THE PRECURSOR" for one year and shall be pleased to renew my subscription next year if I regain my health or at least obtain some relief from my sufferings. Mrs. M. D. — Please offer prayers to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower of Jesus for the mother of a family who is always ailing. I promise to renew my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" for five years if she is restored to health. A subscriber, **Quebec**. — Kindly pray for the conversion of one dear to me. Anonymous. — My two sons and myself are out of work. Please pray that we may secure positions and that I may find a buyer for my property. When I obtain these favors I will send an offering of \$20.00 for your Works in China. M. L. — I have been sick for many months and am praying for health, although I am resigned to God's Holy Will. May I ask you to pray for a very special intention. If I obtain this favor I will help your missionaries. Mrs. E. C., **Montreal**. — A subscriber wishes us to pray for the following intentions: the conversion of a father, the cure of a mother, and peace and happiness in a home. — I am sending you a postal note for \$2.00. Please have prayers said for a special intention. A friend of the Missions.

Eminent personages deceased lately

On the 22nd of February, His Lordship Right Reverend Michael Francis Fallon, O. M. I., Bishop of London, passed away after a long illness, at the age of 64. Born at Kingston May 17, 1867, ordained priest July 29, 1894, he was elected Provincial of the Oblates in 1904 and consecrated Bishop of London in 1909.

His Grace Most Reverend Emile Grouard, O. M. I., Titular Archbishop of Egeine and former Vicar Apostolic of Grouard, died Saturday, March 7. He was 91 years of age and had spent seventy-one years in the missions of the West.

Born at Brulon, Diocese of Mans, February 2, 1840, he arrived in Canada in 1860. Bishop Grouard was ordained at Boucherville in 1862. In 1890, he was named Titular Bishop of Ibore and Vicar Apostolic of Athabaska. He was consecrated at St. Boniface by Mgr. Taché, in 1891.

In 1929, Bishop Grouard, on account of his advanced age, resigned. He was replaced by Mgr. Guy, O. M. I.

On March 13, Reverend Father A. Lemieux, Procurator General of the Redemptorists at Rome, passed away. He was 73 years of age.

Born at Quebec, February 27, 1858, he received the priestly anointing from the hands of Cardinal Monaco La Valetta. He entered the Redemptorist Order in 1887. From 1898 to 1920, he was in turn rector in Montreal, at Ste. Anne de Beaupré, and in Ottawa; for a time he was also Provincial of the Redemptorists. In 1920, his Superiors called him to Rome.

Reverend Father Lemieux was a devoted friend of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception. Upon the request of His Grace Archbishop Bruchési, he preached their first annual retreat in 1903.



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