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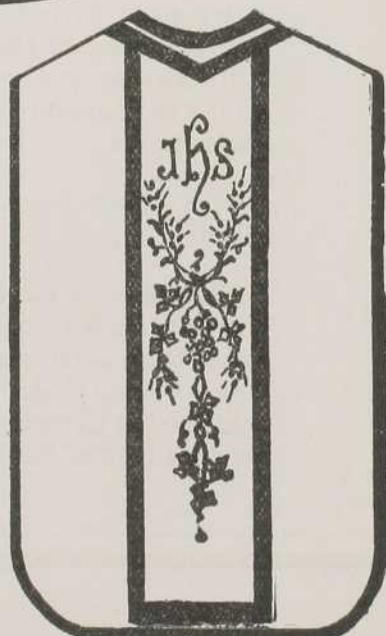
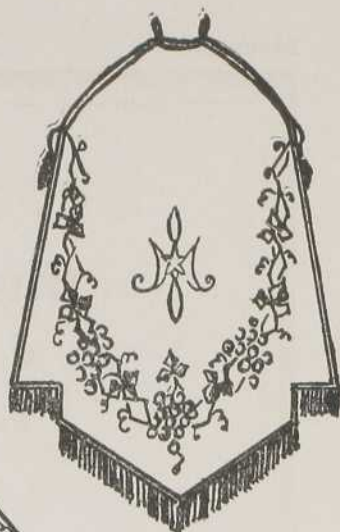
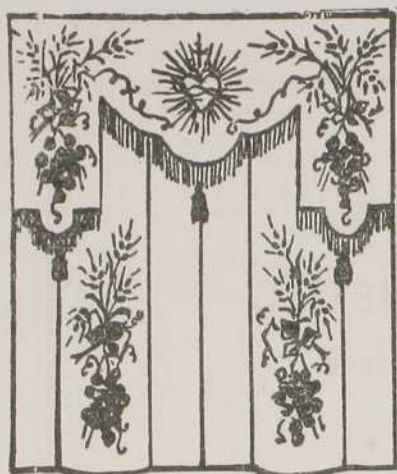
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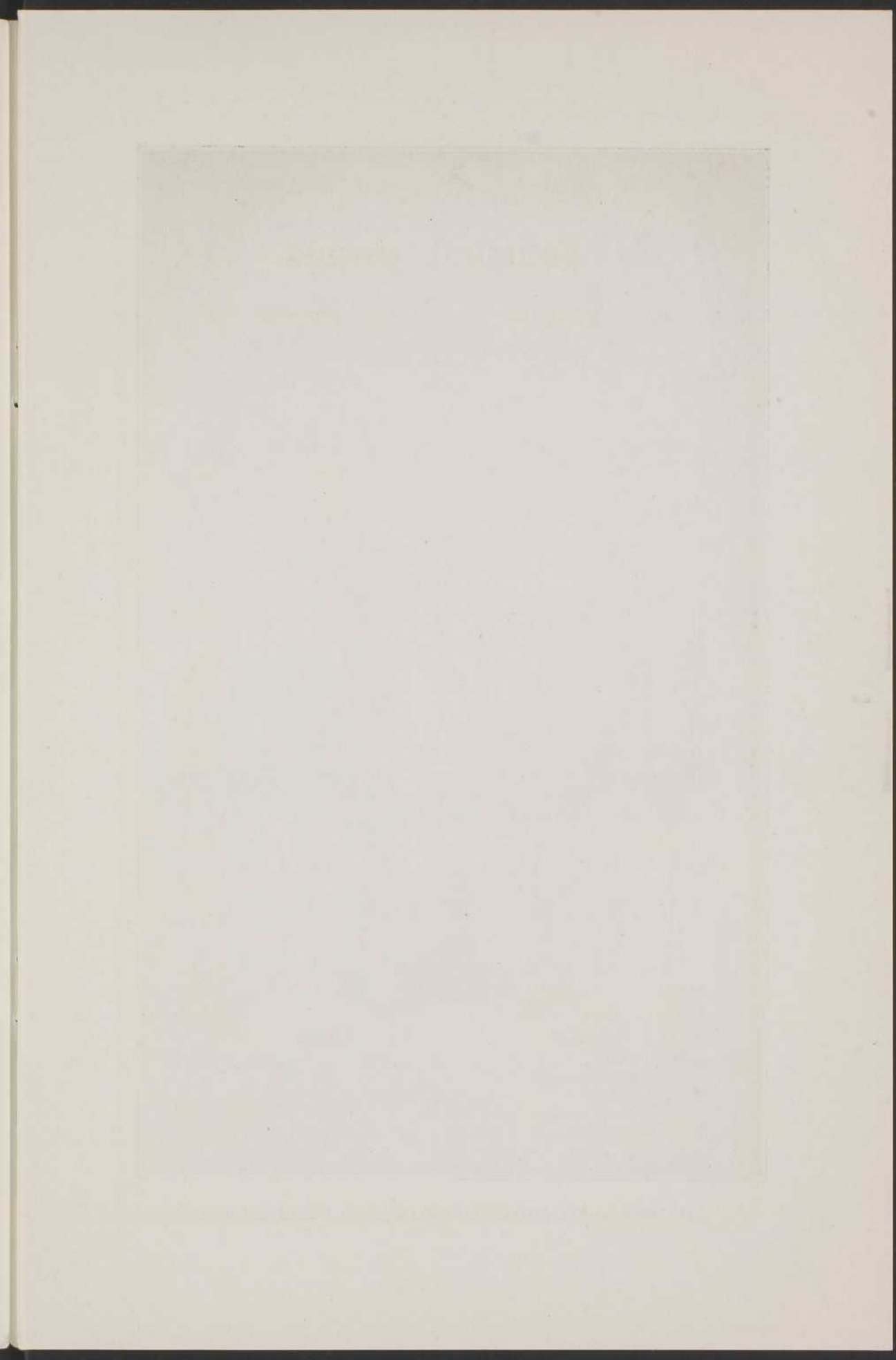
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The missionary must not be alone to sacrifice himself. All Christians must unite and help him in his work by their prayers and alms.





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Our Lady of the Rosary

I.

*"Hail Mary, full of grace!" We say the words
With smiling lips, for Life is glad and strong.
Who fears the bitter when the cup is sweet?
Who dreads a sigh when Life is but a song?*

II.

*"Hail Mary, full of grace!" We meet the Cross :
A heavy Cross. How came such grief to be?
Dear Mother, help us lift it, help us bear
The burden! 'Twill grow light with hope in thee!*

III.

*"Hail Mary, full of grace!" The Queen of Joy
And Pain is reigning glorious Queen of heaven.
We've tasted joy of youth, and pain of age ;
And now we know why Cross and Crown are given,*

*Joyful? Ah, yes! The early way was that ;
Bitter? Ah, well! Christ shares His Cross with those
He loves the most — and shares His Mother, too.
Our Queen at life's beginning, and its close.*

Grace Keon in "The Good Work".

Propaganda Decrees erect new Territories and name new Bishops

ROME. — Decrees announced by the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide following the plenary meeting of June 22 deal with the erection of two new prefectures apostolic, the naming of the Vicar Apostolic one coadjutor bishop, and the promotion of two coadjutors to Vicar Apostolic.

The Prefecture Apostolic of Chuchow, Chekiang Province, China, has been erected from the Vicariate of Ningpo and confided to the Fathers of the St. Francis Xavier China Mission Society, Scarboro Bluffs, Canada. The new prefecture counts 3,000 Catholics among a total population of 1,500,000.

The Prefecture Apostolic of Suchow, Kiangsu Province, China, has been erected from the Vicariate of Nanking and confided to the Jesuits of the Canadian Province. The Prefecture has a total population of 5,000,000 with 52,000 Catholics.

Father Alfonse Verwimp, S. J., has been named first Vicar Apostolic of the new Vicariate of Kisantu, Belgian Congo, West Africa. Father Verwimp was born at Malines in 1885. He has always been interested in Catholic youth and was made head of the minor seminary at Kisantu when he went there in 1928.

Father Peter Fallaize, O. M. I., has been named coadjutor bishop of the Vicariate Apostolic of Mackenzie, Canada, with the right of succession. Father Fallaize was born at Bayeux, France, in 1887. He has been in Mackenzie since 1913.

His Excellency, Bishop Paul Dumond, C. M., has been transferred to the Vicariate of Nanchang, Kiangsi Province, China, where he succeeds the late Bishop Fatiguet. Bishop Dumond was formerly Vicar Apostolic of Kanchow, Kiangsi Province, where he has been succeeded by his coadjutor, Bishop John O'Shea, C. M. (Fides)

Hakodate, Japan

The Holy See has recently confided the diocese of Hakodate, Japan, to the Reverend Dominican Fathers of Canada. Very Reverend Father A. Dumas, one of the two Dominican missionaries who left Montreal in 1928 to evangelize this diocese, has been appointed administrator.

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, through the medium of "THE PRECURSOR", take the liberty of offering the newly-elect their lively congratulations and best wishes for success in the numerous apostolic works in which they will co-operate, according to the designs of Divine Providence. In 1930, upon the request of the Reverend Fathers, they took charge of a mission in Koriyama, near Sandai, and in September, other religious will leave for this vast diocese to therein found a new establishment. Of the five million inhabitants, only three thousand are Catholics.

Catholic Delegate keeps Religious Liberty in China's Constitution

TIENTSIN (China) — To an energetic Catholic delegate from Tientsin goes the honour of having retained the religious freedom clause unshackled in the Provisional Constitution of the Chinese Republic adopted at the National Assembly of last May. The gentleman is Mr. Liou Tsuen-Ts'ing, owner of the Catholic daily Ichepao of Tientsin, a keen business man who is both strong apostle of the faith and friend of the Kuomintang in Hopeh Province.

Mr. Liou Tsuen-Ts'ing went to Nanking prepared to render a genuine service to the Church. He studied previously all questions touching schools and possession of property, two points of special attack during recent years, and had printed a booklet on the usefulness of religion in education. However, he was caught by surprise as concerned the particular detail of unfavourable legislation proposed. On the morning of May 7, Article 11 of the constitution was proposed, namely, the declaration that the people are free in following their religious beliefs. The article was accepted, but then an amendment was presented which added to the text, "As to minors, the Government may make regulations which limit their liberty of conscience."

The Catholic delegate appreciated immediately the gravity of this proposal. Yet he was seriously embarrassed. According to the regulations established, discussion of this amendment must take place on the afternoon of the same day, and in order to be permitted to expose his opinion, Mr. Liou must, before the session, prepare a written relation, secure the signatures of 60 delegates for it and present it to the Presidents of the Assembly. For this difficult procedure Mr. Liou had but two hours of time between the closing of the morning session and the opening of that of the afternoon.

Mr. Liou immediately sought the help of a pagan friend of his, Mr. Tchao Tse-Tchen, a high-minded man, and as soon as the written relation was prepared, both hurried among the delegates and secured a total of 68 signatures. The Board of Presidents was next approached and approval received to present the relation. Discussion of the matter in the assembly was very sharp, but when the vote was taken Mr. Liou's request for rejection of the amendment was approved. Thus the original text was maintained and the Constitution as it now reads guarantees liberty of conscience to China's citizens. After six years, the present Provisional Constitution must be enacted as permanent basis for Chinese government.

(Fides, July 31)

O holy and Immaculate Virgin, I know not with what praises to extol thee, for He whom the heavens could not contain rested in thy bosom.

Blessed de Montfort

Letter from Mgr. J. L. A. Lapierre

*Prefect Apostolic of Szepingkai, Manchuria, China,
to the Superior General of the Missionary Sisters
of the Immaculate Conception*

Catholic Mission, Szepingkai, June 13, 1931

VERY REVEREND MOTHER SUPERIOR,

I received your last letter about the same time as Father Geoffroy arrived in our midst. Since then, I have visited Leao Yuan, Pamiencheng and T'aonan with our distinguished guest. I was not able to continue on to Fakou. We saw your Sisters at work; there is only one thing to be regretted, and that is that they are too few in number. I am afraid that the labor to be accomplished in their different posts, is a little too much for them. Witnessing the beautiful results of their devotedness, the missionary priests, in the districts where there are no religious, not only ask for them, but are very impatient because their desires are not realized at once. We do not fail to ask the Blessed Virgin to watch over our Mission, and especially over the children, who are being lost in great numbers. May she send generous souls to save them.

We thought that the Sisters at Taonan would not receive many patients at their new dispensary this summer, perhaps, only a few daily. But, contrary to our expectations, as soon as this dispensary was opened, and especially after it had been approved by the principal mandarins of the city, patients flocked to it by hundreds. Often four hundred treatments are given daily. This means that the Sisters are kept busy. They are assisted by two Chinese virgins and a woman, but, even with this extra help, they have all they can do to accomplish all the work occasioned them by the patients. I have already told you that Sister St. Denis delayed leaving for Taonan in order to help at the dispensary of Leao Yuan, but, at Taonan, she has twice as much to do as she had at Leao Yuan.

Among the patients, we shall certainly have some catechumens, and, perhaps, a goodly number of them. There are always dying children to be baptized. In one day, June 1st, fifteen dying children were sent to



REVEREND FATHER J. GEOFFROY
OF THE CANADIAN FOREIGN MISSION SEMINARY
OF PONT VIAU, AT THE MISSION OF
PA MIEN TCHENG, MANCHURIA, CHINA

heaven. Doubtlessly, this was a lucky day for the Sisters, but they will certainly have others like it.

On Tuesday, June 2, a new dispensary was inaugurated. There are two rooms for the patients, one measuring 18x20 feet and the other 11x14 feet. The two waiting-rooms measure 50x20 feet. They are quite necessary, for, sometimes, from 150 to 200 patients are obliged to await their turn. A catechist keeps order and teaches catechism. Many Chinese have heard of the Catholic Mission, but there are very few who really know the good that is done there. They are surprised to learn that it has such a noble aim and employs such charitable methods. The Dispensary is a wonderful work. There, the pagans are given clearer ideas of things in general. They learn to respect the Missionaries and to hold the Catholic Church in great esteem.

On the occasion of this inauguration, a banquet was held in honor of the civil authorities of T'aonan. The military mandarin, the tax-collector, several of the leading men of the city and a few Christians were among the visitors. The principal mandarin of the city, who was unable to attend, sent his representative. We would have liked to have had Reverend Father Geoffroy with us on this occasion, but we were deprived of this honor, for, owing to a delay in his trip from Fakou, he arrived a day later than we expected.

Before commencing the banquet, we visited the Dispensary, the parish church and convent. At the Dispensary, from 150 to 200 patients were waiting to be treated. The new freshly-varnished pharmacy is very attractive with its numerous phials, all neatly labelled. It stands out in contrast, with what we usually see in China. At the church, the military mandarin, although a pagan, made a deep genuflection before the tabernacle. The order and cleanliness of the Sisters' dwelling attracted everyone's attention. The military mandarin, who was quite edified, did not hesitate sending his wife and daughters to visit the Sisters.

The banquet, served Chinese fashion, consisted of many little dishes. The quality and variety of the food satisfied everyone. It was supplied by a Christian by the name of Hsu Lao Tchan.

While on my trip to Taonan, I would have liked to have visited Tuchuan and Cheng Sin Town, but I found no time to do so before being called back to Szepingkai. The Christians of these districts must have been greatly disappointed. Reverend Fathers Berger, Mignault and Guilbault had the honor of accompanying Father Geoffroy on this trip. They celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi by a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in these two districts. I cannot tell you what our visitor's impressions were, but I am sure that the Christian spirit of the inhabitants and the numerous newly-organized works must have surprised him.

In the northern part of our territory, more than in the south, he could see what we have accomplished in the Missions since our arrival in China. The Christian life and the works organized therein are the result of our labors. When we arrived in Moukden, Christianity was but little known in this region. Reverend Fathers Berger and Jasmin

were the first Missionaries to settle themselves therein. God has blessed their labors. And now that the devoted Fathers Michaud, Masse and Guilbault have come to their assistance and a sixth priest will be with them in the autumn, we confidently hope that Divine Providence will bless their efforts to spread Christianity and to establish charitable and educational works in this destitute district.

Very Reverend Mother, we thank God and His Immaculate Mother for having sent your Sisters to help our Missionaries to spread the Faith and to reveal Christ's great charity to the poor pagans. What a consolation this must be to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who, in return, will surely not to refuse fructify their devotedness. This is surely good news for you, and rightly so. The work accomplished by your Sisters in Manchuria only serves to bind closer together the ties which unite your Institute to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Kindly accept, with the expression of my profound gratitude, the homage of my respect and my best wishes.

LOUIS LAPIERRE,
Prefect Apostolic of Szepeingai.

Provincial Legislation adds to Missionaries' Difficulties

KWEIYANG (Kweichow, China). — The government of Kweichow Province, China, engaged in an attempt to control and conform religious associations, has proposed certain laws, which, if they are approved and put into execution, will make the existence of missions there almost impossible. Among them we note the following:

Art. 1 — The licence of religious associations to open new schools must be severely curtailed.

Art. 2 — Entering a religious association in group is prohibited.

Art. 3 — No one may enter a religious association before becoming of age.

Art. 7 — Anyone unable to give proof of his means of sustenance is incapable of entering a religious association.

Art. 8 — The Committee of General Welfare, the Police, and the Committee of the Popular Government must maintain a strict vigilance over the internal activities of the religious associations.

Art. 9 — The finances of the religious associations must be carefully controlled that they may not be turned aside from their religious purpose.

This legislation is due to the activities of a number of political societies and secret societies of an underhand character which from time immemorial have been wont to assume a religious ceremonial. Christianity has, time and time again, shown itself above suspicion, but nevertheless, if the laws go into force they will affect the missions and cause serious difficulties.

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Story of the Life of a Virgin Catechist

IN the month of March, 1899, a little girl was born at Tsang Shing. On the eighth day after the child's birth, her pagan parents gave her to a virgin catechist, who saw that she was baptized at once. Instead of her pagan name, *In wan*, she was given the name of Catherine.

In the year 1900, when there was so much trouble in China, this devoted catechist fled with the child to Macao. There she met another refugee, Lu Philomena, to whom she confided little Catherine. Her new mistress gave the little one, who was henceforth to be known as *Ah moui*, a good Christian education. Even while at play, the child was taught to love God.

When she had grown to a marriageable age, her mistress, seeing that her adopted child was really virtuous, permitted her to consecrate herself to the Blessed Virgin, and decided to keep her with her as a helper in her old age. Already, Catherine was greatly loved by all her companions, who looked up to her as a model. When a missionary priest happened to spend a week or two at Lungnan, she received Holy Communion daily. She gladly accepted the office of sacristan in the little parish church, which she kept as spotless as a convent chapel.

One thing, however, caused Catherine great anxiety. Were her parents still alive and had they been baptized?

Each year, on her birthday, feeling the pain of separation more intense, she shed bitter tears, and increased her supplications to our Divine Lord, asking Him to draw all her dear ones to the light of the True Faith. We shall see, later on, that these prayers and tears were not in vain.

For the last two or three years, *Ah moui* has been in failing health. The preparations for the Feast of Corpus Christi, last year, having greatly fatigued her, she suffered many hemorrhages and has since been on low diet.

This year, in the month of May, a young corporal, twenty-four years of age, was stationed at Lungnan. As *Ah moui*, he, also, was a native of Tsang Shing.

The newcomer did not delay in seeking a place where he might have clothing made for himself and his soldiers. He found a house where sewing was done by a virgin catechist by the name of *Ng Kou*, and her two nieces, *Sz moui* and *King sin*. As all three maidens had been well instructed in Christian Doctrine, the young man spoke most unfavorably of Catholicism. He told them, later on, that he had acted thus in order to learn more about the holy religion they professed.

He came very often to the home of *Ng Kou*, who was glad to see him arrive, for he always brought back with him the provisions she had ordered in the city. One day in June, when Catherine was in a very weak state, *Ng Kou* asked the corporal if he would not go again for provisions. As he refused, saying that he had nothing to do in the city, she begged him to send one of his soldiers, as she greatly needed these provisions for a virgin



Reverend Father Fabre

OF THE PARIS FOREIGN MISSION SEMINARY,
DRESSED IN THE COSTUME OF A CHINESE MANDARIN.

catechist, who came from the same city as he, and whose family name was the same as his. Suddenly, the soldier's heart was touched, for he thought of his childhood days when his mother had told him that his sister had been given to a Catholic catechist. His curiosity was aroused, and he resolved to make enquiries.

On several occasions, he asked to see the sick maiden, who shuddered at the thought of being visited by a soldier. Had she not consecrated her life to God's service?

After a short stay in Lungnan, where he had learned much about the Catholic religion, the corporal was transferred to Chungchung. Before leaving, he said to *Ng Kou*: "When I first came to Lungnan, I was in the habit of reading all kinds of trashy books. You gave me Catholic literature for which I did not care very much at first, but which I now prize. Pray for me that I may receive the light of faith." In a letter which he wrote from Chungchung, he repeated almost these same words, *Sz moui*, *Ng Kou's* niece, answered him, quoting many texts from Holy Scripture.

What became of Catherine during this time? Being advised by friends, she left for Taileung, so as to be nearer to a doctor. Three weeks before leaving Lungnan, she received the Last Sacraments. She had not been long in her new home when one day, *Ng Kou* again met the corporal, who begged her to introduce him to her patient. But this time, also, the catechist could not make up her mind to comply with his request.

On October 8th, Catherine left for Hong Kong, with her nurse, Lucy Lu, for one of her friends had told her of a very good specialist in this city, and had offered to pay all expenses. While awaiting in the harbor, the corporal's junk arrived. The first thought of the young soldier was to take off his uniform and present himself to the sick catechist in ordinary clothes. This time, Catherine consented to see the corporal, who spoke of his father, who was still living, and of his dead mother, who had once told him that his elder sister had been given to a Catholic. After speaking to him in a sisterly way, Catherine asked him to do all in his power to convert his father and brothers. She promised to go to Tsang Shing to see him as soon as she was better and showed him a mark that had been imprinted on her arm at her birth. The soldier, after telling her that he, also, bore a mark on his shoulder that was almost indetical with the one she had shown him, quietly took his leave.

A few day's after his departure, Catherine received a most touching letter from the corporal. However, the news from Lungnan was not at all consoling. Lu Philomena, Catherine's adopted mother, was in a most critical condition, and wished to see her daughter before dying. So on November 12th, *Ah moui* left for Lungnan, and on the 13th, the corporal, who had just returned from Tsang Shing, came again to see her. "I have made enquiries", he said to Catherine, "and have discovered that you are really my sister. My aged father has spoken to me of the mark on the arm of his absent daughter, and of the year and the month of her birth, the exact date, alone, he could not remember." And he added, "He appreciates your discovery more than a rich treasure and would have come to see you at Hong Kong,

if he had known your address and had not been so feeble. If you go to Tsang Shing, you will see him. As my youngest brother is only twelve years of age, my father wishes you to take the place of my mother, who died seven years ago." The soldier then left Catherine, but returned to see her every second day. On his fourth visit, he shed bitter tears, for his sister was in great danger. November the twenty-third, the feast of St. Clement was to be her last day on earth. The evening before her death, she suffered a violent hemorrhage, which left her very weak. The corporal, who was actually on his way to see Catherine, was notified at once. He arrived at her death-bed at half-past eleven, and from one o'clock to two, he never left her for moment.

Poor Catherine, realizing the danger she was in, remained all day Saturday, and even during the night, with her crucifix clasped in her hands. She continually begged her Crucified Saviour to assist her and to give her confidence, confessing her sins to Him as she had confessed them, two or three days before, to the young priest, who, although unable to speak her language, came to give her absolution. "Dear Jesus, forgive me," she would say, "I desire nothing else but what Thou desirest, but I am so weak, please give me patience." She would continue to pray thus for hours and hours, never lifting her eyes from her beloved crucifix.

To her nurse, Lucy Lu, she said, "Thank you, *Ah louk kou*, thank you for what you have done for me. I shall certainly die before Sunday. I am afraid that you will be ill after holding up my miserable body for so long. You must be careful. Please thank *Ah youk* in my name for the many sacrifices she has endured for me, especially during the last few months. Tell her not to mourn for me, but to confide her sorrow to God. Do not speak to me of my coffin. This word *Koun tsoi* is so repugnant. Place me in a \$12 coffin like the one in which our poor old friend was buried recently."

Then turning to her companions, who had come to visit her, she begged forgiveness for any sorrow she might have caused them and addressed them a few words of advice. She told her cousin *Sam se* to take good care of herself and not to worry too much about her sick mother, as *Ah Neung* would look after her.

About half-past two, when her heart-broken brother asked her to give him a few last words of advice, she told him that he must become a Catholic and convert the other members of the family, adding that God, who had so providentially directed him to Lungnan, would surely grant them the happiness of being together in eternity. After these encouraging words, she gave him a picture of the Sacred Heart, a little medal of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and a beautiful \$1.00 gold-piece.

Towards half-past five, she thought of Father Tsang, the priest of the district, who was preaching a mission to some neophytes at Kong Mei. She expressed her regret on not seeing him before dying and begged her companions to thank him for her.

A few minutes after, Dr. *Lu Fouk in*, Philomena Lu's cousin, arrived. After feeling the pulse of the dying maiden, he was about to turn away in

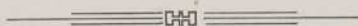
silence when she called him back, saying, " *Y Siou*, my noble cousin, thank you for all your kindness. In return, I beg God to grant you the grace of being converted. Promise me that you will never again smoke opium and that you will return to the Sacraments." Catherine's words touched the heart of the young doctor, who promised to do everything she asked.

Finally, Philomena Lu, although extremely weak, was carried to the bedside of her dying daughter, and Catherine, in a clear voice, thanked her kind benefactress. "Oh, thank you, thank you, *Ah Neung!*" she exclaimed. "The greatest desire of parents is to have someone to assist them in the hour of death and to accompany them to their last dwelling-place. This time, God has seen fit to intervene. He is our Lord and Master. We shall soon meet in eternity." Turning to the numerous onlookers, Catherine continued to speak for a quarter of an hour. "To-day, it is my turn," she said. "It will be yours, to-morrow. What is the world after all? Only a breath, a mist, a fleeting arrow. Why should we, who are going to be judged, become attached to it. It is with confidence that I am awaiting this judgment. Yes, it is my turn. My advice to you is to prepare at once to meet the Supreme Judge." Lucy Lu, seeing that her patient had become quite exhausted, softly whispered to her: "You have said enough, *Ah moui*. Think of yourself a little while. Kiss your crucifix and ask Jesus to forgive you." The dying maiden, although eager to continue, at once obeyed her nurse. Raising her beloved crucifix, which she had not left aside for two days, she lovingly kissed the image of her Crucified Saviour. Five minutes later, her beautiful soul had fled to its Creator. This was at half-past seven in the evening.

The young soldier, on witnessing his sister's beautiful death, burst into tears.

Catherine, according to a wish she had expressed shortly before her death, was laid out in a long white dress held in by a blue girdle. Her flowing hair was crowned by a wreath of roses. It was in the costume of Our Lady of Lourdes that she had asked to be buried. The nails, which were to close her coffin, were presented by the corporal, who never left her mortal remains until they had been placed in the grave. In his grief, he declared that he would follow his sister's example and become a Christian. The other members of the family, also, wish to be with Catherine, one day. God, who deigned to listen to the first entreaties of his beloved child, will surely grant her all that she has asked.

Alfred FABRE



We need to have great confidence in Our Lady in these days of mutual distrust. Let us ever have on our lips the familiar cry of her Litanies: Virgin most Powerful! Cause of our Joy! Gate of Heaven! Help of the Weak! Consoler of the Afflicted! and all the tender expressions of love with which, as true children, we can confidently invoke her motherly intercession.

Indochina Communists stab priest to death and burn body

ROME. — Communist outrages in Indochina have assumed the brutal character which has marked those of China during recent years. Early in May, an Annamite priest, Father Khang, of Trang-Dinh was stabbed to death by a band of Red extremists and his body burned. Five Christians of his parish were also killed while the whole community suffered much abuse.

Leaving his chapel Saturday May 2, Father Khang was accosted at the door by two strangers. Immediately, they began a tirade against religion and authority, and telling him that he was no longer needed, one of them drew a revolver and fired at him. The bullet passed through the folds of the cassock, without touching the priests who immediately grasped his would-be assassin to snatch away the weapon. Several Christians came to his aid, and one of them was killed when the Red fired the revolver at random in an attempt to free himself. At this point hordes of communists were seen approaching from all sides. The Christians hastened to the presbytery, thinking that they would be able to protect their pastor there. The Reds were very numerous, and resistance seemed useless so, while they were forcing the windows and doors, the priest gathered his flock into the church, had them recite the Act of Contrition and gave them absolution. As soon as the attackers were able to force an entrance, they immediately set about searching for the priest, demolishing everything in their way. Failing in their hunt, they set fire to the church, hoping thereby either to force the priest out of hiding or to burn him alive. The Christians were told that if the priest were not found the whole community would die. When the priest heard this threat, he immediately abandoned his place of concealment and offered himself to save his flock. He had barely made his appearance when the savages fell upon him with their spears inflicting 30 or 40 brutal wounds from which he quickly died. The Communists then gathered a pile of wood and hay on which they placed the body and set a fire underneath. After an hour, there remained little more than cinders. Five Christians were also killed during the incident. The band which attacked the mission numbered about 5,000 armed with six foot spears. Trang-Dinh, where Father Khang was killed, is the Vicariate of Vinh where there are 180 native Annamite priests labouring.

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“ O Virgin Mother of God, thou art the intercessor of sinners, the help of the helpless, the secure port of the shipwrecked, the solace of the world, the mother of orphans, the redeemer of captives, the joy of the sick, the comfort of the afflicted.

St. Ephrem



Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels

OCTOBER 2nd.

Departure of eighteen Missionaries for the Orient



On the fourth of September, at 2.30 P. M. (Standard Time), a touching departure ceremony took place in St. Viator's Church, Outremont. The missionaries are five priests of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary, four religious, Clerics of St. Viator, all destined for Manchuria, and nine Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, of whom three are about to leave for Manchuria, three for Japan, two for Canton, China, and one for Manila, Philippine Islands.

His Excellency Bishop Bruneault of Nicolet presided at the ceremony, and Reverend Father Latour, Provincial of the Clerics of St. Viator in Canada, delivered the sermon for the occasion.

The five priests of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary who are leaving to assist their confreres in the Prefecture of Szepingkai, Manchuria, are: Fathers I. Tardif, Sillery; A. Roberge, Kirkland Lake; A. Cossette, Roberval; G. Pelletier, St. Perpetue and R. Roch, St. Norbert, Berthier.

Reverend Father E. Crevier and Reverend Brothers G. Michaud, G. Pinault and J. Lespérance, C. S. V., are about to found in Szepingkai, centre of the Prefecture, their first establishment in pagan countries.

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception leaving for Manchuria are: Sister Marie Esther (Alice Buteau, St. Evariste, P. Q.); Sister Thérèse d'Avila (Thérèse Sauvé, St. Scholastique, P. Q.); Sister St. Ulric (Léa Gendron, St. Ulric, Matana Co.)

For Japan; Sister Marie de la Rédemption (Basilisse Maillet, West Bathurst, N. B.); Sister Anne Marie (Anne Marie Tessier, Ottawa, Ont.); Sister Agnès d'Assise (Lucienne Renaud, Montreal).

For Canton: Sister Marie de l'Espérance (M.-Aurée Vanard, Montreal); Sister Marie de la Recouvrance (Florina Gaudet, St. Gabriel de Brandon, Co. Berthier).

For Manila: Sister Marie Angelina (M. Anne Donovan, Alexandria, Ont.).

May Mary, the sweet "Star of the Sea" grant these new messengers of peace and glad tidings, a safe crossing and a most fruitful apostolate among the poor pagans.

Let us highly esteem devotion to the Blessed Virgin and let us lose no opportunity of inspiring others with it.

St. Alphonsus.

The Fifteen Promises of the Rosary



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Montreal, Oct. 23, 1914.

To clothe the poor unfortunate Children of China

QUITE true it is that in pagan China the greater number of the children are pitilessly forsaken or treated with the greatest cruelty by those who should love them the most, but, here, in our country, there are some very good Catholics, who pity these unfortunate little ones and make use of every means in their power to rescue them from their sad fate.

This is the noble task zealously undertaken by the young ladies of the Sewing Circle of St. John Berchmans' Parish, Montreal.

On June 25th, the work of these charitable young ladies was exhibited in the school of this parish. The many linens displayed will be greatly appreciated by the missionaries in pagan China, for so much is needed to supply their foundling-homes, orphanages and mission chapels.

Close beside the numerous altar-linens, neatly embroidered or trimmed with dainty lace, could be seen many articles of baby clothing, which will serve to clothe the dear Child Jesus, in the person of His little ones.

This useful clothing, the fruit of charity, will be sent with the next Sisters leaving for China. We well imagine what will be the gratitude and joy or our missionaries already in the field.

In the evening, the members of this Sewing Circle prepared a little missionary entertainment to which they invited every one, who had helped them in any way. The intention of these zealous young ladies was to thank their guests and to show them the wonderful results of a card party, held last winter, in the aim of supplying the needs of the missionaries.

Reverend Father O. Lachapelle, Pastor of the Parish, honored them by his presence. The programme consisted of pretty pieces on the piano and violin, singing, a recitation and a charming play entitled: "The Little Missionaries."

The Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception greatly appreciate what the friends of the Missions have done to help along this charitable work.

They are most grateful to the zealous directress of the Circle, Miss Breton, and her diligent companions, as well as to the kind member of the Legris family, who, every Wednesday, gave these young ladies the warmest welcome.

In September, all intend to recommence their charitable work under the protection of the Blessed Virgin, to whom they have consecrated their labors. Never for a moment do they forget that this illustrious princess took pleasure in weaving and spinning in her humble home at Nazareth.



The surest road to faith is to practise the works of faith.

St. John Vianney

A Few Roses Scattered

By the Little Sister of Missionaries...

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

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus



to be burned in thanksgiving for a great heartfelt thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for her powerful protection in two very serious operations. Mrs. J. E. C. and Mrs. F. C. — My offering of .50 in honor of St. Therese. Please say a little prayer for me. Anonymous. — I thank the Little Flower of Jesus for a favor she has obtained me. Kindly accept this donation of \$5.00 in her honor. Mrs. A. Q. — My most grateful thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for favors granted me. I am enclosing \$5.00 for the Missions. Mrs. P. D., **New York City**. — I am most grateful to the Little Flower of Jesus, for I have obtained what I have been asking for after making several novenas. Anonymous. — Offering of \$2.00 in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for favors granted me. A grateful client. — A thousand thanks to the Little Flower of Jesus for her miraculous protection over us in an automobile accident. A. G. D., **Montreal**. — I wish to return most heartfelt thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who deigned to answer me after making a novena and promising to donate a costly piece of embroidery to be disposed of in favor of the pagan babies. A grateful client. — I most grateful to the Little Flower of Jesus for granting me a favor after making several novenas in her honor. A subscriber. — Please accept my offering of \$1.00 in honor of St. Therese for a favor obtained. E. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — I am enclosing an offering in honor of "The Little Flower" who has deigned to hear my prayers. Mrs. J. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — Please find enclosed a postal note for \$6.00 for the ransom of dying babies in thanksgiving to "The Little Flower" for favors received. M. W., **Toronto, Ont.** — My offering of \$1.00 in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus in thanksgiving for a favor received. L. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — Enclosed find cheque for \$5.00 in favor of your Missions in China. I promised

My most grateful thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus through whose intercession I have been cured of sciatica. I confidently solicit other favors. I am enclosing an offering of \$5.00. M. J. T. — Please accept my offering of .75 in thanksgiving for a favor received. M. D. D. — Donation of \$10.00, my thank-offering to St. Therese. Anonymous, **Montreal**. — Lively gratitude for a great favor obtained. Miss F. A. L., **Montreal**. — Kindly accept the small sum of \$1.00 in favor of your Works in Japan. It is my thank-offering to the Little Sister of Missionaries. Mrs. A. G. R., **Westmount**. — I am enclosing \$11.00 for the Little Flower Burse in thanksgiving for a favor received. Anonymous. — I wish to return most grateful thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus through whose intercession I have obtained several favors. I am enclosing \$1.00 for the Missions. Mrs. C. H., **Frampton**. — I am forwarding you the sum of \$6.00 for the ransom of pagan babies to fulfil a promise, and .75 for lights

St. Teresa that I would send this offering if she deigned to hear my prayers. Mrs. J. L. D., **Montreal**. — As a token of my gratitude to the dear " Scatterer of Roses " I am sending you an offering of \$5.00. I beg this little Saint to intercede for me that I may regain my health if such be God's Holy Will. Mrs. G. — You will find enclosed \$11.00 for the Burse in honor of "The Little Flower " to thank her for a favor granted me through her intercession. Anonymous. — Please accept the enclosed sum of \$1.00 to help along your Works in Japan. This is my thank-offering to the Little Sister of Missionaries. Mrs. A. G. R., **Westmount**. — My offering of .50 for the distant Missions in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Anonymous. — I am enclosing my monthly offering of \$1.00 in favor of the Missions. Mrs. A. A. — I am most grateful to St. Teresa for favors granted me through her intercession. Please accept my offering of \$5.00 in her honor. Mrs. P. D., **New York City**. — I am enclosing a postal note for \$3.00. I am sending this offering in honor of " The Little Flower " who has powerfully assisted me. G. A. L. — My offering of .25 in thanksgiving to St. Theresa. I beg you to pray for a very special intention. M. D. D.

In my opinion the Lord sets a higher value on a soul which we gain by our zeal and prayers, aided by His mercy, than on all the other services we are able to render Him.

St. Teresa

**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
In May-June	1931.....	105.00
In July-August	1931.....	65.50

Echoes from our Missions

SHEK LUNG LAZARETTO

*Letter from the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception,
Hospitaliers at the Shek Lung Lazaretto, to their Superior General*

Shek Lung Lazaretto, China, May 1, 1931

DEARLY BELOVED MOTHER,

Your humble children are anxious to tell you of the consolations they experience on this far-off island, as also of the different tribulations which it has pleased God to send them just lately.

As there were strange priests here before Easter, we were able to assist at all the exercises of Holy Week with our patients. Two hundred leprous women went to confession. They appeared more fervent than ever before. We busied ourselves with preparing the Repository, which we adorned with palms, ferns and white artificial roses. The lilies, which usually bloom for this solemnity, were late this year. On Holy Thursday, we had two Masses. At the Solemn High Mass, there was General Communion. One of the little leprous girls approached the Holy Table for the first time. The women kept watch before the Blessed Sacrament in the forenoon, and the men, in the afternoon. It was one of your daughters, dear Mother who had the privilege of seeing to the altar. Oh, what favors did she ask for you while fulfilling her enviable task!

According to a Chinese custom, after the office on Holy Saturday, everyone came to Reverend Father Tsan to have him bless something: eggs, biscuits, cakes, etc.

On Easter Sunday, there were as many as 320 Communions. All our dear patients appeared to be very happy. Everyone donned his very best clothes; the little girls looked very pretty in the nice dresses sent them by our benefactors in Canada. In the course of the afternoon, we had the happiness of receiving a visit from Sister St. George and Sister St. Etienne.

A few days after Easter, one of our poor unfortunates left this vale of tears after receiving the Last Sacraments, and a young woman, also, received Extreme Unction and Holy Viaticum with angelical fervor. The body of this dear patient could not have been more repulsive, but how beautiful must her soul be, for she was always a model of patience and resignation, despite the intense suffering she endured.

Another patient, who had a high fever, received a visit from his brother, a soldier, and his stepmother. With the tenderest affection, they dressed his wounds and gave him an injection. We were greatly surprised, for it is the first time since the foundation of the Lazaretto that we have seen such charity shown to a leper, even by his relatives. We extended these visitors a hearty welcome in hopes of lessening the sorrow caused them by the pitiable condition of this poor man.

On April 16th, a Chinese Jesuit, Reverend Father Tang, came to preach the yearly mission. This is an event which always causes our lepers great happiness. After Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at four o'clock and the singing of the *Veni Creator* was preached the first sermon, which was followed by the Way of the Cross and evening prayers. All were deeply recollected, even the pagans were silent. It was very consoling to see them and we thanked God for the great grace accorded our patients. Some of them stayed in the chapel until it was time to lock the doors. Reverend Father Tang is a holy and zealous priest. He speaks English fluently and knows French fairly well.

Let me relate to you an incident which will show you how cruel parents are to their children. Last month, we received two unfortunate victims of leprosy, husband and wife. While very young, the poor woman became engaged to this man, and, despite the fact that he contracted leprosy, she was compelled to marry him just the same. As a result, she, also, became a leper. Her great misfortune proved to be a grace for her husband, whom she succeeded in converting.

In April, we had a most annoying flood. The dikes were swept away, despite the lepers' efforts to keep them in good condition. During the night, men by playing the tam-tam, called others to help them to preserve these dikes. Our garden was swamped, and the women's dwellings were surrounded by six or seven feet of water. The men were less fortunate than the women, for the water penetrated into their rooms, and they could not cook their rice, as all their ovens were damp. They slept two together in beds placed one above the other, in order to keep dry. Just to think, it was the patients who had to go through such a trial. How they were to be pitied! All prayed fervently for a change in the weather!

We are happy in spite of these trials, for we know that God has willed to send them to us. One morning, on going to the prison to treat our patients, we found it deserted. The guards had either slept, or had been offered a sum of money to deliver the prisoners. At all events, the latter succeeded in breaking through one of the walls and escaped in a boat. They had asked us several times to give them some poison or to shoot them, saying: "When we realize that we are here for life, really, we would rather die. If we knew that our imprisonment would last for two or three, or even ten years, we would not feel so bad, but we must remain here until death!... About a week after, all of the deserters were caught, except one. This time, chains were attached to their necks. Their only thought is to commit suicide. We earnestly entreat our Immaculate Mother to make them change their minds. As they have accepted the religious books we offered them, we have confidence that with the help of the Blessed Virgin we shall win them to God.

Last Tuesday, we received twenty-eight new patients, six of whom are women...

Your loving daughters,

THE SERVANTS OF THE LEPERS

MANCHURIA, CHINA

Leao Yuan Sien, June 7, 1931

BELOVED MOTHER,

We wish to relate to you a few of the extraordinary occurrences of the last two months, and some that are very ordinary, but which we know will interest you just the same.

The following is the report of the Dispensary for the month of April: Baptisms 110; Patients received 3,394; Dressings 3,039; Divers treatments 3,566; Homes visited 121.

Last month, about 1,500 Chinese, the most of whom were dying of hunger besieged Leao Yuan Sien. These poverty-stricken men broke into grocery stores, hotels, and even private dwellings, carrying off all the food they found. It was only after all their *chou mi* had been eaten that they decided to raise the siege.

I must tell you of a little adventure we had about this same time. At eleven o'clock at night, our faithful watch dog, "Mossy", began to bark loud enough to awaken an army. On arising, we heard a strange noise in the garden. There was no doubt about it, we were about to be attacked by robbers. Immediately, the alarm was given, and men, carrying lanterns and armed with rifles and pistols, went in search of the culprits. To their surprise, they discovered but a poor shivering donkey which had broken its rope and found its way to a stack of *chou kai* in our garden.

As the First Friday of May was on the very first day of this beautiful month, many Christians came to assist at Holy Hour. They recited each Hail Mary with such fervor that it could easily be seen that they were happy to again assemble before the altar of their Queen and Mother. In our chapel, the statue of our Blessed Lady was decorated with beautiful little roses. Who is the humble child who wished to show her affection for her heavenly Mother by placing this bouquet before her statue? It is our most frolicsome postulant, a child who has many faults, but whom we always forgive, for she is honest and has a tender love for the Blessed Virgin.

May 16th will ever remain a memorable date in the annals of the Mission of Leao Yuan Sien. At half-past ten, Reverend Father Geoffroy of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary arrived in our midst. After being greeted by numerous Christians, Mgr. Lapierre conducted his worthy visitor to our convent. The next day being Sunday, the newly-arrived priest celebrated High Mass in the Mission church, and Reverend Father Berger delivered a sermon in Chinese.

Our reverend guest, who visited Japan, kindly brought us some potted lilies given him by our Sisters.

When he paid a visit to the postulants they asked him to give them a holiday.

Towards the end of May, a mandarin, who came to visit the priests, asked for a catechism, in order study our religion. Our Chinese

teacher, Mrs. Liou, and her husband have made the same request. We return thanks to the Blessed Virgin for these favors which are a proof of her protection over our mission.

Report of the Dispensary for the month of May: Baptisms 116; Patients 3,599; Dressings 2,906; Divers treatments 2,633; Homes visited 120.

On the Sunday following the Feast of Corpus Christi there was a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The repository was adorned with flowers of every hue and streamers floated everywhere. Immediately after Mass, the procession began. With some cardboard and crepe paper we made azure blue, white and golden wings for a few of the children, who were to act as angels. When the Blessed Sacrament was passing, these little cherubs piously bowed in adoration, but soon after, they forgot the noble role they had been given to fill, and, instead of remaining as they had been placed, yielded to the temptation of watching the procession, the like of which they had never seen before. We hope that our loving Lord was satisfied, just the same, with our little Chinese angels and bestowed His choicest blessings upon them.....

All your children of Leao Yuan Sien, dear Mother, beg you to accept the expression of their filial love and lively gratitude.

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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, April 1

This evening, we return thanks to our holy protector St. Joseph, who procured us the consolation of offering five little souls to our Divine Lord.

Easter Sunday, April 5

We are awakened this morning by the joyful notes of the *Regina Cæli*. Six bouquets of lilies adorn the altar of our humble chapel. After morning prayer, we make our way to the Mission church to there assist at the first Mass. There are many Christians present at the Holy Sacrifice, all of whom receive Holy Communion. High Mass is celebrated at eight o'clock. At the Gospel, a most touching scene takes place. A Christian approaches the altar-rail, and kneeling before the priest, begs forgiveness for his bad conduct, promising to be more faithful to his duties in the future. The priest, after addressing him a few charitable words of advice, obliges him to fast for two days. The penitent Christian then returns to his place and the priest continues his Mass.

On returning home, the bell rings to announce the holiday. The orphans remain with us all morning. When the letters, which arrived during Lent, are distributed, we enjoy a few happy moments with our dear ones in Canada. The hours quickly pass away and when evening comes and the bell calls us to rest for the night, in spirit do we cross the seas to wish a happy Easter to our dear Sisters in our native land, for this happy Feast is just beginning for them.

Monday, April 6

For a few days past, we have been visiting a soldier suffering from tuberculosis. He came to the Dispensary for treatment as long as he was able to drag himself thither. When his strength failed him, he asked to be brought to a hotel close beside the Catholic Mission, in order to be near the Sister infirmarian who was treating him. So, at four o'clock every afternoon, we go with a catechist to visit our patient, who always greets us with a smile. He is favorably inclined towards our holy religion and listens attentively to the Catechism lessons which are given him. To-day, he is more cheerful than usual. It is because someone has given him a prayer book. He silently scans every page of it while we are treating him. We tie a miraculous medal around his neck, and before taking our leave, we tell him not to forget to ask the Blessed Virgin, every evening, to pray for him and to help him.

Wednesday, April 8

The number of our orphans is rapidly increasing. At noon, another baby, four months old, is brought to us from Leao Yuan Sien. As the parents of this child are very poor, they gave it to the Tien Tchou Tang (Catholic Mission). All the orphans welcome the little newcomer with outstretched arms. It is touching to see how these children love one another. Their new little sister is given the surname of Yu houan. In China, it is customary to give each child a surname, and when it is of school age, it receives a second name.

Thursday, April 9

Every afternoon, we pay a visit to the hotel to see our patient, Mr. Han. The poor man's legs are very sore. Wishing to procure himself a little relief, he took some very hot carrots and placed them on his knees. As a result he has two bad burns. We dress both sores and then warn him not to do such a foolish thing again. Poor man, although he has great confidence in the medicine we give him, he is not ready to give up the medicaments of his own country.

Sunday, April 12

This morning, Reverend Father Paradis goes with the dispensary catechist to visit Mr. Han. Finding him sufficiently instructed in Christian

Doctrine, he administers Holy Baptism. Our patient is very happy when we visit him this afternoon. The catechist will continue to teach him Catechism and he will receive Holy Communion before long.

We are most grateful to our Blessed Lady, who has deigned to obtain us this favor from her Divine Son.

Wednesday, April 15, 1931

As there was a cold rain this morning, we did not expect that many patients would come to the Dispensary to-day. Until late in the afternoon, we had not baptized even one patient. Towards four o'clock, we go as usual to visit the people in a neighboring inn. Once inside the door, we notice a Chinese with a sick baby. We suppose this man to be the child's father, for he is giving the little one some porridge. We see that he is afraid of us, so we pay no attention to the child, but go straight to visit one of our patients. Meanwhile, the innkeeper, who has seen us come in, approaches the father of the sick baby and advises him to show it to the *doctor*, who treats children free of charge and whose medicine is very good. Several times, our catechist had told travellers, who came to spend a few days at this hotel, to bring their sick children to the Dispensary. That is why the innkeeper knows all about us. As we overhear the dialogue which takes place between the two men, we lose no time in going over to speak to the father. He tells us that his wife died but a month ago, and that he is on his way to Tung Leao, where the baby's grandmother will look after the motherless child. We ask him if he wishes us to give it some medicine, although we are almost certain that it will be dead before reaching Tung Leao.

As he is consenting, we treat the little one as best we can and do not fail, at the same time, to make it a child of God, giving it the name of Marie Delia. On returning home, we sing a fervent *Magnificat* in thanksgiving for this favor.

Thursday, April 16

Among the different patients who arrive at the Dispensary, this afternoon, there is one who has come from Leao Yuan Sien. As we notice that he wears a miraculous medal, we ask him if he is a Christian. He tells us that he is not, but that the Sisters at Leao Yuan Sien pinned this medal to his clothing, telling him that when he would have arrived in Pa Mien Tchong, to come to the *yangcou nai* (foreign religious) for treatment. The poor man adds that he was greatly pleased to hear that there were religious here, as the Sisters in Leao Yuan Sien were very kind to him and helped him greatly.

Saturday, April 18

To-day, we receive a visit from a Scotch lady. She tells us that as soon as she learned that we were Canadians, she made up her mind to come to see us. This woman speaks English, French and even Chinese, for she has been in China for the past twenty years. Her husband, a Protestant min-

ister died two years ago, and her two daughters are attending school in Scotland. She tells us that her children intend to become missionaries as soon as they have graduated, so as to come to help her in her missionary work. Before taking her leave, she asks us to pay her a visit. When we see how zealous the Protestants are to spread their doctrine, we wonder why Catholics are not more eager to teach the truths of their holy religion, and why they are not more generous in helping the missionaries.

May Our Lady of the Missions inspire many of our young Catholic Canadians to embrace the missionary life.

Sunday, April 19

Early this morning, we are asked to go to the Dispensary. We leave at once and find a cart, drawn by three little donkeys, awaiting us at the door. On seeing us arrive, two women, each carrying a baby, come towards us. They have travelled a distance of twenty-five *li*. The poor children are very sick. One of them, especially, is in immediate danger of death, so we baptize it at once. We wait a little while before baptizing the other, but as we discover that it will not live very long, we make it a child of God, also.

While thanking Divine Providence for sending us these two babies, we pray that we shall receive other dying patients. During the noon recreation, we are asked to go to see a dying woman who lives just opposite the mission. The two Sisters who leave at once, find the moribund, a young woman, dressed in her best clothing. Her hands and feet are tied together with a red string. In one of her hands has been placed a kind of purse containing two worthless bank-notes which are supposed to be a great help to her on the other side of the grave... Her mouth is wide open and her eyes half closed, and as she can hardly breathe, we believe that she is unconscious. When we ask her a question, however, she seems to understand us, and makes a strange noise with her throat. From this we conclude that she hears everything that is said. When the virgin catechist speaks of God to this poor dying woman, it is her husband who answers. As he tells the catechist that his wife believes in God, we do not delay in baptizing her. An hour after, our newly-baptized patient is face to face with her Creator.

We know that God's ways are not our ways, but still we cannot help from wondering how it is that this poor pagan woman received this great grace, while so many others are deprived of it. We also baptize her baby but twenty days old, which will soon be in heaven with its mother.

Great, indeed, is our joy and gratitude when we realize that we have been instrumental in the accomplishment of God's holy and merciful designs.

Thursday, April 23

Yesterday, we had the happiness of offering St. Joseph four newly-baptized souls. Of the one hundred and one patients who arrive, to-day, only one has the privilege of being made a child of God.

Sunday, April 26

Our beloved patron, St. Joseph, whose patronage the Church celebrates to-day, sends us a dying child, whom we do not delay in baptizing. Naturally, we give him the name of Joseph. The mother never doubted, when obliged to walk a distance of ten *li* in the burning sun that she was about to procure for her child the grace of baptism. May the little angel obtain the same favor for its mother.

Monday, April 27

We commence to vaccinate our patients, even the babies. Four are vaccinated, to-day. We discover four dying children among the forty-two patients who come for treatment. All are baptized immediately.

Wednesday, April 29

A soldier, whom we have been visiting lately, is greatly in favor of our holy religion. This afternoon, he expressed his desire of going to confession soon, as his teacher, Mr. Tchang, has already told him a little about the Sacrament of Penance. Seated on the *kang*, just opposite him, is a young man, who has come to the Dispensary for the first time. He is extremely thin and can hardly breathe, for he is in the last stages of tuberculosis. A catechist, who accompanies us on our visits to the sick, encourages him to bear his sufferings patiently, telling him of all the merit which will be his in the other life if he consents to be baptized. The poor consumptive listens attentively to all that is told him and gladly accepts a miraculous medal which we tie on his neck. We beg our Blessed Lady to lead him into the True Fold.

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

	Baptisms	38		
Patients	2,397		Teeth extracted.....	16
Treatments.....	2,495		Homes visited.....	27
Dressings	957		Children vaccinated	10

Friday, May 1

On this first beautiful day in May, Mr. Han, the soldier whom we are in the habit of visiting every evening, receives Holy Communion for the first time. He is overjoyed and never could anyone appear to be more recollected. This evening when we are treating him, he tells us that he is most grateful for the favor that has been accorded him.

Wednesday, May 6

As the rain has been falling in torrents since yesterday, much water has soaked through the roof and paper ceiling of the Dispensary. All the walls are wet. Fortunately, no damage is done to the cabinets containing the different medicaments.

This afternoon, Mr. Tan, a tubercular patient, tells us that he wishes to be baptized. We do not delay in pouring the Regenerating Waters on his brow.

We are most grateful to dear St. Joseph for sending us this patient.

Tuesday, May 12

We are obliged to travel a distance of three *li* in order to visit a fourteen-year-old boy, who has a very sore leg.

As we cured him last year, he has great confidence in our medicine. After listening attentively to the Catechism lesson which the catechist gives him, he tells us that when he is better he will come to the Mission in order to learn more about our holy religion. We beg the Blessed Virgin to protect this child.

Friday, May 15

We register two baptisms, to-day, and visit four homes. Yesterday, we visited five, besides treating more than a hundred patients at the Dispensary.

Tuesday, May 19

This afternoon, an elderly lady comes to the Dispensary for treatment. In her white hair, she wears a pretty red rose. She tells us that she eats and sleeps well, but that her eyes are sore. She informs us of her age, and asks us if she looks old. After being treated, she leaves us quite pleased.

Thursday, May 21

We are honored by a visit from Mgr. Lapierre, Prefect Apostolic of Szepingkai and Reverend Father Geoffroy of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary at Pont Viau, who is visiting the different Canadian missions in the Orient. Our guests also visit the orphans, who, after singing and reciting a few pieces of poetry, read them an address and invite them to partake of a luncheon which has been prepared for them. The little tots are very shy. Only one of them, *Mee Koui*, ventures to make a graceful *sing li* (bow). When our visitors arrive at the Dispensary, all the patients greet them with the greatest respect. Mgr. and Reverend Father Paradis, their Pastor, address them a few kind words.

Friday, May 22

The soldier, whom we are treating, is in a critical condition. This evening, we find that his feet and legs have swollen. The poor man has a very high fever and suffers from a sore caused by the hard *kang* which serves as his bed. He appears to be quite happy and resigned. When we address him a few words of encouragement, he exclaims: "Oh! I do not want my sufferings to be taken from me." He never utters the least word of complaint.

How beautiful is our holy religion! This poor patient who, yesterday, was still a pagan, is, to-day, an altogether different man. Holy Baptism and the Blessed Eucharist have given him the strength to endure the greatest pain.

May the number of adorers of the one true God ever continue to increase in pagan China, in order that its many unfortunate inhabitants may render thanks to God in the midst of their sufferings.

Saturday, May 23

We have the consolation of pouring the Regenerating Waters five times, to-day. The happiness we experience in doing so makes us appreciate the more our beautiful missionary vocation. It is always a new joy for us to baptize a dying patient.

Oh! if in our dear native land across the seas, the young girls, who hear the call to follow in the footsteps of the apostles, only realized the happiness awaiting them, not one would hesitate in devoting her life to so great a cause.

Pentecost Sunday, May 24

At last has dawned this long-desired day. Immediately after High Mass, which is celebrated at eight o'clock, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed. All day long, our Eucharistic King is adored and honored by His numerous children of Pa Mien Tchong. We are asked to spend an hour of adoration from noon until one o'clock. We say the Rosary, singing a verse after each mystery, and perform our spiritual exercises. We do not fail to join our wishes to those of our Sisters of the Mother House, who, at this moment, are assembled close beside our beloved Mother, whose patronal feast they are celebrating to-day. We implore the Holy Ghost to shower His choicest graces and blessings upon this Mother, whom we love so tenderly, and upon our dear Institute.

We are deeply touched on receiving a letter from our dear Sister Assistant. Oh! how its contents gladden every heart. After going in spirit to Outremont for a few moments, we return to our daily tasks with renewed strength and courage.

Monday, May 25

This morning, Reverend Father Paradis administers Holy Baptism to two adults and three children. The two adults receive Holy Communion during the Mass, which is celebrated immediately after the ceremony. They are the first fruits of the women's catechumenate, established but a few months ago. One of them is the wife of a neglectful Christian, who, leaving her to look after the children, married another pagan woman. Not long after this marriage, he regretted what he had done and made amends for his fault by permitting her to come to study Christian Doctrine at the Mission and to be baptized with her two children.

Tuesday, May 26

Sometimes, at the Dispensary, there are some very amusing incidents. The patients do not hesitate to say what they think about the Sisters and about the medicine given them. They think we do not understand what they are saying. One woman, after examining the Sister infirmarian from head to foot, suddenly approaches and takes hold of her apron and veil. Sister cannot help from laughing at this patient, who turns to our Chinese helper, Mrs. Tcheng, saying: "Why, the doctor knows how to laugh!"

Not long after, another patient, after looking attentively at Sister Marie de la Protection, exclaimed: "Lou tae fou (Doctor Lou, the name the Chinese have given Sister) you have false teeth." Really, it was amusing to hear her.

Report of the Dispensary of Pa Mien Tcheng for the month of May 1931:

	Baptisms.....	29		
Patients	3,442	Homes visited.....	55	
Treatments.....	3,498	Teeth extracted.....	15	
Dressings	1,019	Children vaccinated	27	

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FAKOU, MANCHURIA

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

Wednesday, March 18

Every day, after the Dispensary is closed, we go to dress the foot of a poor pagan woman, who lives but a short distance away. This patient is but twenty-six years of age. She intends to come for instruction when she is better. This afternoon, she tells us that her niece, who has been attending the Mission school since New Years, came to see her lately, telling her not to worry about her foot, but to think of her soul which alone will never die. Although the immortality of the soul is all a mystery to her, her niece's words have given her strength to bear her sufferings with joy and courage.

Thursday, March 19

The Reverend Pastor, who has been away since Monday, returns home this evening. Although very tired, he spends the greater part of the night beside the bedside of Sing Ts'iu, who is dying. However, death does not come to him as soon as we expect. Doubtlessly, it is because Our Lord wishes to come again into his heart as He has done for the past few days.

The little one, whom we have the happiness of baptizing to-day, is given the name of Paul.

Monday, March 23

Sing Tsiu was buried this morning. His death is a striking proof of God's infinite mercy. Although only twenty-four years of age and living just opposite the Mission, this young man had, for some time past, been neglectful of his religious duties.

The priest's frequent visits to him during his last illness produced a marvellous result. He received the Last Sacraments with such fervor, and so patiently bore all his sufferings, that the missionary declared that he had never before seen a Chinese so well prepared for death.

Wednesday, March 25

To-day, one of the Sisters has the occasion of extracting a tooth. As soon as she is finished, an onlooker snatches the pincers from her hands and goes to the waiting-room with his trophy. "Look," he says, "elsewhere, it costs \$4.00 to have a tooth pulled; here, we have one taken out for nothing."

Thursday, March 26

We baptize four babies at the Dispensary to-day.

Friday, March 27

A young girl, fourteen years of age, is brought to us by her parents. As she cannot walk, her father carries her in his arms from the carriage. Poor child, as we can give her but little relief, we ask her if she wishes to be baptized. A virgin catechist instructs her in the principal truths of our holy religion and we pour the Regenerating Waters on her brow in the presence of her father and mother, who appear to be greatly impressed.

Saturday, March 28

Our two hundred and seventeenth patient is brought to us by our Reverend Pastor. He is a good Christian, eighty-five years of age. As someone told him that we had big knives, he was afraid to come alone. He suffers from sore eyes. After treating him, Sister Ste. Catherine d'Alexandrie endeavors to win his confidence by giving him something for his digestion.

Sunday, March 29

This evening, Sister Superior visits a young consumptive while we make our way to the home of an old man, who is dangerously ill. We have already told him of the happiness which will be his in the life to come if he consents to be baptized. To-day, when we again speak to him of the happiness of dying a Catholic, he says: "I believe all that you tell me, but there is no hurry."

Monday, March 30

Two well-dressed ladies, relatives of the mayor, come to the Dispensary, to-day. When we have finished giving them treatment, one of them asks us if we have not some kind of water to whiten the skin. We look questionably at her, for we believe that she simply wishes to make fun of us. However, we soon discover that she is in earnest, for, stretching out her hand, she repeats her question. We tell her that we have no such liquid here.

Thursday, April 2

The Christians from the neighboring villages are beginning to arrive in Fakou for Easter Sunday. At the approach of each great feast of the Church, they assemble at the Mission as happy as pupils home after the school year. They are given hospitality in the two schools, the men in the boys', and the women in the girls'.

Saturday, April 4

To-day, Father Barbeau tastefully decorates the chapel with flowers, streamers and flags. He does all in his power to make the great feast of to-morrow as solemn as possible, in order to attract all the Christians.

Sunday, April 5

Besides the joyful notes of Easter hymns sung at the High Mass, many babies can be heard chattering in their mothers' arms.

Two children are baptized: a baby and a little ten-year-old boy.

After Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at half-past eleven, Sister Superior vaccinates a few children, who have come from a distance.

Monday, April 6

We are sent for by a patient, whom we are in the habit of visiting regularly and who is always very anxious to see us. We go at once to her home and find her quite prepared to receive Holy Baptism. She tells the virgin catechist that she realizes how false are the idols that she has hitherto adored and the superstitions she has practised. She is so happy after being baptized that she does not worry in the least about her health.

Tuesday, April 7

If Sister Assistant had not told us, we never could have guessed that the little rectangular box and the rolled-up mat in the two baskets of a working-man, contained two little dead bodies, which he was carrying to the cemetery.

There is not much ceremony about the burying of poverty-stricken pagans. The grave-digger accompanies the man with the baskets, and not far behind them can be seen the mother of one of the dead children.

Wednesday, April 8

This afternoon, we hasten to treat our patients, for we wish to have time to vaccinate all the pupils of the boys' school.

Thursday, April 9

We vaccinate the little girls this evening.

Tuesday, April 14

If the salvation of a soul is worth more than the conquest of a kingdom, we may consider ourselves very rich this evening, for we have baptized two children, making them future citizens of heaven.

Thursday, April 16

A young girl, who has many pimples on her face, believes that they are due to the fact that she cut off a few inches of her braided hair. What a strange superstition!... We try to convince her of the foolishness of this belief, but with no success.

Other patients, who have sore fingers, tie a red string on their wrist, believing that they will be able to check the disease, which, without this precaution, will go through their whole system.

Friday, April 17

Four dying babies leave us, this afternoon, after being made children of God.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, after treating the adults, we vaccinate the children. Oh! the poor little ones, without the least invitation, they yell at the top of their voices... One seems to help on the other.

Sunday, April 19

The Reverend Pastor has confided the two babies, that were sold him, to private families until they are old enough to be sent to the Orphanage of Pa Mien. One was born a month, the other, ten days ago. The latter, a twin, would have been smothered by its own mother, who had made up her mind to do away with one of her babies. Someone advised her to bring it to the Catholic Mission.

Tuesday, April 21

We learn to-day that a baby, whom we baptized at the Dispensary, died in the arms of its mother as she was returning home.

Five or six days after being purified by the sacred waters of Baptism, another soul left us to enjoy the eternal bliss of the home beyond the skies, which the eye of man hath not seen, his ear heard nor his heart conceived.

Ah! when we consider that we are the instruments that God makes use of in order to bring about the salvation of a soul, we soon forget the sacrifices and fatigue of missionary life.

Wednesday, April 22

If yesterday's rain kept a large number of our patients at home, they are not afraid of the muddy roads, to-day. As many as 227 come to us for treatment.

Nearly every day, Sister Superior visits at least two or three families. This trip takes up a great deal of her time, as here at Fakou, we must be satisfied with a cart drawn by oxen.

Sunday, April 26

Although the Dispensary is closed to-day, our holy protector St. Joseph, whose Patronage we are celebrating, sends us a soul to be baptized. On returning from an early Mass, we find a consumptive, about twelve years of age, awaiting us. His parents had taken him to several Chinese doctors, but their medicine failed to bring him relief. As his father has just been told of the Dispensary at the Catholic Mission, he carries the little sufferer to us on his back.

Our medicine, no more than that of the Chinese, will never cure this poor child. Although we tell him that there is no hope for his recovery, he is, nevertheless, very cheerful when he leaves us. As he has consented to be baptized, death to him will be a gain, since it will be the beginning of an endless and better life.

Mou sien cheng comes to tell us that a man, who is unable to come to the Dispensary, asks us to visit him. He is hardly outside of the door when he hastily returns. He has learned that the patient is a Japanese. "Will you go to see him just the same?" he asks. "Certainly," we reply, "little it matters his nationality, it is his immortal soul that we shall seek to save."

Report of the Dispensary of Fakou for the month of April 1931:

Patients	4,410	Treatments	6,283
Dressings	826	Teeth extracted.....	30
Children vaccinated.....	65	Homes visited.....	79
Baptisms.....		39	

Monday, May 18

Some of our patients inform us that a little fourteen-old-girl, whom we baptized but a short time ago, has left this land of exile. It consoles us to think that this new child of God is now enjoying eternal bliss.

Our Chinese teacher, *Koan sien cheng*, who has been one of our catechumens since last January, tells us that she will soon be baptized. When we ask her if she is glad, she answers: "It is impossible for me not to be happy. What good is a person who is not baptized?"

Monday, May 25

There is no explosion of fireworks in our Mission to greet Reverend Father J. Geoffroy, M. E.; they have just been spoiled by a gentle rain. The church bell, however, peals joyously for a long time, extending him and his companion, Reverend Father Bérichon, a most cordial welcome.

Tuesday, May 26

We have the privilege of assisting at three Masses, this morning. In the course of the forenoon, Reverend Fathers Geoffroy and Bérichon and the two priests of the Mission visit our Convent. How it pleases us to have news from Canada, to hear about our dear Mother House, the Novitiate, and of our Sisters of Kagoshima, whom Reverend Father Geoffroy met when on his trip to Japan!

Sunday, May 31

To-day, while visiting us for the last time before leaving for Sze Ping Kai, Reverend Father Geoffroy addresses us a few words of encouragement.

Report of the Dispensary of Fakou for the month of May 1931:

Patients	3,752	Children vaccinated	37
Treatments	5,016	Teeth extracted.....	17
Dressings	583	Homes visited.....	47
Baptisms.....	38		

Monday, June 1

Our first patient at the Dispensary, this morning, is a child a month old. After baptizing the little one, we offer it to the Sacred Heart in reparation for the sufferings caused Him by pagan China.

Wednesday, June 3

To-day, we rejoice with all our dear Sisters, for it is the twenty-ninth anniversary of the foundation of our Institute. We return God thanks for the innumerable favors He has bestowed upon it since its birth, and particularly for having spared us the one whom we so lovingly call "Our Mother."

One of our Sisters, who has not yet spent a year in China, finds some of the expressions of the Chinese very amusing, for instance, instead of saying: I do not know, they say: Who knows? And instead of saying that a particular object is costly, they say that it is not cheap, and when just the contrary is the case they say that it is not dear. The Chinese have a reason for speaking in this manner: they are never afraid of making a mistake, or, as they say themselves, of *losing face*.

Wednesday, June 10

As we have just had a big thunder-storm, there are not as many patients as usual at the Dispensary, to-day. Nevertheless, we have the happiness of baptizing a dying baby. The dear little angel does not doubt that we have given it its passport for heaven.

Sunday, June 14

To-day, the solemnity of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, we receive some rose bushes on which are hundreds of the most beautiful roses. We thought that we would have nothing with which to decorate the altar. How good God is to His humble missionaries!

TAONAN, CHINA

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

Wednesday, April 29, 1931

We are unable to visit any of the homes, to-day, on account of the numerous patients, who come to the Dispensary for treatment. Many of them, too sick to walk, are carried to us on stretchers and are obliged to await their turn like all the others.

In the northern part of Manchuria, as everything is primitive, it is a very simple matter to make a stretcher. The patient is placed on a wide board. Two ropes are tied about ten inches from each end, and, in the loops thus formed, is glided a bamboo pole which two men place on their shoulders.

To-day, we treated three hundred and twenty-one patients. As our Sister infirmarians and their Chinese helpers had not the time to attend to all of them, Sister Ste. Jeanne de Chantal lent them a helping hand. She took charge of the many babies and had the privilege of baptizing seven, to whom she gave the names of her relatives in Canada. May these little angels obtain for their godparents, the choicest graces and blessings from our Heavenly Father.

Thursday, April 30

We thought that yesterday was a record day, but, to-day, the patients arrive in still greater numbers. We treat as many as three hundred and forty-seven. Needless to state, a great many medicaments are required for such a multitude. Every day, we prepare new medicine. At half-past five in the morning, many patients have already arrived.

Our dispensary is not very well known in the city, but is favorably looked upon by the people of the surrounding districts. Many of our patients travel a distance of three or four hundred *li* in order to come to us for treatment.

This afternoon, a young tubercular patient, brought to the Dispensary on a stretcher, has the happiness of being baptized, after being instructed in the principal truths of our holy religion. This young patient's uncle, surprised to see the change that has come over his nephew, asks him why he is so happy. Our neophyte tells him that it is because he has been converted and is now a Christian. May our Blessed Lady keep him pure and happy until the hour of his death.

Friday, May 1

On this the first day of May, we have the consolation of sending six little angels to heaven.

Every day of this month, at half-past four, we are to have Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Occasionally, we give a miraculous medal to our very sick patients, who are very glad to let their companions see it.

Mr. Wang, a young consumptive, sixteen years of age, asks for a pale blue string for his medal, which he ties on his neck in place of a string of *sapecs*. May our Blessed Lady ever protect this poor Chinese patient, who casts away his superstitious trinkets in order to don her blessed image.

A young girl, seventeen years of age, who was one of those to receive a medal, returns the next day very much upset. Some people have told her that she is a Catholic, and that all the other members of the family must follow her example. We succeed in persuading this poor child that one is not a Catholic in spite of oneself and that the mere fact that she wears a medal is not a sign that she has given up paganism. We tell her that she is free to study Christian Doctrine, later on, if she so wishes, but that nobody will compel her to do so. She is quite happy when she leaves us, and has no notion of taking off her medal.

A healthy old woman, who has been told that the Sisters give medals to the dying, only, is afraid that she is going to die because she has accepted one. She wishes to be a Catholic, but does not want to die right away.

Thursday, May 7

The number of patients continues to increase. To-day we give three hundred and ninety-one treatments of all kinds. Some of our patients have scabby heads, and others, tubercular wounds, which have not been dressed for ten years or more. We treat these poor people as best we can. Most of them are seriously ill. We beg our powerful heavenly Mother to render our work as efficacious as God wills it to be.

We meet with many hopeless cases. A mandarin, who has been blind for a year, wishes to regain his sight and a twelve-year-old child, a cripple, is anxious to recover the use of his legs. A man carrying his little five-year-old son, who suffers from infantile paralysis, comes daily to the Dispensary. We tell the poor father that there is no cure for his child, but he is not easily persuaded, for he has great faith in our medicine.

Saturday, May 9

Mr. Wang, the tubercular patient, who put aside his *sapecs* in order to don the miraculous medal, is very low. His parents bring him to the Dispensary regularly, but despite all the care given him, he is almost at death's door. To-day, after being instructed in the principal truths of our holy religion, he consents to have Father Berger baptize him. Our Blessed Lady has certainly watched over her child.

To-day's report shows four hundred and four treatments and eleven baptisms.

Saturday, May 16

Our Sister infirmarians are asked to visit a poor family, this afternoon. They find these poverty-stricken people in a most pitiable condition. The

father is a paralytic and the mother is insane. There are four children, the oldest one being but twelve years of age. A little three-months-old baby is dying in its miserable cradle. After baptizing this little one, they give the parents some medicine, which will probably do them no good, for there is but little hope for their recovery. Before leaving, our Sisters do not fail to speak to them of God.

How sad it is to think that these poor pagans have nothing to console them. If they only knew God, they would be far more willing to suffer.

Friday, May 22

To-day, four hundred and forty-one patients are treated at the Dispensary. We have the privilege of baptizing eleven dying children.

Saturday, May 23

The rules of the Dispensary clearly state that the women are to be treated in the morning, and the men in the afternoon.

To-day, as we receive as many as three hundred and eighty-one women, it is four o'clock in the afternoon before we have finished treating them all. Over a hundred men are in the waiting-room. We tell the professor not to distribute any more than fifty admission cards, as it is already late. When he tells the crowd this news, a real scramble takes place. Everyone pushes forward, crying: "*Kei ouo i gue*" ("Give me one"). Our professor suddenly thinks of a plan. Accompanied by a Christian, he leaves the room, and after locking the door, he goes to a little window in this same room and begins distributing the cards. This time, there is order.

We are very sorry to send the rest of the patients away, but we can not do otherwise, as time is lacking.

Monday, May 25

Among the four hundred and sixty-five patients treated at the Dispensary, to-day, there are seven dying children, whom we have the happiness of baptizing.

Friday, May 29

Mgr. Lapierre, Prefect Apostolic of Sze Ping Kai, and Reverend Father Larochelle, arrived here this evening. They intend to spend a few days in our midst. The Christians hired an autobus and went to the station to meet them. As soon as the carriage bearing Mgr. Lapierre appeared in sight, the church bell was rung. Many Chinese, all in their Sunday best, awaited their visitors on the church grounds. After Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament which was given by our distinguished visitor, the Christians gathered together near the presbytery, where a beautiful reception was held. All the Christian and pagan pupils wore a pretty rose pinned to their blue costume, and two of them carried the national flag. Other Chinese flags fluttered over the gate leading to the mission compound and over the doors of the church and presbytery.

After supper, our most welcome guests gave us news of our dear Sisters in Leao Yuan Sien, Pa Mien and Fakou.

Saturday, May 30

No patients are treated to-day, as we must spend our time preparing for the opening of a new dispensary.

The Sister who goes to visit Miss Tchang, a young lady twenty years of age, who is dying, has the consolation of baptizing her.

Monday, June 1

On the first day of the month of the Sacred Heart, we have the happiness of baptizing fifteen dying patients, one of whom is a consumptive, who has been coming to our dispensary for some time. The poor young man, who is very low, gladly accepts Holy Baptism. We beg Our Lady of the Sacred Heart to keep his soul pure and to conduct him to heaven before long.

Tuesday, June 2

The new dispensary is opened to-day. About ten mandarins of the city come for the inauguration. Among them, we remark the *Se Tchang*, military governor of all the cities of the North, the *Kin Tcheng*, chief of police, and Mr. Su, a Christian and a benefactor of the Mission. These gentlemen come to visit the Dispensary with Mgr. Lapierre and the priests of the Mission. After congratulating us, they all repair to the rectory to partake of a banquet prepared in their honor, while we continue to attend to our poor patients.

There are six bright furnished rooms in our new dispensary: two waiting-rooms, a room in which to treat the patients, measuring 16 by 20 feet, another 13 by 13 feet, which will be used for the same purpose, a little kitchen and a room for our helpers, measuring 12 by 18 feet. Among other conveniences in this new structure is a sink with a hot water top.

Report of the Dispensary of Taonan for the month of May 1931:

Patients	8,344	Baptisms	150
Treatments.....	21,807	Homes visited	5
Dressings	2,068	Teeth extracted.....	9

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TSUNGMING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

Pentecost Sunday at the Mission of Tsung Ming

Tsung Ming, May 24, 1931

BELOVED MOTHER,

To-day, the Feast of Pentecost, is a day of great rejoicing for your nine daughters of Tsung Ming. We imagine that it must be beautiful at the Mother House and congratulate our Sisters in their efforts to show you, dear Mother, the tender affection of your children in the four parts of the

earth. We feel a little lonesome on a great feast day such as this, but we must add that God does not fail to send us consolations, those, without doubt, which He reserves for all who have left even the best of Mothers in order to go into the land which He has shown them.

Perhaps it will please you to hear just how we spend the day. As I have already told you in a preceding letter, after May devotions, we, together with the entire personnel, made a preparatory novena by singing the *Veni Creator*. During these nine days, we tried to perform many acts of charity, the virtue which your maternal heart wishes to be the characteristic of each and every one of your children. This morning, a Solemn High Mass is celebrated for all the Christians.



LITTLE ORPHANS OF TSUNG MING, CHINA, PHOTOGRAPHED ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, 1931. ALL ARE DRESSED IN COSTUMES SENT THEM BY THE CHARITABLE LADIES OF OUR WORKROOMS OF CANADA.

Breakfast is taken in honor of *Tsong Ta Mo Mo*, Mother Superior General. I had purchased some vermicelli, which is eaten on feast days instead of rice, and some pork, the whole costing but \$6.00 (Chinese money) that is about \$1.50 in our money. Everybody enjoys the meal... and thanks our good Mother in Canada.

At ten o'clock, the teachers and pupils assemble in the oratory. After the singing of the *Veni Creator* and a hymn to the Holy Ghost in Chinese, they come, each in turn, to the altar of the Blessed Virgin, where they receive a little card, upon which is written one of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Ghost and a corresponding virtue. When all have returned to their places, the *Magnificat* is sung. We then distribute some candies among them and recreation commences.

In the refectory, which also serves as a community-room and kitchen, on account of repairs being made to our former kitchen, we decorate the

statue of our Immaculate Mother with white peonies and poppies. On the opposite wall, a picture, much too small, but very dear to our hearts, is adorned with ivy and roses, symbols of our attachment and love for one, of whom the very thought carries us back to dear Outremont.

At three o'clock, the elder orphans assist at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and an hour later, thirty-two of them assemble to be photographed together. This picture is to be sent to *Tsong Ta Momo* with their best wishes for a happy feast and the most heartfelt thanks of the youngest of her children. Most of them wear a costume sent them from Canada. There is much rejoicing when they are told to put on their best clothes. Even the little ones who are just learning to walk, lisp a few words while showing their new outfit to everyone that comes their way. This morning, on entering the Orphanage, all, except the five biggest orphans, greet me with a cry of joy. Each of them is dressed in a striped blue and white cotton costume, woven here, rather pretty, but not as gaudy as the dresses received from Canada, which are too small for them. By their silent looks, I can easily see that these little girls prefer having a flowered dress... But when the aprons are distributed, every countenance lights up with a smile, for there is a colored one for all. Not one of them fails to show her gift to every person she meets. It is impossible to teach them to be vain, for they could not be moreso.

At half-past seven, the usual May devotions take place. Before the altar of our heavenly Queen, we lay a spiritual bouquet for you, beloved Mother. Realizing that our dear Sisters in Canada are just preparing to celebrate your feast, we sing the last notes of our evening hymn with the intention of mingling them with the joyful strains of the music in dear Outremont...

Your nine daughters send you their best love.

Sister MARIE DE L'EPIPHANIE

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KORIYAMA, JAPAN

Gleanings from the Diary of our Missionary Sisters at Koriyama, Japan

Thursday, April 16

Very Reverend Father Heut, on a visit to this city, comes to see us this afternoon, accompanied by Reverend Father Reid. This zealous missionary has spent thirty years in Northern Japan. From his different narratives, we easily conclude that the zeal of the first apostles in this region was not always rewarded by consolations. He tells us that during the first seven years of his missionary life, he baptized only three Christians, who soon fell away from the Faith. He does not count these years as lost time for he made good use of them in learning much about the people he had to deal with. He advises us not to be in too much of a hurry, that it

is not right to begin an important work without being well prepared for it by a careful study of the language and customs of the country. Before taking his leave, Very Reverend Father reminds us that we must not try to hasten matters and to act with the greatest prudence. He assures us that he will be always ready to give us any information we may desire. We are deeply touched by the kindness of our distinguished visitor and offer him our most heartfelt thanks.

Saturday, April 25

Mrs. Igarashi, the mother of two little girls to whom we are teaching catechism, tells us, this morning, that she, also, wishes to be instructed. We decide to give her lessons in Christian Doctrine every Saturday. We entreat our Immaculate Mother to assist this new catechumen as well as her teacher who, as yet, is incapable of telling her as much as she would like about our all-merciful God and the purest of Virgins.

Sunday, April 26

This afternoon, a lady thoughtfully offers to take us to a place noted for its *sakura* (cherry trees). Although we prefer spending, together, the holiday we take in honor of St. Joseph, whose patronage it is, two of us comply with this lady's wishes in going for a walk with her. We soon reach a spot where a number of cherry trees in blossom, the height of our Canadian maple, bend their graceful branches over a beautiful lake. The *sakura* is the national flower of Japan. The color of its petals is usually pale pink or white. Before a leaf appears, small bunches of these blossoms can be seen on the branches. When the wind tosses the boughs of this beautiful tree, we are greeted by a veritable shower of dainty blossoms.

Friday, May 1

'Tis the month of our Mother! By singing this well-known refrain, ever new to the hearts of Mary's children, we express our joy on again seeing the dawn of these blessed and beautiful days. As it is also the First Friday of the month, we offer our praises to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through the hands of our loving Queen and Mother.

At half past six, this evening, we go to the Mission church for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and May devotions, which consist of the recitation of the beads, the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and the singing of a hymn in Japanese by all the Christians.

Three young girls ask us to teach them English, as we have been doing for a few of their companions. This is one of the many favors which the Blessed Virgin reserves for us during her beautiful month.

Tuesday, May 5

This morning Mrs. Kashimoto, who has been studying catechism for the last two months, asks us a question, which shows how deeply superstitious practices are engraved upon the minds of the poor pagans. After

the explanation of the first article of the Creed, she asks: "If I become a Christian, shall I be allowed to make offerings to my ancestors just the same? I do not find it difficult to understand Christian Doctrine," she continues. "I believe in God, but I think it would be very annoying not to perform the ceremonies which are practised in every home. In the morning, our first action is to place incense, water, rice, vegetables and flowers in front of the family altar. We never begin a meal before offering something to the spirits of our ancestors, and when visitors arrive, our first thought is to offer incense, and to worship our ancestors together. Children are taught these things as soon as they are able to understand, and it is a great consolation to parents to know that after they are dead, their children will think of them several times during the day and will adore their spirit which dwells in the ancestral altar." How little one must know about God in order to fear abolishing the worship which is His due! Our Sister Catechist tries to make her understand that the Catholic religion, far from hindering children from thinking of their deceased parents, teaches them the real way of showing them their filial love and respect, which is prayer. She explains to her that suffrages for the souls of the dead help them more than all the food offered them. The poor woman seems to understand, but as her mind is filled with pagan ideas, she finds it hard to believe everything that has just been told her.

We ask the Blessed Virgin to watch over the soul of this neophyte. It will be a real miracle if she decides to give up all superstitious practices.

Friday, May 8

A Christian woman offers to accompany us to an exhibition of articles from every district in Japan. This exhibition is actually taking place at Koriyama. She is greatly pleased to see that we accept her invitation. In a large room are displayed the most interesting objects and the most varied products from each region: handsome carved wood and bamboo vases, pieces of different kinds of porcelain of various shapes and designs, earthen vases, iron, ivory and coral objects, little boats filled with coral in its natural form, numerous miniatures illustrating the industries of the different parts of the country, evening gowns of all colors, *geta* (Japanese shoes) etc. Everything is on sale at a ridiculously low price. On visiting the different tables, we are tempted to procure a few objects for the show-cases at the Mother House or for our kind benefactors, but, alas! we have not the means to purchase, but only to admire these articles.

Ascension Thursday, May 14

This afternoon, on our way to visit a Japanese family, we pass by one of the largest cemeteries in the city. What a sad sight is a pagan cemetery! In front of the tombstones, we see sticks of incense partly burned, stone vases containing offerings, streamers, etc. On some of the new graves are to be seen rice cakes and other objects, even parasols and shoes for the use of the soul of the deceased in the journey it is supposed to make after

leaving the body. The rich have beautiful granite or stone monuments, adorned with lanterns. Nowhere is the cross, the sign of our redemption to be found. On the same grounds, one of the most beautiful temples of the city towers high above the surrounding region. Usually, this temple is closed, but as there is to be some kind of a ceremony, the doors are open and many people are entering. The dimensions of this building, the magnificent carved pillars and handsome stairs give it the appearance of an immense sanctuary. But how can these pious Buddhists feel that it is worth while climbing these stairs for the spectacle that is awaiting them? Above a wooden altar, a life-sized golden Buddha is seated, in a religious manner, on a lotus flower. What a careless expression is on the face of this idol. Is he too occupied with celestial things to think of human beings? Bouquets of lotus flowers, lanterns, vases for the offering of different objects and incense are the only decorations of this sombre sanctuary. The rest of the building consists of verandahs where bonzes and employees are continually going to and fro. When there is no ceremony taking place, no thought is given to the statue of Buddha in the sanctuary. How sad it is that such intelligent people believe in so much nonsense!

Saturday, May 16

The same boat which brings us a letter from our dear Sister Assistant, also brings us, from our dear homeland, a large box of beautiful roses and foliage. It is a gift from a Sister of St. Ann, whose sister is here with us. We are most grateful to this kind religious. We shall place these flowers on the altar on Pentecost Sunday for her intentions.

Thursday, June 4

To-day, we receive a visit from a Japanese dressed in a very strange way. A striped yellow and black silken band which is drawn tightly about his brow, is tied in a knot at the back of his head. The ends of this ribbon hang in two long streamers on his back. Over a long white kimona, he wears a black silk cloak with wide flowing sleeves. His necklace is composed of wooden balls. He introduces himself by ringing a bell tied to his wrist, and muttering a few words of a Shintoist prayer. The board he carries in his left hand tells us to what sect he belongs. When we ask him what he wants, he shows us a little box which he carries in his right hand and continues praying. In the box, one side of which is open, there is a miniature temple surrounded by tiny foxes, flowers, candles and offerings. The Shintoists do not need to be told the aim of the visit of this stranger, but as we do not understand any of the prayers that he continues to recite, we ask him to tell us why he has come. Showing us a paper on his board, he asks us to give him one like it, as well as a small alms. On returning to the temple, of which the miniature one he carries is an exact copy, he will hang this paper therein, asking that we shall not find the weather too hot during the summer. He has already collected more than a hundred of such papers. When we tell him that we are Catholics, he immediately takes his leave.

Extracts FROM THE Novitiate Chronicles

Dedicated to our dear Parents



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

St. Bernard.

Thursday, May 28 1931

As our beloved Mother and dear Sister Assistant have arrived at the Dovecot, the happiness of all, novices and postulants, knows no bounds. Since Pentecost Sunday, we have been anxiously awaited their visit in order to offer our dear Mother our filial wishes on the occasion of her patronal feast.

Immediately after supper, we repair to the music room which we have decorated to the best of our ability, and there our dear guests, with motherly leniency, listen attentively to the programme which we have prepared in their honor. After the opening march and cantata, a little play composed of two

acts entitled "The Leprous Woman" carries us back to Jerusalem in the time of Our Lord. Between the different dialogues, pretty little songs are sung. In the last act, the leprous woman, who, through lack of faith, has remained in her miserable state, is miraculously cured by Our Lord's beloved Apostle. Through his ardent charity, he succeeds in casting a spark of faith into the soul of this poor woman.

Then, after a few pieces are played on the piano, violin and violoncello, the curtains are drawn back, revealing two nests, one filled with doves, the other with little crows. All these birds, together, sing their happiness and express their gratitude to their common Mother...

The eldest novice then offers our beloved Mother our filial wishes while the youngest presents her with a bouquet of flowers.

Our Mother really enjoys this performance. "Your little play, "The Leprous Woman", she says, reminds me of our dear Sisters of Shek Lung, who, for almost twenty years, have been devoting their lives to the care of so many thousands of lepers. There, miraculous cures are not accomplished as easily as the one this evening, but God, however, there performs miracles just as marvellous and which are appreciated much more than the disappearance of bodily leprosy... He has transformed vicious pagans into fervent Christians, whose admirable resignation is remarked by everyone who visits them. Dear children, you must pray hard that no pagan lepers will ever die in our Lazaretto... It is true that this seldom happens, but, in the future, not one must die before having been baptized.

"While listening to the beautiful music a little while ago," our Mother continues, "my thoughts turned to the beauties of heaven, where, all of us together will enjoy still sweeter melodies throughout all eternity... But, if we wish, one day, to possess eternal bliss, we must prepare ourselves. We should not only have the desire of going to heaven, but of obtaining one

of the most beautiful places there... Wearing dazzling crowns, we shall follow, with the other virgins, the Lamb wherever He goes, and the canticle that we shall sing will not be understood by the rest of the elect... but they will not be jealous. Your parents, who will listen in silent awe, will rejoice, for parents often take more pleasure in their children's happiness, than the children themselves.

Friday, May 29

At 9 o'clock, when the bell announces a holiday, everyone in the house, garden, and cool little grove utters a cry of joy, and eagerly do all hasten to our dear Mother and Sister Assistant and with them spend some time in pleasant conversation. We then go to play ball. Soon there is a real contest between the novices and postulants. Our Mother, who watches us playing, smiles and says: "How I rejoice to see you running about like real children... That is right, amuse yourselves when it is the time, but be just as ardent for prayer, study and labor as you are for play. Thus God will be pleased with you, and you will always be happy.

Monday, June 1

We learn of the death of His Eminence Cardinal Rouleau which occurred yesterday, May 31st. This early disappearance of the venerable head of the church in Canada causes us deep regret. We join our humble suffrages to the numerous prayers which are wafted heavenward from the hearts of all the children of this regretted prelate.

At the close of her blessed month, Mary herself must have conducted to heaven the soul of her devoted servant.

Tuesday, June 2

The Superior of our Chinese Hospital telephones, telling us that a dying pagan obstinately refuses to be baptized.

Our zeal is aroused on hearing of the imminent danger of this poor patient. We confide him to our Blessed Lady and besides our prayers, we make numerous little sacrifices in order to ransom the soul of this unhappy man.

Thursday, June 4

To-day, the Feast of Corpus Christi, we learn that the dying Chinese who, two days ago, refused Holy Baptism, begs to be made a child of God. This evening, the Regenerating Waters will be poured upon his brow. We imagine the joy of our dear Sisters at the Hospital, who hasten to make preparations for the ceremony, which they wish to render as solemn as possible. To decorate the patient's room, Our Mother sent a beautiful bouquet of flowers, which, this afternoon, adorned the repository (the Corpus Christi procession having just taken place in the garden of our Mother House). She herself chose the name of this new child of Holy Mother Church. He will be called Marie Joseph Emmanuel.

Needless to state, all hearts joined in a hymn of gratitude on receiving this happy news. Oh, how great is the mercy of God and how powerful is the Blessed Virgin over the Heart of her Divine Son!

Thursday, June 11

As we were unable to make the Corpus Christi procession last Sunday, and as it has rained every day since then, we begin to be a little sad, for, we are inclined to believe with our grandmothers that the year that God is not carried in procession is not a lucky one...

But, to-day, the octave of the Feast of Corpus Christi, the sun dazzles in all its splendor. It casts a golden light over the waters of the river and beautifies everything upon which its sparkling rays fall. Therefore, as is our custom, we shall march in procession with the personnel of the Foreign Mission Seminary. We erect a repository in front of the Novitiate, and, towards half-past two, go to meet our Divine King. While the Seminarians proclaim the glory, tenderness and bounty of our Eucharistic Lord by singing pious hymns, we, in hushed voices, offer Him our prayers, praises and thanksgivings. When, from the golden monstrance, the God of all Majesty looks down upon the one hundred and seventy-five aspirant missionaries, we feel that this divine gaze is one of particular tenderness. In former days, did He not love in a special manner, His apostles, the few chosen from the number of those called to follow Him?...

After Benediction in the Seminary chapel, we return home cherishing in our hearts the thought of God's great love for His children.

Sunday, June 14

To-day, the young members of our different sewing circles of Montreal, make their annual pilgrimage to our modest Novitiate chapel.

Reverend Father Guilbault, our chaplain, delivers to them a touching sermon on the Blessed Virgin and gives them a few practical words of advice.

After Mass, breakfast is served them in the garden. The pious pilgrims spend a pleasant time in conversation and amusements, and before taking their leave, they return to the chapel, and, kneeling before the altar of the Blessed Virgin, recite the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception.

It is always a real pleasure for us to receive these charitable helpers of our Missions and we would like our welcome to bespeak the gratitude we bear them. Our Immaculate Mother will reward them, in our stead, for their devotedness towards our missionary works. May she shower upon them her choicest blessings.

Monday, June 15

Happiness beams on every countenance, and one glance at the novices and postulants tells us that they are very busy... To-morrow is the feast of St. John Francis Regis, the patron saint of our dear Mistress. This evening, by offering her our best wishes, we desire to show her a little of our gratitude for all that she does for us. At the novitiate are reproduced little family

celebrations similar to those of our childhood. As in bygone days we were careful not to let our parents know anything about the celebration we were preparing them, in like manner we wish to surprise our Superiors... but how hard it is, sometimes, to make preparations on the sly!... The poor postulants meet with a little adventure, this afternoon. As a group of them are going upstairs to exercise their little play, they meet our Mistress, who asks them where they are going in such a hurry... They all stop suddenly as little mice caught in a trap... One of them, however, plucks up courage and replies: "It is Sister X... who has sent for us..." Happily, there are two in the group who have been sent for something. They are not slow in adding that they are going on a message. "It must be a very important message," replies our Mistress with a smile, "since so many of you are needed..." With this, they all disappear, thankful for having been able to keep their secret.

After supper, we add a few last touches to the decoration of the room, and all is ready. After a duet and a hymn of gratitude, a little play entitled: "The Prayer of a Novice" takes place. The young nun fervently commences her meditation, but the devil does everything in his power to distract her; happily, her guardian angel is by her side and keeps her from becoming discouraged. The fits of the little devil — represented by a postulant dressed in black and fiery red — armed with a long fork and two dreadful horns, his repeated attacks, his frightened looks when the Sign of the Cross is made, his cries of rage on hearing the names of Jesus and Mary pronounced, all this makes the little performance very interesting and teaches us a practical lesson.

After an amusing comedy, our pleasant evening is brought to a close by some pretty pieces of music, the offering of our wishes and the presenting of flowers and a spiritual bouquet.

Our Mistress heartily thanks us, and, after the singing of the Magnificat, we repair to the chapel for evening prayer.

Tuesday, June 16

A real holiday: the hours glide away only too quickly. The elder novices wonder where they will be next year to offer their wishes to our Mistress. This, God alone knows, but one thing which is certain is that the Feast of St. John Francis Regis will ever recall to us the happiest memories of filial love.

Wednesday, June 24

This year, we are more than ever enthusiastic in celebrating the feast of the glorious precursor of Our Lord, St. John the Baptist.

At nine o'clock, we are given recreation, and in secret is formed an organizing committee which will prepare an amusing programme for this evening.

Towards seven o'clock, we are invited to come out in the garden. Hastening to accept the kind invitation, we are greeted by a real parade issuing

from our little grove... The eldest of the postulants, carrying a long cane, heads the procession in a most imposing manner; her counsellors follow closely after her, then comes the *brass band*, singing the joyful notes of "O Canada." Three *floats*, accompanied by a long procession, complete the demonstration. The first *float* represents a farmer's wife. We see her feeding the poultry in the yard. The poor hens appear to be a little frightened in the midst of all the chattering and laughter which surrounds them, but this only serves to make the tableau more picturesque...

The second *float* is carried by eight postulants. It represents olden times. We are shown an aged grandmother wearing a little shawl, a gingham apron, and on the end of her nose, a pair of spectacles. Her hair is combed tightly into a little knot on the top of her head. While gayly turning the spindle, she occasionally strokes her cat, which purrs on her knees.

The third *float* bears St. John the Baptist as a child. Dressed all in white, his hair falling in graceful locks, he holds in his right hand a little cross around which is entwined a blue ribbon. In his left hand, he holds a little lamb by the neck. You must wonder where we got our lamb... Well, we had only to dress up our dog "Bobbie"! And really he does not look too bad in his white flannelette attire. To begin with, he showed anything but the docility of a lamb, but after being given a few sweets, he quietly lies down and appears very cunning and wise.

For nearly an hour, accompanied by exclamations of joy, laughter and singing, the procession wends its way along the paths of our garden and woods, when suddenly, our little dog, tired of being a lamb, dashes wildly from the carriage, doubtlessly for a little exercise, leaving here and there pieces of his fleece. It is comical to see him thus enjoying himself, but he puts an end to our procession.

Thursday, June 25

While we are at dinner, shouts of joy and laughter coming from the garden attract our attention, for the pupils of our Chinese school in Montreal are having a picnic in our little grove.

As soon as the recreation bell rings, we are permitted to go to see them. We take pleasure in hearing them speak in Chinese and especially in having them recite, or rather sing, their prayers. How the sedate little Chinese children interest us! Many of them are still pagans... May our tender heavenly Mother soon lead them into the fold where, under her loving gaze, peacefully dwell the true children of God.

Sunday, June 26

We take our usual Sunday evening recreation strolling along the bank of the River in front of the convent. After chattering gayly for a while, we notice that there are only Sisters with white veils in the different groups... Where can the "Crows" be?... "

Before long, we are called into the recreation-room. The chairs are all arranged as for a concert and our Mistress shows us our places. We are

quite puzzled, but as we advance, we suddenly spy a table placed a little to the side. The mystery is solved... It is the distribution of prizes!...

After a duet and a song, four postulants, wearing gloves and each one with a tray, take their places near the famous table. When the distribution begins, exclamations arise from all sides. Those who do not receive a special prize, are at least given an honorable mention for assiduity!... What we find most amusing is that the prizes awarded are not always in proportion to the merit and success of the pupil.

Thus it is that a certain novice, weak in arithmetic, receives a prize for the addition of two figures and subtraction without a zero. Another, who has never succeeded in singing a note on the right air, is given the first prize for singing, *graciously offered by Edward Marzo*.

To separate the prizes of the different grades, there are different pieces of music, songs, recitations and an interesting little play quite suited to the circumstance.

This distribution of prizes, which gives us so much pleasure this evening, is due to the reflections of a few novices, who for some time past have never ceased talking about their holidays and the prizes that are to be awarded. As Sister Superior went into the city lately with one of our teachers, the tricky novices tried to make the postulants believe that they had gone to buy prizes for us... So, our little sisters, wishing to play a little joke on us, ask our teachers to help them. That is why, when, this evening, we gaze upon the table laden with prizes, several of which show signs of old age — for we picked up everything we could find in the cellar — and when we are called by our former names — Misses so — and — so — we find their idea to be quite an amusing one.

After a speech is delivered for the occasion, our pleasant evening is brought to a close by the singing of a hymn to Our Lady of Canada.

Monday, June 29

Our holidays begin this evening... We make good use of our recreation, which we spend in the grove, for, it appears that *school re-opens to-morrow*.

Wednesday, July 1

The young ladies of our sewing circle in Granby profit by the fine weather on this legal holiday to make an excursion, or rather a pilgrimage to our Novitiate. They take their dinner outside under the trees and assist at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, after which we sing a beautiful hymn to the Blessed Virgin.

We hope that these devoted young ladies, have, in this humble chapel, dedicated to our Immaculate Mother, experienced a little of the joy granted those who labor for her and for the souls so dear to her maternal heart.

Concert of Liturgical Music broadcast from Kagoshima, Japan

KAGOSHIMA (Japan).—A program by the "Schola Cantorum" of the pro-Cathedral of Kagoshima, Japan, was among the special musical features broadcast by radio on the occasion of the General Exposition of Japanese Products held at Kagoshima during April and May. The schola rendered several polyphonic selections of a liturgical character and included some Japanese numbers. The concert received very favourable comments both for the excellent choice of the polyphonic compositions, hitherto unknown in Japan, as well as for the admirable execution by the choir, the members of which, outside of the director, are all Japanese.

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Apostolic Delegate of Belgium Congo visits his people by aeroplane

STANLEYVILLE. (Belgian Congo).—His Excellency, Archbishop John Deleplane, Apostolic Delegate to the Belgian Congo, was carried by aeroplane to Stanleyville, Belgian Congo, on a visitation of the vicariates of the Congo. In an address of welcome given at the reception prepared by the missionaries, the colonial government and the town people, the Vicar Apostolic of Stanleyville, Bishop Gabriel Grison, compared the delegate's arrival with his own coming 34 years previous when such a mode of travel was unheard of. Completing his visitation at Stanleyville, Archbishop Deleplane went by aeroplane to Lisala.

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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

The Mentality of the Chinese

The Influence of Chinese Classics

THE mentality of the Chinese greatly astonishes the European, who, in his daily journeyings, remarks the most extraordinary customs. If, when conversing with the natives, he manages to understand what they are saying, there are always numerous proverbs which cause him to reflect. If he speaks to educated people, he must rack his brains in order to grasp the meaning of a very lofty literary debate in which the maxims of ancient sages are frequently repeated. When he asks the reason for some popular devotion or habit of the natives, he generally receives this concise reply: "It is the custom, we are observing the Rites!"

It is exasperating to never receive a satisfactory answer to the questions one asks.

A superficialist would give up in despair or content himself with a few whimsical stories related by some traveller or other. The missionary, who wishes to go to the very bottom of everything, in order to better understand the work to be accomplished if he wishes to save souls, is not satisfied with the mere appearance of knowledge... In China, many stately buildings are to be found, but not many which were constructed years ago. The Chinese are really skilful architects, but the material they use, the earthen walls and wooden panels have gradually become deteriorated. Besides, as the Chinese are very reckless, they never thought of preserving the ancient monuments. However, there still remain a few imperial tombs, as well as a few pagodas or fortifications, particularly the Great Wall, which give us an idea of power and veritable magnificence, but which are not sufficient enough to reveal the real spirit of the Chinese. One monument, alone, remains: the Classics, and these must be thoroughly studied. Since his arrival in China, the missionary has learned much more about the language; he has examined the volumes covered with curious hieroglyphics. When obliged to take a few days' rest between his apostolic journeyings, he has learned the different characters so thoroughly and has found so many adequate answers to his many questions, that finally, after a few years, he has discovered that the sacred literature of China is the source of the extraordinary customs which were always a puzzle to him.

This sacred official literature, which is known by the name of *Kin*, the most excellent of all books, is the basis of all the literary works in China. It is divided into two categories: 1. — The large *Kin* relate many ancient narratives and primitive traditions. We are told that they have been composed by Confucius (551-479 B. C.) but this is far from being an established fact, for the style is very defective and differs greatly from that of this esteemed master. 2. — The smaller *Kin* are the work of the followers of Confucius and of other more recent sages.

The large *Kin* are five in number 1. — *I Kin*, which are composed of mysterious signs, handed down by Fou-Shi, one of Noah's contemporaries (2850 B. C.) These prophetic signs give an answer to every question.

2. — *Chou Kin*, which contain many morals.

3. — *Che Kin*, a collection of poems. The first part consists of love songs. The refrain of mostly all these songs is the singing of a woman, whose husband is far from her, engaged in trading or in warfare, and her happiness on seeing him return. There are many puzzling allegories: the composition is impersonal. The traditional titles give one a somewhat vague idea of the different texts. The second part contains songs for different ceremonies, sacrifices, and pastoral celebrations. The third and fourth parts speak of ancestral worship and funeral rites.

4. — *Li Ki*, Memorial of the Rites, which contains all the rules of politeness and good manners, etc...

5. — *Io Kin*, Music book (lost).

6. — *Tsin-ts'ieou*: spring and autumn, the Annals of the kingdom of Lou under the dynasty of Tcheou (722-481 B. C.)

The smaller *Kin* are:

1. — *Tcheou Kouan li*, Guide for the magistrates of the Tcheou dynasty.

2. — *I li*, Book of manners.

3. — *Eul ia*, Dictionary containing the meaning of the terms employed in canonical books.

4. — Three criticisms of the Tsin-ts'ieou, the annals of Confucius.

5. — *Hiao kin*, Book of filial piety.

6. — *Se chou*, Four books, the philosophical works of the disciples of Confucius, containing quotations from the teachings of their master and from nearly all the sacred books. All the Chinese pupils in elementary schools are obliged to study the *Se chou*. These four books have the following titles: 1. — *Ta shio*: Knowledge for adults; 2. — *Tchong iong*: The Middle; 3. — *Lin iu*: Book of Discourses; 4. — *Mengtse* (Mengtse 372-289 B. C.), a philosopher who employed the doctrine of Confucius in order to moralize his fellowmen.

The children, who study these ancient books, written in a language which they hardly understand, and which, having become a literary language, is much different from the terms employed in ordinary conversation, nevertheless, remember a few expressions and the explanations of their teacher, who has done all in his power to impress on the minds of his young pupils the ancient customs recommended by the sages. On leaving school, they carry away with them only a few notions of literature, but at no moment of their life will they fail to hear the voice of their nation reminding them of the customs of their ancestors. Since the most remote epochs, men have spent long years poring over these same books and over the works of commentators. Holding the most important offices and having all authority in their hands, they lived as their ancestors, reminding their inferiors that if they did not wish to *lose face* and pay a fine, they must, in regard to their ancestors, gods and emperors, act according to the customs

and the Rites. Although centuries have come and gone and many generations have passed away, the rites and customs are, to-day, observed as faithfully as they were two thousand years ago. However, they are often misunderstood by a great number.

The ancient doctrine, which, in a condensed style, is to be found in the *Se chou* of the disciples of Confucius, is regarded, in Europe, as a real philosophical doctrine. At times, we hear repeated certain sayings of Confucius, which charm anyone who regards but the wording and the oriental construction of the different sentences. One is inclined to believe that the author of such a work must have been a real genius such as the Grecian philosophers. The illustrious scholars such as Zittoli, Wiger, Couvreur, Dore, etc., have, after much labor, analysed all Chinese literature, searched all the archives, and have given us the actual theme of ancient literary productions. The result is deceiving. Beside the most beautiful maxims of moral philosophy, not a serious philosophical idea is to be found, either in the text or in the commentators' notes. During his whole life, Confucius, the sage *par excellence*, preached in the courts of the petty kings of his time, the art of governing according to the principles of the ancient kings. Mengtse, the most illustrious disciple of Confucius, was engaged in the same work. Both of these sages, tired of being misunderstood, have left us conversations showing us the immense pride of these men, who wished to be prime ministers always, so fully convinced were they that they alone could serve their nation as well as it was served in the Golden Age.

After the dispersal of the nations, the Chinese conserved for a while the idea that there was but one God, "the most August Ruler," the Supreme Emperor, but soon after, this idea of God, which is found in the most ancient writings, disappears, three rites alone being mentioned: Heaven, Earth, Man (*Chou Kin*, Rules of Chouen, 23), and still a little later on, the mention of the rites is replaced by vague expressions. In the days of Confucius, heaven was regarded as being superior to the Spirits, but this heaven, which is spoken of, is only a material one. Certain scholars after Mengtse have made use of their trinity, Heaven-Earth-Man, to explain the origin of all things. Heaven and earth combined produced man. Other learned men found in the Annals (*Chou Kin*), the principles *In* and *Iang*, taken from primordial literature *T'ai ki*, and made use of them to explain the creation of the world. At the present time, all scholars are very sceptical and have no idea of God. In their opinion, all is nothingness after death. Throughout the entire district of *Se-chou*, the praises of the sages and scholars are sung!... God remains a theory having no influence over life: life, wherein every sensible man must find honor, obtain wealth and never *lose face*!

The people, as proud as their renowned masters, but much less intelligent, are incapable of conceiving any very speculative ideas. Men of letters conceived the idea of the trinity Heaven-Earth-Man, in whose honor they built the Temples of Heaven and Earth at Peking. They also paid the greatest homage to Confucius and kept alive the custom of worshipping their ancestors. The people tried to understand the meaning of all this and followed their example. For them there is nothing complicating about

the creation of the earth: an immense egg, the shell of which has been separated by a mythical chicken, *P'an Kou*. After Heaven had been formed from the upper, and the earth from the lower part of the shell, *P'an Kou* took his scissors and cut the yolk of this same egg thus forming the sun, the moon and every living being!

In the Annals and Book of Poetry (600 B. C.) the temple of the ancestors and the rites of special ancestral worship are often mentioned. All the classics speak of man's duties towards his ancestors. This ancient religion has been the national distinguishing mark of the Chinese for thousands of years. Every Chinese family reserves a special room for the worship of its ancestors. Tablets, representing the spirits of the dead, are placed on an altar where all the rites, which mark the principal phases of Chinese life, are celebrated.

This ancestral worship is evidently due to the ancient traditions of the immortality of the soul. The posthumous rites, the tablets used to call to mind the ancestors, the prayers for the deliverance of their souls are proofs of it. Both the working-man and the scholar are slaves of this devotion, although the former's opinion of the destiny of man differs greatly from that of the latter. A Chinese answers all questions on this subject according to the particular religious sect to which he belongs. For him death means nothingness... after death comes transmigration (metempsychosis)... Death is an extinguished lamp, etc... The scholar, like the humblest of his countrymen invites the bonzes, the *tao-se*, to pray for the dead that they may be delivered from their pains... a dualism of extraordinary and incomprehensible ideas. A magnificent coffin, a splendid funeral, a grave situated beyond the reach of all wicked influence. And why?... What is the reason for this mixture of beliefs and unbeliefs?

Practically all scholars, as well as working-men, are very superstitious. Many are the adepts who have believed in the other divers religions which have sprung up in China during the different centuries. But never have any of these religions been an obstacle to ancestral worship... Actually, every Chinese belongs to three religions: Confucianism, Taoism and Buddhism. He sometimes has a preference for one of them. Every school has its own doctrines and gods which are everywhere feared and adored. As we read in the Annals, sacrifices were offered by the kings, and, later on, by the subjects. Sacrifices were made to God, to the sun, to the ancestors, to the mountains, to the rivers, and to every spirit, whether good or evil. The custom of offering some sacrifice has been perpetuated. As the patriarchs of the Bible offered sacrifices three thousand year ago, so, in our own day, oxen, lambs, fowl, and different kinds of food are offered to good and evil genii and to every imaginable idol, in order to obtain their intercession or to avert their anger. When these rites have been accomplished, the meat which has been sacrificed is eaten in a religious manner. Only in the classics are these practices explained.

The Chinese greatly esteem the primitive customs of their country. The ancient rites conserved by tradition until the reign of Confucius and collected by the disciples of this esteemed ruler have formed a code of good manners,

a sacred literature such as is the Gospel for the Christians, the Bible for the Jews, the Koran for the Mohammedans. We must be acquainted with this literature in order to understand the Chinese in his everyday life, his manner of thinking and acting. The numerous disconnected paragraphs explaining the principal texts of the classical works of China, are quite interesting to the European and give him an answer to the many questions he asks concerning so many extraordinary customs. He indulges in a few of the most beautiful maxims of Confucius and his disciples.

All Arguments fall; Aeroplane converts South Sea Village

PAPUA (Oceania). — Neither the Catholic priest nor his assistant lay helper, the Catechist, could do anything with the people of the little village of Kuni, Papua, in the South Sea isles. To the priest's explanation of heaven and hell, they cried: "He lies! We won't believe him!" The priest patiently prayed; the Catechist was severely vexed with his fellow Papuans.

Then in March came the aeroplane, the first one ever to fly over the village. "A bird?" "No, too large." "A gigantic mouse?" "Look! it grows larger." "It's the end of the world!" they cried, and fell on their knees in sheer terror, as the plane roared above them.

At that moment the Catechist appeared. Here was victory! "You cowards," he shouted, "don't you know that's an aeroplane? The missionary told you that men flew in houses in the air and you didn't believe him. You said he was a liar. Now you see he was right. So with the things about God, heaven and hell. He is right about them too."

On Easter Sunday, forty of the Kuni villages were baptized. The happiest man that day was the Catechist, whose name, incidentally is Ananias.

(Fides Corr.)

Recognition at Goa of the Body of St. Francis Xavier

BOMBAY (India). — An interesting ceremony took place at old Goa, India, in the Church of the "Bom Jesus" on March 1, when the coffin containing the body of St. Francis Xavier was opened and the body examined in the presence of His Excellency the Patriarch of India, His Excellency the Governor of Goa, and Dr. Walfango da Silva, ex-Director of Medical Services. The body was declared to have undergone no change in condition since the coffin was closed after the exposition in 1923. The body will be exposed for public veneration next December.

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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.

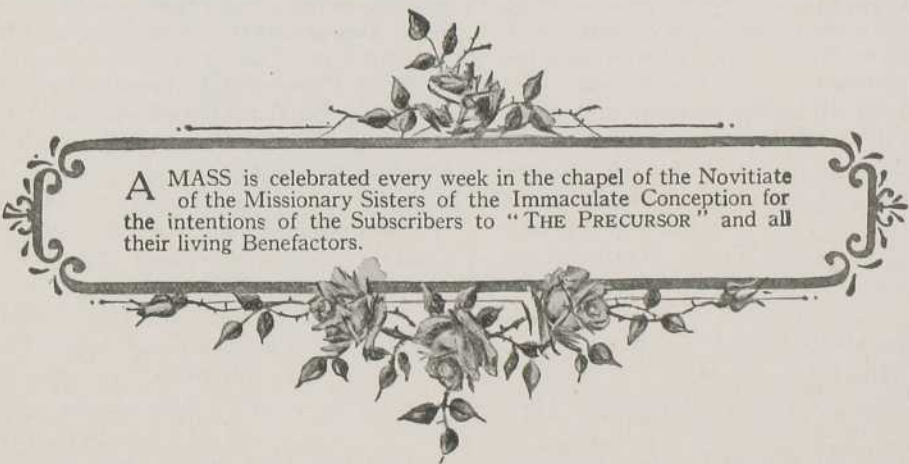
BL. HENRY SUZO.

Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart for a great favor obtained. Mrs. P., **Lachine**. — Am sending you \$1.00 as promised. We have confidence in your prayers and hope you will continue to pray for us. Mrs. J. G., **Montreal**. — You will find enclosed \$1.25, an offering which I am sending in return for a favor granted me. Please pray for a very special intention. Mrs. G. L. — Enclosed please find an offering in favor of your Missions in China. I have made the promise to contribute the sum of \$1.00 to be forwarded to you on the 20th of each month as long as my husband has steady employment. Mrs. R. C., **Ottawa, Ont.** — I have obtained the favor I asked for last week and to thank the Blessed Virgin I am sending you the sum of \$1.00. Please pray for my special intention. Mrs. F., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — I am enclosing \$2.00 for your good work in return for favors granted. R. L. and L. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** Please accept this money order for \$1.50 which I am sending in thanksgiving to our Blessed Lady through whose intercession I have received a favor. Please pray that I may secure a good steady position. I promise to send you \$1.00 if I obtain this favor. Miss D. V., **Newport, Vt.** — I wish to thank you for your prayers for my intentions. Please continue to pray for me. The enclosed offering is for your

Works. J. M., **Montreal**. — With the renewal of my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am sending an offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving for favors received. Please ask the Little Flower to grant me the three favors I am asking. In return for each of these favors I will send \$5.00 for your poorest mission. Mrs. W. M. P., **Timmins, Ont.** — During a recent illness I asked the Blessed Virgin to cure me, promising to send \$5.00 in her honor. I am now fulfilling my promise. Please continue to pray for me that I may secure a good position before long. I promise to subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR" if I obtain this favor. The enclosed offering of \$1.00 is for your Works. M. K., **Sandwich, Ont.** — Please pray that my husband may receive U. S. A. Government compensation and insurance soon and for other favors. A large offering is promised for missionary work. **Vt.** — Enclosed you will find \$2.00 which I promised to send if my request was granted. Please pray that my mother's health will improve and for my intention. I will send a donation. M. A. P., **Montreal**. — Please accept the enclosed offering of \$2.00 which I promised if I received a favor. C. L., **Verdun**. — I enjoyed good health all last winter and have been very successful. I enclose \$5.00 for your Missions. Please remember me in your prayers. M. P., **Westmount**. — I wrote to you some time ago asking you to commence a novena in honor of the Blessed Virgin for my intentions. As this good Mother has deigned to help me, I am sending \$1.00 in favor of your Works. Miss A. R., **Windsor**. — I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and also enclose \$1.00 as a contribution towards your Missions. I promised our Immaculate Mother to send this offering in her honor. Mrs. J. B. M., **Montreal**. — Please accept the enclosed sum of \$5.00 as a thank-offering for a favor received. As a friend of mine was out of work for some time, we both promised to buy a heathen baby if he found a position. He has been employed by a good firm. F. M. — I am sending this money order for \$2.00 in favor of your Works. I thank you ever so much for your kind prayers for us all. Mrs. F., **Point St. Charles**. — With the renewal of my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" I am sending an offering of .25 to be used as you see fit. I wish to thank you for praying for my son, for he has obtained the position he had in view. Please continue to pray for him that he may be granted another favor. Mrs. P. S., **Tecumseh, Ont.** — I am enclosing an offering of \$1.00 for the ransom of pagan babies in thanksgiving for a favor received. My husband is now looking for a position and if he meets with success, I will send another dollar in honor of the Blessed Virgin. A. S., **Windsor, Ont.** — Enclosed you will find a small offering which I promised to send if I obtained a special favor regarding my daughter's spiritual welfare. As God has heard my prayers, I

now ask the same favor for my son. Mrs. A. F. V., **Holyoke, Mass.** — I received a special favor a half an hour after promising to send you an offering of \$1.00. Please pray for us that we may be able to pay all our debts this year. Mrs. A. L., **Ottawa, Ont.** — I am forwarding you a postal note for the ransom of four dying babies. Miss J. S., **Toronto, Ont.** — Enclosed please find \$1.00 for a Mass for the Souls in Purgatory and \$1.00 for the renewal of my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. M. H., **Montreal.** — To fulfil a promise made a short time ago, I am sending an offering of \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. I now desire to obtain another favor. Mrs. P. F. — I am most grateful for the cure of sore eyes. Mrs. E. M., **Three Rivers.** — Offering of \$1.00 for favor obtained. I now wish to obtain another special grace. Mrs. L. C. — \$5.00 for the Missions in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a special favor obtained through her intercession. A subscriber. — My offering for the ransom of two dying pagan babies in thanksgiving for a cure obtained. Mrs. D. N., **Montreal North.** — I wish to return thanks to our Immaculate Mother for a favor obtained. A subscriber. — I have obtained a special favor. Please accept my thank-offering of \$5.00 Mr. J. D., **North Shefford.** — In thanksgiving for success in an important undertaking I am sending you a donation of \$10.00. Mr. U. C. — To thank our powerful heavenly Mother for having granted me a favor I am enclosing \$5.00 for your Missions. Mrs. P. N. — I have obtained a favor and am sending you \$1.00 in thanksgiving. Miss A. C., **Quebec.** — Kindly accept my donation of \$10.00 for your Missions in thanksgiving for a favor obtained. B. G. B. **Montreal.** — I promise to be a life-long subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR" for I have obtained a cure. Mrs. O. B., — My most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower for success in my examinations. S. L. — Please accept my thank-offering of \$5.00 in favor of your missions. Mrs. E. M. C. — My most heartfelt thanks to the Sacred Heart and our Blessed Lady for a favor granted me. Mrs. H. C., **Three Rivers.** — As I have obtained an answer to my prayers I am sending you a subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. L. P. — A thousand thanks to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for bringing back to me one of my sons who left home many years ago. I now solicit prayers that I may obtain another special favor. Mrs. L. M., **Montreal.** — As a token of gratitude to our Immaculate Mother I am enclosing an offering of \$1.00. J. L. — Kindly accept my modest offering of \$1.00 which I am sending in thanksgiving for a favor granted me. Mrs. J. R. C., **Montreal.** — I wish to return most heartfelt thanks to our Blessed Lady for her powerful assistance in time of need. I beg her to continue to protect us. Mrs. A. C., **Granby.** — The Blessed Virgin has deigned to hear my prayers and in thanksgiving I am gladly fulfilling a promise made some time ago by sending you \$5.00 for your Chinese missions. A friend of the missionaries. — I am most grateful to our Blessed Lady who has deigned to come to my assistance. I now confidently ask her to intercede for two of my friends that they may be brought into the True Fold. Mrs. C. C., **Woonsocket.** — I return thanks to the Blessed Virgin for the favors she continues to bestow upon us. I desire to have others wear the Miraculous Medal in order that this merciful Mother may be better known and loved. Mrs. O. R., **Henrysbury.** — I am enclosing \$5.00 as promised for the ransom of a dying pagan baby. Mrs. L. R. — I return most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for a favor granted me. Mrs. H. R., **Montreal.** — I am most grateful to Our Lady of the Rosary for her powerful assistance. I beg her to keep me in good health that I may be able to care for a crippled child. Mrs. A. S., **East Templeton.** — Kindly accept my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" as a token of my gratitude to our Blessed Lady for her help to me in time of need. I am now confidently asking this good Mother to grant my husband a position. I promise to send a donation if my prayers are heard. Mrs. G. D., **Rosemont.** — I am sending you two subscriptions to "THE PRECURSOR" and an offering of \$5.00 for the ransom of a pagan baby in thanksgiving for a favor granted me. Mrs. F. H., **Gardner, Mass.** — Please find enclosed a postal note for \$1.25, a token of my gratitude to the Blessed Virgin who has deigned to help me. Mrs. J. C. — My most heartfelt thanks to our Immaculate Mother, for my child has been cured through her powerful intercession. I promised to publish in "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. W. B. — To thank the Blessed Virgin, who never refuses the prayers of her clients, I am sending you the sum of \$1.00 which I promised if my husband kept his position. A subscriber. — In fulfilment of a promise made some time ago, I am forwarding you the sum of \$5.00 for your most needy mission. A. G., **Montreal.** — My most heartfelt thanks to our Blessed Lady

and the Little Flower for a great favor granted me after promising to send the enclosed offering for your good Works. Y. R. — Please have a novena of lights burned in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin who has shown herself a real Mother to me. Mrs. A. D., **Montreal**. — I am enclosing the sum of \$10.00 in thanksgiving for favors obtained. A subscriber. — I am most grateful to the Blessed Virgin for a favor granted me. This offering of \$1.00 is for a novena of lights in her honor. Mrs. C. H. — Kindly accept the enclosed sum of \$3.00 which I am sending in favor of your missions in thanksgiving to our Blessed Lady for her loving protection over me. Mrs. E. R., **Montreal**. — I have received a special favor and in thanksgiving am sending the sum of \$1.00 for the ransom of four dying pagan babies. Mrs. L. D., **Central Falls**. — Offering of \$5.00 in honor of the Blessed Virgin who has deigned to hear my prayers. Anonymous. — Kindly accept the enclosed sum of \$5.00 for the ransom of a dying baby likely to live. I am sending this offering in honor of our tender heavenly Mother to thank her for the favor she has obtained me. Miss L., **Montreal**. — My most grateful thanks to our Mother of Mercy who has helped me in my difficulties. I am enclosing an offering of \$5.00. Miss G. B., **Marlboro**. — I am gladly fulfilling my promise by sending you the sum of \$1.00. I have been granted a very great favor. M. D. D. — My offering of \$1.50 in thanksgiving for a favor received and to obtain a sister's cure. Miss G. D., **Verdun**. — I am sending you an offering for a novena of lights as promised. A subscriber, **Montreal**. — My hand was cured soon after I promised to send you an offering of \$1.00. Mrs. G. C. — As I have obtained a better position, I am sending you an offering of \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. Please pray that this position may be a permanent one. H. C., **Montreal**. — I am sending you an offering for a novena of lights in thanksgiving for a favor granted me and to obtain other favors. A subscriber. — My offering for a High Mass in thanksgiving for a favor received. Mrs. H. L., **Three Rivers**. — I am enclosing stipends for a Low Mass for I have obtained a desired favor. Mrs. A. P., **Montreal**. — The enclosed sum of \$10.00 is for your Works. It is my thank-offering to the Blessed Virgin. I beg you to pray for a person who is dangerously ill. A subscriber, **Montreal**. — As my prayers have been heard, I am subscribing to "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. P. L. — My offering of \$15.00 in thanksgiving for favors received. M. B., **Montreal**. — I have obtained a good position. Kindly accept this offering of \$3.00 in favor of your Works. Anonymous. — I am subscribing to "THE PRECURSOR" for five years in thanksgiving for a favor granted me. Miss C. L., **Montreal**. — I am enclosing \$1.00 as a thank-offering for favors received. Miss M. M., **Fall River**. — I have obtained a special favor and in return am sending \$5.00 for the ransom of dying pagan babies. A. M., **LACHINE**. — Please accept this small offering of .50 for the ransom of two dying pagan babies. I have obtained the favors I desired. M. D. — I am gladly fulfilling my promise by sending you \$1.50 for your Works. At the same time, I am asking that my son may find employment. Mrs. H. C. — Position granted after promising to subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR". Mr. J. E. C., **Rosemont**. — My most grateful thanks to our loving heavenly Mother who has deigned to hear my prayers. A Subscriber.



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

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