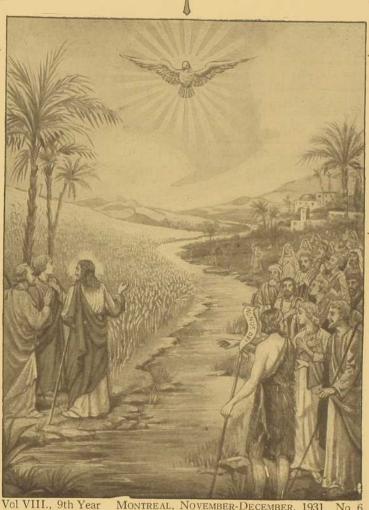
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of the Immaculate Conception

By procuring work for them.

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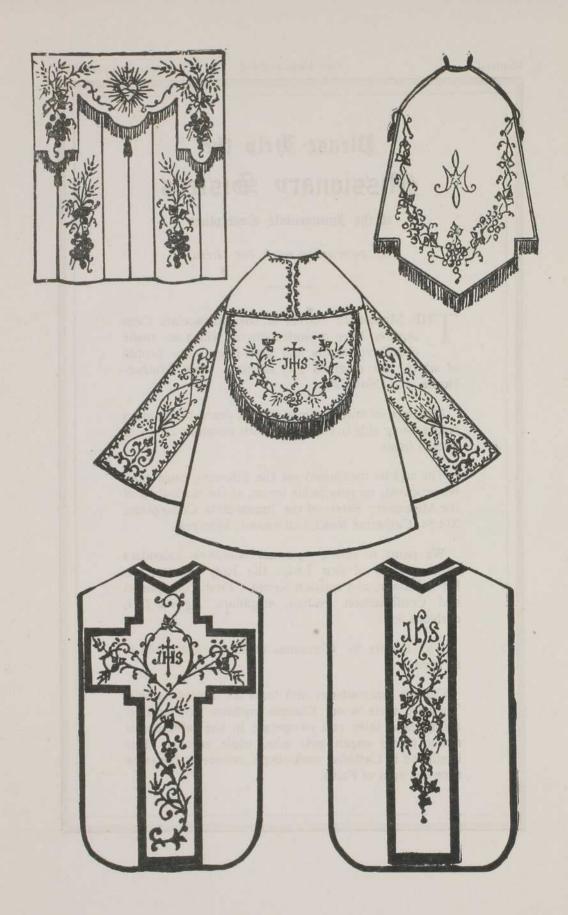
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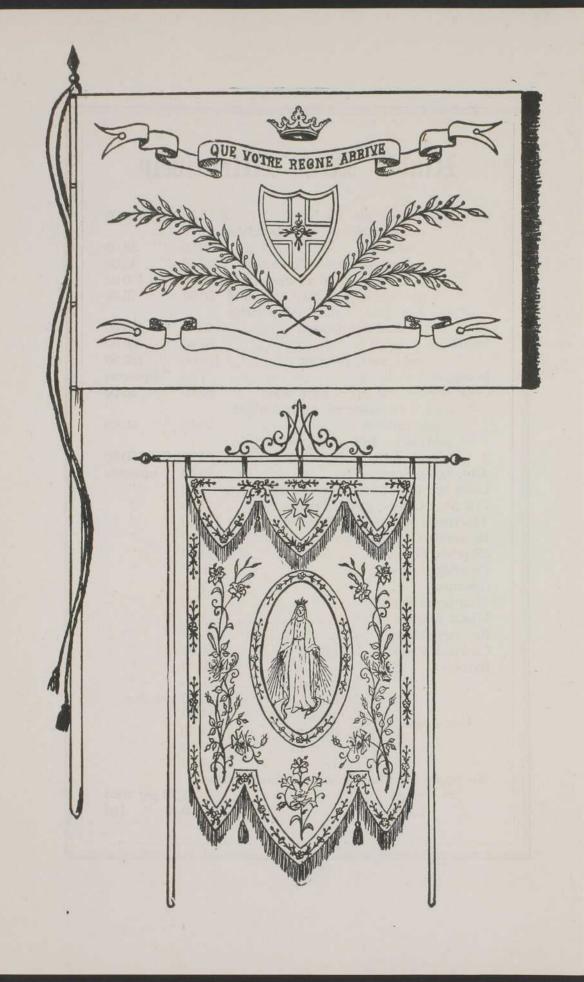
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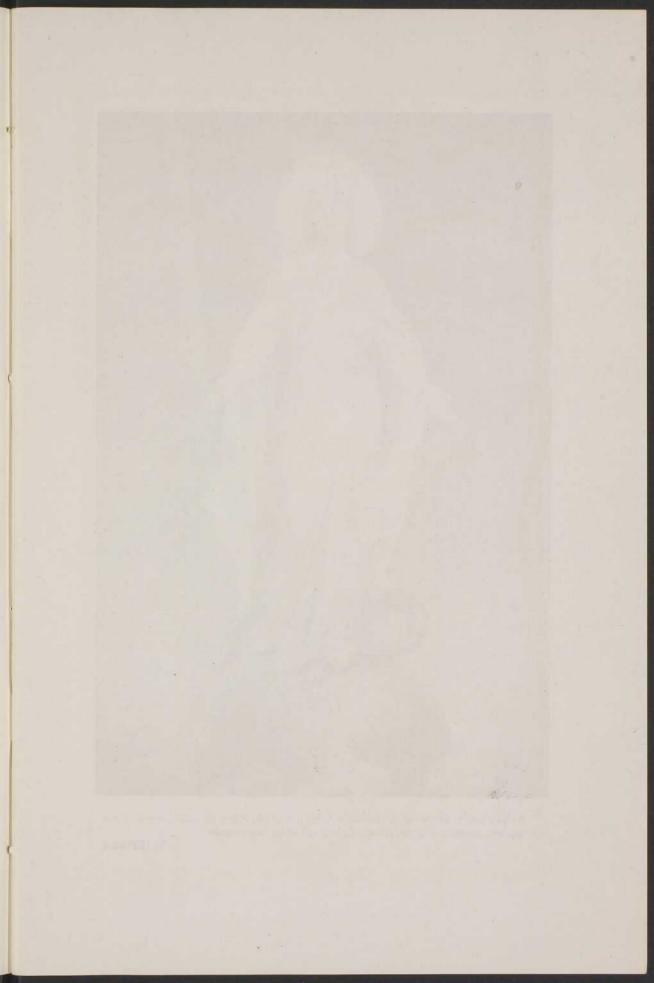
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We hail you, O Mother of the Sovereign King, tree of life, lily of the valley, source of true consolations, fountain of grace, throne of glory, ark of the new covenant!

St. Ephrem.



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"Venite!"

Venite, venite! Hasten, hearts of all, To your humble Saviour In His humble hall!

> Venite, venite! Come, ye rich and poor! Come, ye great and lowly! He will peace assure.

Venite, venite! Come, who sadness feel! Come, whom sin has wounded! He has come to heal.

> Venite, venite! Though His cave be small, In His infant bosom There is room for all.

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HIS EXCELLENCY RIGHT REVEREND BONIFACE YEUNG AUXILIARY BISHOP OF CANTON, CHINA

His Excellency Right Reverend Boniface Deung

On July 26th, Mgr. Boniface Yeung was consecrated Auxiliary Bishop of the Vicariate Apostolic of Canton. The consecrating prelate, His Excellency Right Reverend Simon Tsu of the Vicariate Apostolic of Haimen, is one of the bishops consecrated by the Pope in 1926. Eleven bishops, about eighty priests, and many Christians and pagans assisted at the ceremony.

Bishop 38 years in Dahomey has seen Church strongly planted.

Rome. — All the thermometers of Rome lingering in the vicinity of 100° Fahr. failed to make any impression on His Excellency Bishop Francis Steinmetz, the Lyons Foreign Missions, Vicar Apostolic of Dahomey, French West Africa, who is on his way to France after 20 years in the tropics. Stopping in Rome to visit the Holy Father, His Excellency gave the following interview to a member of the Fides staff.

· "First of all, as you know perhaps, our Vicariate covers a territory of about 60,000 square miles and has 2,000,000 inhabitants of whom only 30,000 are Catholics."

"But that is not a bad percentage, Your Excellency, because if I remember rightly, there were no Catholics when you arrived."

"No, it was not quite so bad as that. There was a small nucleus of Christians in Dahomey. The mission at Ouidah had been set up in 1861 by the priests of Lyons. There were occasional priests from time to time with foreign armies along the coast but nothing permanent in the line of missions. Within my 38 years in the colony, I have witnessed the flowering of Catholic life there. (Fides)

Ordination of ten Missionaries at Hong Kong

On Pentecost Sunday, ten missionaries of the Salesian Congregation of Dom Bosco were ordained to the priesthood. They are of different nationalities, but all are determined to spread the Faith among the Chinese. It is to be remarked that these young apostles have made their novitiate and their classical studies in China, and are prepared for their work since they are acquainted with the language and the customs of the province which has been assigned them.

Consecration of His Excellency Right Reverend Albert Breton

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His Excellency Right Reverend Albert Breton, who has just lately been named Bishop of Fukuoka, Japan, will be consecrated on September 29th. Born in 1882 at St. Ingelvert, he was ordained in Paris in 1905, and left at once for the mission of Hakodate, Japan. Ever since, with the exception of his stay among the Japanese on the Pacific coast of the United States, he has labored in the Land of the Rising Sun. On June 8th, he was called to Fukuoka, to replace Bishop Thiry, deceased. This diocese is situated at the southern extremity of the Japanese Empire. It has a population of more than 4,000,000 inhabitants, of whom about 7,500 are Catholics.

Missionaries to attend the Catholic University of Lille

For the sixth time since its foundation, missionaries will attend the Catholic University of Lille as medical students. Their course lasts six weeks, from September 4th to October 16th. They will have twenty-seven hours of study every week and will try examinations when the course is finished. All successful candidates will receive a diploma permitting them to take charge of Dispensaries in mission countries.

The Princess of Piedmont and the Missionary Sisters of Canton

Canton (China). — The Princess of Piedmont has obtained for each of the cloistered Carmelite nuns now on their way to Canton, China, for the opening of a new monastery, an autographed photograph of His Holiness Pope Pius XI. (Fides Corr.)

Taoist Monk enters Church after interesting Career.

ANKWO (Hopei Province, China). A Taoist monk disgusted with the world and seeking peace and true religious consolations found the object of his search when he was received into the Church on the Feast of the Assumption at the mother house of the Little Brothers of Saint John the

Baptist, Hopei Province, China.

Han-Chen-Chan, as he was known in the world, had received a good education and began his interesting career as a secretary in the Upeifu army. He followed the army in its wanderings and adventures for many years and then disgusted with everything and wishing to turn his back on the world he said to his wife one day: "Life on this earth is nothing but one misery after another. If it were not for the fact that I am married to you I might go and become a monk, but as it is you are in the way. Now if you were to commit suicide you most certainly would receive a beautiful reward in the other world and I should be able to carry on my work of supernaturalization in peace." This supernaturalization is the process of becoming a genius and immortal according to the Taoist doctrine. His wife agreed with him that this was an excellent idea and to show her sincerity she put herself out of his way by taking arsenic.

He then confided his little daughter to the care of one of his relatives and taking his son with him entered a Taoist monastery, where he remained for three years. In this time the probation of a Taoist monk was supposed to be complete, and he was free to remain in the monastery or to travel about the world seeking his living as he would, usually in the practice of sorcery. Our monk, who at this time was known in religion as Tsong-Chan, chose the second possibility, that of travelling through the world, and taking with him his son, who was a postulant monk, he visited many countries. In one pagoda the Taoists employed him as an accountant, for they were practising medical magic along the line of big business and the shareholders in the project were receiving immense dividends. When the number of sick would begin to grow small, they simply prepared a few magic potions and charms and "sowed" some more sickness.

At length, disgusted with all that he had seen, Tsong-Chan still wearing the habit of a Taoist monk, returned home, his heart heavy with sorrow and discouragement. In the meantime, one of his relatives and his own brother had been converted to the true faith, and when Tsong-Chan returned there was not much difficulty in putting him on the right road. A soul so protoundly religious and desirous of perfection grasped eagerly at the teachings of the Church, and when he met one of the Little Brothers of Saint John the Baptist he asked that he might receive instructions at their mother house in the Monastery of the Beatitudes.

On the Feast of the Assumption, he put aside his Taoist habit and was baptized. From now on his eloquence and influence will be exercised to propagate the faith in his native land of Jentsiu.

The Martyrs of Manaar



DEATH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

In the year 1554, an event occurred which, at the time, made a great sensation in Europe, and which, after more than three and a half centuries, is still remembered in Ceylon and Southern India.

Two years had scarcely elapsed since the arrival of Saint Francis Xavier when the renown of his apostolate spread far and wide, and drew to him deputations from different quarters, praying him to come to their country and instruct them in the Catholic Faith.

The first deputation came from Manaar, the small island situated between India and Ceylon. The inhabitants of the island asked for Baptism. St. Francis Xavier was then in Travancore, where he had converted a large number of heathens and he was busy instructing them.

He could not leave that field,

which promised an abundant harvest of souls, to go himself to Manaar; but he sent thither a young Indian priest, whose name, too, was Francis Xavier.

The young man had attached himself to St. Francis since the first day of his arrival at Goa, and had become his favorite disciple. The Saint, struck by the virtues of the young man, prepared him for the priesthood, and he was ordained by the Bishop of Goa, John Albuquerque.

It was customary at that time, in India, that a priest should take another name at his ordination, and St. Francis Xavier had desired that his beloved pupil should take his own name and thus he was called Francis Xavier.

When sending the young man to Manaar, St. Francis Xavier pressed him tenderly to his heart and said: "You know how great was my desire to go to Manaar; but I cannot leave these Christians who are still weak in their faith and have need of my support. I, therefore, entrust this mission to you with the hope that your apostolate in that island will be so fruitful that it will serve me as a model; but whatever will be your success, remember that all you may do, you must attribute to God alone, in Whose hands you are only a poor instrument, which by itself can do nothing, but can work wonders in the hands of God. Go, my son, and God be with you."

The young Indian priest started. In a short time he had converted over six hundred heathens and established a fervent Christian community.

Manaar belonged, at that time, to the kingdom of Jaffna. Of all the rulers of Ceylon, none were so strongly attached to heathenism as the King of Jaffna, Sagara Rajah. He was a usurper who had robbed his elder brother of the Crown, and was a crafty and cruel man.

His wrath was great, when he learned that so many of the inhabitants of Manaar had abandoned their gods and become Catholics. He resolved

to compel them to return to the worship of idols.

He sent to Manaar a strong body of soldiers who, having crossd the strait, disembarked unperceived, and in one night, seizing all the Christians, brought them to a place called Passim.

Great was the constancy of these poor neophytes. Asked, one by one, if they would obey the orders of the Rajah and worship his gods, they all replied that they were Christians and would never deny their Faith. Mothers answered for their children, and gave them up to the executioners. Six to seven hundred were thus butchered in one day.

Francis Xavier, the young Indian priest, was one of the first who shed

his blood for Christ. He was the first Indian priest martyred.

Saint Francis Xavier mentions this event in a letter dated the 27th January, 1525, which he wrote from Cochin to the Jesuit Fathers in Rome.

"The island of Manaar," he says, "is situated about 150 miles from Cochin. Its inhabitants had sent to me, begging me to come and baptize them. I was then held back by matters of great importance for the propagation of our Holy Faith; so, unable to go thither myself, I sent one of the priests who accompanied me.

He had already baptized a large number, when the King of Jaffna, to whose dominion the island belonged, had them all put to death because

they had become Christians.

Let us give glory to God, that even in our time He has given martyrs to His Holy Church, and that, just at the moment when so few men are really ready to profit by the mercy of God and work for the salvation of others."

In another letter which he wrote to the Jesuit Fathers at Coimbra, St. Francis Xavier gave more ample details about the martyrdom of the neophytes of Manaar; but unhappily that letter is lost.

But a few days had elapsed since the blood of the Martyrs of Manaar had been so cruelly shed, when the Sagara Rajah, King of Jaffna, learned with despair that his eldest son had become a Christian.

The young Prince had been converted by a Portuguese merchant, Andrew de Susa, and baptized by one of the two Missionary Fathers, who were residing at Jaffna.

In his wrath, the King, after having tried in vain to induce his son to worship the idols, condemned him to death. The young Prince was beheaded and his body thrown into the fields, to be devoured by dogs and jackals. Andrew de Susa and the Missionaries gave him Christian burial.

On the following morning on the grave of the martyr, appeared a cross so wonderfully impressed on the sand that the people said it could only be the work of angels. The Rajah, when told of the fact, gave orders to efface it, but it reappeared the next morning and the day after, and was effaced again by order of the Rajah. On the fourth morning the cross reappeared, but in the air above the grave, surrounded with rays so brilliant that the people fled in fear, and many loudly proclaimed their faith, and asked for baptism, though they well knew that such confession would cost them their lives. Many were put to death by order of the Rajah.

Among those whom the miracle had brought to the faith was the King's sister; she had a son who, according to the laws of the country, was the rightful heir to the throne, and bore a tender affection to her nephew, the younger brother of the martyred Prince. She instructed them in the Faith; but, fearing that in his wrath, her brother put them to death, she resolved to save them by sending them out of the country. She had no thought of saving herself, for the courageous lady was ready to die for her Faith.

With the help of Andrew de Susa, she equipped a small vessel and sent the boys to Cochin to St. Francis Xavier, who received them with eyes full of tears and sent them to the College at Goa, recommending them to the Viceroy.

Shortly afterwards, eleven of the leading men of Jaffna, who also had become Catholics, fled to Goa, where they were solemnly baptized.

The King's rage knew no bounds when he learned of the flight of the young Princes; but he did not dare to persecute those whom he suspected to have assisted them for fear of the Portuguese, for he knew that the Viceroy had given orders to equip a strong squadron at Nagapatam, to oppose him and put on the throne the rightful heir to the crown.

St. Francis Xavier relates, himself, these facts in the letter before mentioned, and the State Archives of Lisbon possess the originals of two other letters relating the same facts, one from Don Juan, the brother of the martyred Prince, to the King of Portugal, and the other from Andrew de Suso to Cardinal Henry, brother of the King.

By your help to the Missions, you may give to Jesus something that He does not possess and which He desires, souls! Give Him souls! Thus you will share upon earth the joys of apostolate, and in heaven you will enjoy for all eternity the crown promised to "Saviours of souls".

A Missionary.

In gratitude for the great kindness shown them by the late Most Reverend Timothy Casey, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Vancouver unite with all the faithful of the diocese in praying for the repose of the soul of their beloved Archbishop.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

The Miraculous Medal

The Feast of the Manifestation of our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is celebrated on November 27th.

The Miraculous Medal is a gift from heaven, since it was brought down to earth by Mary herself. Therefore, let us don this celestial livery and repeat with love the little invocation, assured that it is in these terms that the Queen of angels and of men desires to be invoked:

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

Indulgences to be gained by the recitation of this prayer

By a rescript of March 5, 1884, our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII granted 100 days' indulgence, once a day, to all the faithful who recite the invocation: "O Mary conceived without sin, pray_for us who have recourse to thee."

IT WAS MY MEDAL THAT SAVED ME!

A certain contractor, a good upright man, was in the habit of sending his little five-year-old son to the parochial school, taught by the Sisters. At school, this dear child, who looked like a little angel, was loved as much by his teacher as by his parents.

One day, the little fellow met with an accident. While playing in the yard, he fell, hitting his curly head on a sharp stone. Although the cut he received was not very deep, it was almost certain that he would be left with a scar.

The grief-stricken father reproached the religious for not taking better care of his child. The good nun, who was not to blame in the least, after listening to all that the poor man had to say, softly replied: "Sir, now that it is all over, let us come to good terms. Here is a little medal of the Blessed Virgin, which I hope you will accept. And remember my words: If ever you are in danger, think of your medal and have recourse to Mary, for she will surely protect you.

The good gentleman willingly accepted Sister's offer. A few weeks later, while the workmen were absent, he decided to do a little inspecting. Hardly had he climbed down into a deep well, when suddenly it began to cave in.

When he saw what was happening above his head, he knew that it meant certain death, for, if he were not choked by the falling earth, he would surely be crushed by the weight of it, for he was alone and could not call for help.

The poor man thought of his wife and children, and was almost in despair when he suddenly caught hold of his medal. Kissing it, he cried: "Holy Mother, the religious assured me that this medal would bring me luck.

Pray for me, bring me back to my wife and little ones, for without your help, I am lost."

After uttering this heartfelt prayer, he tried to free himself and was successful. Once out of danger, he regarded his deliverance as miraculous and never ceased repeating that it was his medal that saved him.

CONVERTED BY THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

A young doctor in the city of Turin gives the following account of how Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal led him back to God. The narration is headed: Chieri, July 16th, 1895. It reads as follows:

"One April evening in the year 1892, I joined the Masonic Lodge *Pietro Micca*, situated in the eastern section of the city of Turin. I was in my twenty-first year and was still a freshman in Royal University. I had always led a good life, but commencing this sad evening and continuing until the month of December, 1894, I strove to do all the evil in my power.

At times, I would grow tired of my reckless life, devoid of faith... I could see nothing but wickedness wherever I turned,.. I tried to find a way out of evil and the only thing I could decide upon was to commit suicide.

Meanwhile, a sacrilegious drama was being played in one of the most up-to-date theatres of the city. While the wicked actors were delighted with their success, the good Catholic inhabitants of Turin repaired to St. Teresa's Church to there offer up prayers in atonement for the sins of these men.

As soon as the performance was over, I, followed by a number of fellow-students, hurried to this church screaming, and cursing. All of a sudden, I seemed to hear a voice within me say: 'Villain! the most precious treasure in the city of Turin is contained in this church, and here you are blaspheming just outside its doors...' These words kept ringing in my ears, and I felt such a heartpang that my only thought was to rush back home.

Two weeks after, the day before Christmas, a Sister of Charity offered me a miraculous medal, which I refused. However, this good nun, who had heard about me from a friend to whom I had gone in my distress, did not grow discouraged. As her one desire was to win me back to the Faith, she decided to storm heaven in order to obtain this grace... I learned, later on, that seven Communities had been offering fervent prayers for my conversion.

I remained just as headstrong as ever until suddenly I realized that a real struggle was taking place in my soul. I felt myself obliged to fight against an unseen power, which urged me to turn my thoughts towards heaven.

After struggling thus for a whole hour, I picked up this dear little medal and, after carefully examining it, put it in my pocket. Then, quite abashed, I took my leave.

And what I did not want to do myself, the Blessed Virgin, through the medium of her Miraculous Medal, did for me. She made me change my mind and, listening to the prayers of so many congregations, finally caused

my hard heart to soften. She reminded me of my happy childhood days, when, full of hope, I prayed at my mother's side.

The Immaculate Virgin, whose representation was before my eyes on the little medal given me by the Sister of Charity, wished to make my heart a little like unto that of her Divine Son, that He might take possession of it...

For five days, I suffered terribly... I could not pluck up courage enough to take the firm resolution to amend my life. The night after Christmas, the devil succeeded in having me read a filthy novel.

Mary triumphed in the end. A few days later, as docile as a child, I knelt before a priest to confess my sins.

The Immaculate Virgin, so beautiful and pure, saved me from damnation. I now look upon this good Mother as my shield and hope."

It frightens us to think of Jesus and Mary as our examples. In Our Lord's case we take refuge in His divinity; in Our Lady's case we magnify her exceptional greatness, and think we do her virtues homage by putting them beyond the reach of our imitation... If we will but be as faithful to our little graces as she was to her great ones, we shall at last draw near to her, or what we may call near, by following her example in this one respect.

Father Faber.

Christ is the Wisdom of God: Mary, therefore, is the Seat of Wisdom. His presence is heaven: she, therefore, is the Gate of Heaven.

Cardinal Newman.

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 $\begin{cases} 10 \text{ cents each} \\ 75 \text{ cents for a novena} \\ \$20.00 \text{ for one year} \end{cases}$

Homage of Gratitude to "The Little Flower of Iesus"

URING her life here on earth, "the Little Flower" greatly desired to help the missionaries to save pagan souls. It is for this reason that she styled herself the "Little Sister of Missionaries". By her little way of trust and self-surrender, she endeared herself to the Heart of our Divine Lord, who, in heaven, grants all her desires. After being proclaimed "Patroness of Missionaries" by our beloved Pontiff, Pope Pius XI, Jesus, treating her as His loving child, permits her to distribute His treasures, which she showers upon mankind.

And from the four corners of the earth, praises are wafted heavenward, proclaiming the holiness of "the Little Flower" and the efficacy of her intercession before the Throne of God. It is especially upon missionaries and upon those who help them, that this loving Patroness loves to shower her most beautiful *roses*.

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who, time and time again, have received numerous precious petals, which this dear Saint lets fall upon them from the heights of heaven, offer her the homage of their lively gratitude. At the same time, they ask her to obtain from God other graces and blessings for themselves and for their devoted friends and benefactors.

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!

A Few Roses Scattered

By the Little Sister of Missionaries ...

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

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus



I am enclosing a cheque for \$5.00 for the Burse in honor of "The Little Flower" to thank her for a favor granted me through her intercession. Mr. J. P., Montreal. — The enclosed sum is my thank-offering to St. Therese for a favor received. I beg this dear little Saint to intercede for me again, for I am badly in need of help. M.A.L., Montreal. — Please accept this offering of \$20.00 for the upkeep of the sanctuary lamp for one year in a mission dedicated to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus to thank her for a favor she has obtained for me. Miss E. L., Montreal. — My offering of \$25.00 in thanksgiving to St. Therese. Anonymous, Quebec. — I am enclosing stipends for High Mass in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus who has deigned to assist me. Anonymous. — The enclosed sum of \$1.00 is for your most needy mission. It is my thank-offering to the little Patroness of Missionaries. Mrs. E. Y. — In loving gratitude to the little "Scatterer of Roses" I am enclosing an offering of \$5.00 and .75 for lights to be burned for my intention. Mrs. H. F. — A thousand thanks to "The Little Flower of Jesus" for a great favor granted me. I am enclosing the sum of \$1.00 in her honor. Mrs. E. A., Montreal.

— I am fulfilling my promise by sending you the enclosed sum of \$10.00 in thanksgiving to the little Patroness of Missionaries for having cured me of nervous trouble. Mrs. Z. G. — My offering of \$4.00 for "The Little Flower" Burse. Mrs. F. G. — I am enclosing the small sum of \$3.40 for your Works in thanksgiving to St. Therese. Mrs. I. C., Montreal. — Kindly accept the enclosed sum of \$5.00 for your Missions. I am sending this offering in thanksgiving for favors received. Mrs. A. P. — I am sending stipends for a Low Mass in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Mrs. J. M. G., Quebec. — My most lively gratitude to "The Little Flower" for having protected me in time of danger. I am enclosing \$3.00 in her honor and beg her to continue to assist me. A grateful client. — You will find enclosed the sum of \$10.00 which I promised St. Therese I would send for the Missions. Anonymous. — My offering of \$1.00 to thank "The Little Flower" for a favor granted me through her intercession. Mrs. C. R., East Windsor. — I am most grateful to the little Patroness of Missionaries for the rose petals she has let fall upon our family. My husband has found a good position. I am enclosing an offering of \$5.00. Mrs. P. L., White Plains, N. Y. — We have obtained several favors through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Enclosed find a donation of \$17.00. I beg you to pray for me that one dear to me may find work. Mrs. E. S., Montreal. — Some time ago I promised \$2.00 for your Works. I am now fulfilling my promise. Mrs. A. P. — I am enclosing a cheque

for \$50.00 for a favor received after promising to send a donation in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and to publish my thanksgiving. Mrs. J. G. — Please accept the enclosed sum of \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby likely to live. This is my thank-offering to "The Little Flower". Kindly make a novena to this dear little Saint for my intentions. Mrs. J. R. D., Montreal. — I wish to thank St. Therese for helping me in time of need. The enclosed donation of \$5.00 is in her honor. Mrs. O. L., Leominster. — I am enclosing \$1.25 in honor of St. Teresa "The Little Flower" for favors obtained. R. L., Indian Orchard, Mass. — You will find enclosed \$1.00 for the ransom of dying babies in China. Please return thanks to St. Joseph, "The Little Flower" and St. Anthony for three favors I have received. Mrs. S. J. — Enclosed find \$1.00 for your poorest mission in thanksgiving for help received from "The Little Flower". Please remember us in your prayers. M. S., Timmins, Ont.—I am sending an offering of \$1.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby in fulfilment of a promise made some time ago. I am asking St. Therese to cure me if such be God's Holy Will. Mrs. J. B. D., Montreal. — I am sending \$1.00 for the Missions in thanksgiving for a favor granted me through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. I hasten to fulfil my promise by publishing the same. D. D. — My offering of \$25.00 in honor of the little Patroness of Missionaries to thank her for a successful operation. A benefactor. — With my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR", I am sending the sum of \$7.50 for the Missions in thanksgiving for a favor granted me. Mrs. A. L. — My thank-offering of \$2.00 in honor of "The Little Flower". Anonymous. — I wish to return most heartfelt thanks to St. Therese, through whose interfor \$50.00 for a favor received after promising to send a donation in honor of St. Teresa of the Anonymous. - I wish to return most heartfelt thanks to St. Therese, through whose intercession I obtained a cure. Miss.D. D. — I have received a favor. Kindly accept this small offering of .50 for the distant Missions. Anonymous. — I am enclosing an offering for two novenas of lights in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus to thank her for a favor and to obtain novenas of lights in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus to thank her for a favor and to obtain the cure of my little girl. A subscriber. — Enclosed you will find an offering for a High Mass in honor of St. Therese for a favor received. Mrs. J. L. S., Montreal. — I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and also enclose a thank-offering of \$5.00 for the Missions, in honor of "The Little Flower". Mrs. L. G. — In return for a favor granted me through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, I am enclosing the sum of \$1.00. Mrs. A. J. T. — My offering of .50 for the Missions in thanksgiving to "The Little Flower". Mrs. P. P. — The enclosed offering of \$5.00 is in thanksgiving for a cure obtained through the intercession of the little Patroness of Missionaries. A subscriber. — I am enclosing \$2.00, for I have received a favor. I promise to send another offering if St. Therese again comes to my assistance. Mr. J. A. G. — I am sending the sum of \$1.00 for a year's subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" in thanksgiving for favors received, and to obtain others. Mrs. F. G. — With my offering of \$10.00 for a favor received and for the obtaining of others. I am enclosing —With my offering of \$10.00 for a favor received and for the obtaining of others, I am enclosing a small donation from my son. It is his thank-offering to St. Therese for a position granted him a few years ago. Mrs. H. G. — I am sending you the sum of \$2.00 in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus to thank her for a favor. I will send another offering if she again deigns to hear my prayers. Mrs. J. B. L., Montreal.—A small offering in favor of the Missions. A subscriber.—You will find enclosed the sum of \$1.00 towards "The Little Flower Burse" in thanksgiving for a favor received. A subscriber, Southbridge, Mass.—I am enclosing the small sum of .25 in favor of the Missions, for my child has received a favor. Mrs. L. G.—I wish to return most heartfelt thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, through whose intercession I have regained my health. I am sending an offering of \$1.00 in honor of this dear little Saint. Mrs. Z. D., Verdun.—St. Therese has obtained me a position. I hasten to fulfil my promise by sending you \$1.00 for lights to be burned in her honor. Miss A. D. to fulfil my promise by sending you \$1.00 for lights to be burned in her honor. Miss A. D., Montreal. — Please find enclosed \$2.00 for the Chinese children, in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. I promised to send this offering if I received a special favor. J. N. G., Perce. the Child Jesus. I promised to send this offering if I received a special favor. J. N. G., Perce.—As my husband secured a good position after promising to send \$1.00 every week for the Missions, I am gladly sending you the sum of \$10.00. I now hope that one of my sons may find work. Mrs. G. L., White Plains.—My most grateful thanks to "The Little Flower" for a successful operation. The enclosed offering of \$1.00 is for the Burse in her honor. Mrs. F. S. P.—I have received a favor through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Kindly accept the enclosed sum of \$5.00 which I send in her honor. Mrs. S. L., Hull.—I am enclosing an offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving to St. Therese for a favor granted me. Mrs. J. B. V.—St. Teresa of the Child Jesus has heard my prayers. To thank her, I am sending \$1.00 for the Missions. Mrs. A. A., Montreal.—I am enclosing an offering of \$5.00 for the Missions in thanksgiving to the dear Patroness of Missionaries for a cure obtained. Mrs. A. S.—I hasten to fulfil my promise by sending you \$1.00 for the "The Little Flower" Burse. Mrs. C. M., Montreal.—You will find enclosed a postal note for \$1.00, a donation towards "The Little Flower" Burse in thanksgiving for a favor and to obtain others. Miss M. A. L.—I am most grateful to St. Therese, through whose intercession I received a favor after promising to publish my thanksgiving and to send \$1.00 every month for one year to help the Missions. Mrs. J. A. E., Ottawa, Ont.—Enclosed please find my offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving for a favor received. Mrs. L. B.—I am sending the sum of \$4.00 in honor of St. Therese to thank her for a favor and for a special intention. A subscriber. \$4.00 in honor of St. Therese to thank her for a favor and for a special intention. A subscriber. You will find enclosed an offering of \$1.00 for the Missions, in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Anonymous. - I have received a favor from "The Little Flower" and to thank her I am sending you the sum of \$3.50. We beg this dear Saint to continue to protect us. Mrs.



MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WHO LEFT ON SEPTEMBER 20th, 1931, FOR THE MISSIONS OF CHINA, JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Departure Ceremony of our Missionaries

The religious ceremony which preceded the departure of our Missionaries took place at the Mother House at 1.30 P. M. on Sunday, September 20th.

The sermon for the occasion was preached by Reverend Father A. E. Langlais, O. P., who presided at the ceremony. Present in our modest chapel were many relatives and friends of the *departants*.

May we ask you to pray for our Missionaries that they may win many

conversions among the poor pagans of the Far East.

Consecration of a new Chinese Bishop

On August 2nd, the new Vicar Apostolic of Paotingfu, Joseph Chow, was raised to the episcopate by his predecessor, His Excellency Bishop Montaigne, Coadjutor of the Vicariate Apostolic of Peking. The many Christians present at the ceremony hastened to kiss the ring of their new Bishop and all showed their gratitude to their former Pastor and the Missionaries who founded this Mission. No celebrations were carried on this occasion owing to the civil war in the neighboring districts.

Conversions among Chinese Students

Honkong.—A group of 42 young men, all between the ages of 15 and 25, were baptized at Hongkong after receiving instruction at St. Joseph's College conducted by the Brothers of the Christian Schools. The same young men were confirmed later at the Cathedral of Hongkong.

Worthy of note in connection with the conversion of these Chinese young men is the influence of retreats conducted by the Jesuits at the University Pensionate. The retreats last three days and are open to young men employed in government and business offices of the colony.

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The Sisters' Presence brought Comfort to the Refugees

While the war was raging in the district surrounding the city of Ankuo, the president of a house of refuge organized by the Red Cross Society begged the Sisters of St. Teresa to come to his assistance, as he was unable to console the refugees. Remarking how calm every one was in the large refuge conducted by the Sisters, he assured the latter that they would have no work to do as their presence alone would bring comfort to the poor grief-stricken unfortunates. Two Sisters left at once and did much good.

Echoes from our Missions

CANTON, CHINA

Extract from a letter from Sister Marie de Loyola, Missionary of the Immaculate Conception, Superior at Canton, China, to her Sisters at the Mother House

Canton, August 12, 1931

DEAR SISTERS,

I am ashamed of myself for not having answered you sooner, I shall write to you oftener after this.

I shall begin by telling you what some of our little ones are able to do and the way they talk. The other day, one of them, a little girl six years of age, began to teach catechism to two carpenters at work just outside the Orphanage. I know it would have touched you to hear her asking one of these men if he loved God, and why he did not know Him, since He is his Creator. The carpenter, who is a very kind man, smiled and found it quite amusing to be given a lesson by such a tiny tot. It is not his first lesson in Christian Doctrine, for more than once, without appearing to notice what was going on, he has listened to the daily instruction given to the orphans by our virgin catechist, Monica. As he and his companion look favorably upon the Catholic religion, we lend them some books in which the different articles of our holy faith are fully explained. We hope that before long they will enter the True Fold. Who knows but that little *Moumouille* will win these souls to God!

The Holy Ghost seems to have given our little orphans an apostolic vocation. Ossiting, aged six, was also caught teaching catechism to a little blind girl, aged five. It was touching to see the little catechism teacher taking her little companion by the hand in order to show her how to make the Sign of the Cross and to say the Hail Mary. Very often, our little blind orphan asks to go to school. In the beginning, the Sister in charge of the children could not guess what little *Atsing* wanted. Finally, however, she learned that the school was the corner in which *Ossiting* was in the habit of teaching her little companion.

How winsome are these dear little tots! The devil has not yet succeeded in teaching them to be deceitful.

I must not forget to tell you how happy everyone was when the boxes sent from Canada were unpacked. If you could have heard the little ones chattering like little birds when their eyes fell on the games, dolls, pretty articles of devotion, clothing, etc. "Tai, tai, look, look," said little Cecilia, showing her godmother her new shoes. She never grew tired of admiring them and of showing them to others that they might also admire them. What a wonderful thing it is to be mothers to those who have never known

a mother's love! Dear Mother, it is our Sisters of the Mother House, our parents and friends of the Missions who have given such happiness to our little orphans. We also share in the joy of our little charges, who thank us for the pretty things they are given.

For many days after, how often did we find them with their dolls and other playthings! Each one thinks that hers is the nicest toy of all. Sometimes, they are heard to exclaim: "It is *Tai ma Me* who has sent us these nice things!" or "Oh! how good our dear Mammas in Canada are to us!"

We have just received a nice little girl, seven years of age. This little newcomer, who is deaf and dumb, lives many miles from the Orphanage. I wanted to take her picture, but when she saw the kodak, she grew afraid and ran away. Ossiting, who brought her back to me, did her best, by means of signs, to make her little companion understand that I did not intend to do her any harm.

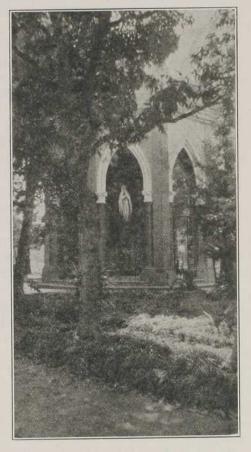
While many miserable human beings beg us to give them shelter, others, who have been the object of our charity for some time past, regret the "fleshpots of Egypt". A young lady, who came here two years ago because neither her husband nor her parents wished to have anything to do with her, tried to crawl through a hole in one of the city walls while Mass was being celebrated. As she is very stout and the hole was not a big one, she had great difficulty in climbing into it, and in trying to free herself, she landed head first on a sharp stone on the other side. She received a bad cut, and was picked up unconscious by a policeman, who brought her to the police station. As one of the neighbors, who had seen her making her escape, informed us of what had happened, two Sisters, accompanied by Monica, left at once to see about the unfortunate woman. They told her that it would have been much better if she had asked permission to leave, for we would have let her go out by the door and she would have escaped without being hurt. When she told the police that she was only eighteen years old, Monica interrupted her, saying that two years ago, when she came to stay with the Sisters, she was twenty-two. The police at once saw what kind of a person he had to deal with, and, after reprimanding her for running away, told her that she would be very foolish to leave a house where she was sure to receive three meals a day. The poor culprit came back with the Sisters and begged them to forgive her for trying to escape on the sly. As we saw that she had made up her mind to leave us, we told her that she was free to do so and reminded her that she must live a good Christian life. She did not stay away from home as long as the Prodigal Son. She came back the following day, and, falling on her knees, begged us to take her in again. We had pity on her and accepted her anew.

It was, no doubt, our Blessed Lady who made us think of making several daily processions through the convent and in the garden, in honor of St. Joseph. We entreat him to send us the help necessary to carry on our Works. Every evening, after the children have finished their prayers, we kneel with them before the altar of our holy patron to ask him to watch over his children. Then, carrying with us a little statue of St. Joseph, we pray as we wend our way to the beautiful little grotto in a far corner of the garden. There, a

lovely white statue of the Blessed Virgin seems to smile upon us and say: "You have every reason to have recourse to my dear spouse, for he obtains everything he asks from the Heart of my Divine Son."

Just lately, several members of the League of Nations visited our found-ling-home and orphanage in order to assure themselves that we did not trade children. These ladies and gentlemen remained but a short time. We wonder if they stayed long enough in the country to get a good idea of the state of affairs therein. I could not help thinking to myself that, if we had but a small fraction of the money spent for such a trip, we could give a little comfort to our poor charges, whose lives are so miserable.

Your happy Cantonese Sister, Sister Marie de Loyola (1)



GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES IN THE GARDEN OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CANTON, CHINA.

SHEK LUNG LAZARETTO

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

Shek Lung Lazaretto, August, 1, 1931.

Beloved Mother,

These few pages from our diary for the months of May, June and July, will tell you of God's mercy towards His poor leprous children and His fatherly kindness in our behalf.

Early in May, four patients, three men and one woman, left this land of exile. Death was a great relief to the latter, for her entire body was a mass of horrible sores. For the last two years, and especially during the few days that preceded her death, she suffered a real martyrdom. Our Divine Lord

⁽¹⁾ Orphise Boulay, of Coaticook.

must have welcomed her with outstretched arms. Two of the men had already been baptized, and we had the happiness of pouring the Regenerating Waters over the brow of the third before his soul left his miserable body.

The dampness of the houses, due to the water which soaks through the walls when the different floods occur, causes many to contract a mortal illness. During the month of April, we lost seventy-five patients, six of whom were women. All were baptized before dving with the exception

of four, who, in a fit of discouragement, committed suicide.

In our last letter, we spoke of the prisoners who escaped from their cells during the night. On May 7th, the head guard of this prison returned from Canton, where he had gone to receive his sentence. He told us that he had promised to become a Christian if he got off safely, adding that he was fully convinced that nobody, except our God, could save him. He was supposed to spend the rest of his days in prison, and his companion, to be shot. In the end, the first was set free after paying the fine of half a month's salary, and the second was condemned to six months' imprisonment. The two soldiers, happy to have been so successful, have decided to be baptized. One of them asked us for a crucifix and a medal, and the other, for a catechism. Both are anxious to learn about our holy religion. Let us hope that they will remain true to their good resolutions.

The last day of May, we received three visitors at the Lazaretto. One of them, a doctor, declared that he never saw lepers looking so happy and that the poor patients in a Protestant leper asylum, which he had just

visited, were altogether different.

Montreal

We showed our guests the decorations prepared by the lepers for the Corpus Christi procession, which will take place Thursday. These articles greatly interested them. If they were not made by the lepers, I would like very much to send you a few, that you might admire the patience and skill of these poor sufferers. They set to work with the greatest enthusiasm to trace characters with beads, seeds and feathers. They also paint, make paper flowers and many other pretty things. While thus employed, they do not find the days monotonous.

On June 12th, one of our patients, but twenty-two years of age, died after many hours of agony. This poor young woman, upon her arrival at the Lazaretto, two weeks ago, fell sick with the fever. Seeing that there was no hope for her recovery, we instructed her in the principal truths of our holy religion. To the questions we asked her concerning her belief in God, she replied: "I have told you at least twenty times that I believe all that you have told me. Yes, I want to be baptized, and if I get better, I will study my catechism and go to church." Four days before her death, she was made a child of God.

Another patient, who, during the eight years she has been with us, has never once consented to study Christian Doctrine, was baptized the same day. We hope that God, in His mercy, has forgiven her for being so negligent.

A few days later, Clare, another of our patients, left us after having received the Last Sacraments with angelical piety. Despite the weak condition she was in, she insisted on getting down on her knees to receive



GROUP OF LEPERS OF THE SHEK LUNG LAZARETTO, CHINA

Holy Viaticum. Seeing that she was sinking fast, we began to say the beads for her. After the first decade, her beautiful soul had already fled to its Creator. She died so peacefully, that at first we thought that she was only sleeping. This poor leprous woman has always faithfully imitated the virtues of her holy patroness. Despite the fact that the patients receive very poor food, owing to our great poverty, she always found that she was given too much. If we prepared her a special dish, she would thank us for it, but it was soon given to one of her companions. Some time ago, we gave her a tonic. As soon as she noticed that it did her good, she brought the medicine back to us, saying that she felt better. On the coldest nights, she would not take the blankets given her, in order to suffer the more. Poor Clare never wore a new dress. If she happened to receive one as a present, she would give it away, keeping only patched clothing for herself. In a word, she led the life of a saint. The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel was a day of General Communion for the men. Thirty of them were enrolled in the Scapular. The day before, a leprous woman, after receiving the Last Sacraments, peacefully left this valley of tears while repeating the names of Jesus and Mary. Her hands and feet were completely eaten away by leprosy.

Your letter, beloved Mother, reached us on July 19th. And what good it did us! While reading it, we felt that we were much nearer to our dear Mother House. We must not forget to thank you, as well as our kind Canadian benefactresses for the offering it contained for the erection, on our island, of a grotto in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes. This grotto will be the means of making our Immaculate Mother better known among the poor lepers.

Our patients received their screens on July 22nd. They were so glad that all thay could say was *Ta tae ma me* (Thank you, Mother). What relief these screens will bring these patients! July 22nd is a date which recalls to us memories of the greatest consolation given us in our missionary life, that of the first baptism at the Lazaretto.

Just lately, we received six new leprous women. Two of them were almost in despair and wanted to kill themselves, for they found it hard to believe that they had contracted the dread disease. We tried to encourage them as best we could. With the help of the Blessed Virgin, we hope to win them to God.

On Tuesday, the 28th, the little girls who have not yet contracted leprosy, returned from Canton. As they had been away since the Saturday before, they had much to tell us about. When they were told that they were to assist at the ceremony of consecration of a Chinese bishop, Mgr. Yeung, Auxiliary Bishop of Canton, they were overjoyed. At three o'clock in the morning they were all up and dressed, although they were not to leave before eight.

Once again, we thank you, dear Mother, for the happiness you have given our dear leprous women and their infirmarians.

LEAO YUAN SIEN, MANCHURIA

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

Saturday, June 20, 1931

A patient suffering from an abscessed tooth comes to the Dispensary. When Sister asks him what he is able to eat, he bursts into tears. For the last two weeks, the Chinese have been celebrating a feast in honor of the moon, and at every meal there is a special menu: pork, cake, etc. The very thought that this feast will not be held again until next month discourages the poor man.

Tuesday, June 30

Report of the Dispensary for the mo	onth of June:
Baptisms	
Patients treated2,910	Dressings
Divers treatments	Visits to the homes

Thursday, July 2

The decoration around the statue of our Blessed Lady in our humble chapel is composed of little white flowers from our garden. Our nursing Sisters are kept busy all day visiting the sick. Like our Blessed Lady going to visit St. Elizabeth, they wend their way, not over the hills of Judea, but to poor huts where fever-stricken patients suffer from a burning thirst, which is increased by the intense heat.

Tuesday, July 7

One of the mandarins of this city comes to ask the priest if he will allow one of the postulants to marry his son. Needless to say, not one of them wishes to accept his offer. Still, in China, what an honor it is to become a mandarin's wife! It can easily be seen that the Chinese virgins are held in high esteem by the public.

Saturday, July 25

A little girl, four years old, is brought to the Dispensary. The poor child is so thin that she excites pity. Ever since her birth, she has been treated in the most cruel manner; her little body is all bruised.

When we ask her if her mother is living, she sadly answers: "Mee yeou ma," and quickly stretches out her little arms.

Sunday, July 26

Sister Superior washes and dresses our little girl. The nice little white frock she puts on her is a gift from a kind benefactress in Canada. The child is then brought to the church to be baptized, receiving the name

of Marie Anita. After the ceremony the pastor comes to take her picture in our garden. She is surrounded by pretty flowers for which she seems to have a great liking... To see the way she sucks the candies given her, we are certain that it must be the first time that she has ever tasted any.

Tuesday, July 28

Our little orphan has made herself so much at home that it seems that she has always been with us. When she is not as good as she should be, the virgins tell her that they will have to send her back home. Then the little one shakes her head and says: "I pei tze, pou houi tchu", (I'm never going to go back).



MANCHURIAN WOMEN

Thursday, July 30

If the joy of one of our Sisters was not a joy for all her companions, we would be tempted to envy our nursing Sisters. To-day, they again have the happiness of opening heaven to ten little angels.

Friday, July 31

Report of the Dispensary of Leao Yuan Sien for the month of July, 1931:

Baptisms	
Patients treated	Dressings
Divers treatments	Visits to the homes 92

Tuesday, August 4

The little girl who came to us last week, took her flight to heaven, to-day, just as the evening Angelus was ringing. The poor little one had received so many bruises at home that there was no way of saving her. We do not mourn her loss, for we know only too well that she is now enjoying eternal bliss.

PA MIEN T'CHENG, MANCHURIA

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

Saturday, June 6, 1931

We learn that Mr. Han, the soldier whom we have been visiting every evening, died about a quarter after six this morning, while Mass was being celebrated. Last night, his friends placed him in a large wooden box, in which he remained until death. He was lucky to have been treated even as well as this, for, usually, all dying patients are carried outside and left to die on the bare ground. Doubtlessly, our Blessed Lady came to the assistance of the poor dying man in his last hour. We are almost certain that this soul is already enjoying eternal bliss.

Friday, June 12

Elizabeth, one of our little orphans, five years of age, does not like going to school. Every morning, she lies down on the *kang* and goes to sleep. When we try to teach her her prayers, she has always some excuse to give us. We tell her that she should be ashamed of herself for not wanting to speak to God and that if she does not study she will never know anything. Our words take no effect on her. She says that she will study next year.

Thanks to our Immaculate Mother, we baptize as many as four patients, to-day.

Sunday, June 21

This morning, during High Mass, a dying baby, but a month old, is brought to us. Sister St. Jean d'Éphèse baptizes it immediately, giving it the name of Mary Teresa.

For a few days past, we have been treating a little five-year-old girl. Last year, the child fell, hurting her left eye on a piece of wood. She has no mother, and her father is so poor that he could not afford to have her treated. Every day, her bandages are soaked with blood. She cries all the the time that we are dressing the wound. Most likely she will die, but we are not sorry, for she has been baptized.

Thursday, June 25

A good old woman brings us her three-year-old grandson, who has been sick for the last four days. The poor child has no mother, but thanks to the sacred waters of baptism he will soon see God. May this dear child, on reaching heaven, intercede for his unfortunate little brothers.

Sunday June 28

God has come for another of our orphans, little Teresa Tchang, also called Siou Yun (little cloud), who was but five months old. She was laid out

in the parlor in a nice little white dress. All the orphans came to see her and accompanied her mortal remains to the chapel. Our little one was laid to rest in the mission compound beside one of her companions, who died last October.

Tuesday, June 30

Report of the Dispensary of Pa Mier	T'cheng for the month of June 1931:
Baptisms 33	Patients 2,960
Treatments3,024	Dressings 686
Teeth extracted 42	Visits to the homes

Saturday, July 4

To-day, our heavenly Mother sends three sick children to the Dispensary to be baptized.

During the afternoon we are asked to go to see a baby two months old. We give this little one its passport for heaven, also.

Monday, July 6

We have the honor of receiving a visit from His Excellency Mgr. Louis Jensens. His Excellency is accompanied by Mgr. J. L. A. Lapierre who, this morning, deigned to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in our little chapel.

A baby three months old is brought to us this evening, the one that we baptized last April while visiting a young woman who scarcely one hour after her baptism, left for a better life. Her little girl was given to pagans who no longer wish to care for her. The poor child is very sick, most problably she will soon be in heaven with her mother.

Thursday, July 9

It is with hearts overflowing with happiness that we send four little souls to heaven. During the hot weather, many children die through lack of proper care. We beg our Immaculate Mother every morning to send all these little ones to the Dispensary before leaving this valley of tears, that we may be able to open heaven to them.

Thursday, July 16

Reverend Father Turcotte administers baptism to an old man 77 years of age. He is one of the first patients who came to the Dispensary. The poor old man came faithfully every day for the last year in order to procure some medicine for his many ailments. Attracted by the Catholic religion, he registered his name as a catechumen and has always been very faithful in assisting at Holy Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday. As he is sufficiently instructed, this good man is made a Christian on the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. May our heavenly Mother protect her grown-up child and obtain for him the grace of a happy death.

Monday, July 20

What a consolation for us to register six baptisms this evening! We do not fail to thank Our Divine Lord and His Immaculate Mother for sending us these iittle souls.

Sunday, July 26

The mail brings us a long letter from our little sister novices, giving us a few details concerning the latest events at the Novitiate. The account of the feast of our beloved Mother deeply touches us. The little celebration in honor of St. John the Baptist must have been very amusing. We recall the days of our religious childhood, when we, also, spent many pleasant hours at the Novitiate.

Our Mistress was kind enough to add a few words to the interesting missive. Oh! what a pleasant surprise!

Wednesday, July 29

A poor woman comes to tell us that her baby is very sick at home. She has not ventured to bring it to the Dispensary, for she feared that the child would die on the way. She consents to have us visit her home. The baby, but fourteen days old, has but a breath of life left in its poor little body. It is immediately baptized and will most problably die to-day. This is the ninth "cherub" that we have sent to heaven since the beginning of the week.

Friday, July 31

Report of the Dispensary of Pa Mien	Tcheng for the month of July, 1931:
Baptisms 93	Patients
Treatments 5,375	Dressings 808
Teeth extracted	Visits to the homes

Sunday, August 2

A child nine months old, baptized by a Christian, is brought to the Mission. The poor child is blind and for the last two days has not taken any food. After Father Turcotte christens it, we give it some milk. As the poor little one has had sore eyes for the last six days and has not been treated, flies and insects have deposited eggs in the sockets.

Tuesday, August 4

The little baby that was brought to us last Sunday, died this evening. Now that she is in heaven, we hope that she will intercede for those to whom she owes her happiness!

Friday, August 7

We pay a visit to Mr. Wang. This good old man was baptized some time ago and is now unable to come the Dispensary. He is very glad to see us.

We tell him that if he wishes to see the priest he has only to tell us. He is quite surprised to learn that a priest will take the trouble of coming to see him. Poor old man, may he soon enjoy eternal bliss!

Saturday, August 8

We hear Holy Mass and offer our Communion this morning for the intentions of our dear Mother, for to-day is the anniversary of her religious profession. May our Immaculate Mother shower her choicest favors upon our beloved Mother Foundress and ever keep our dear Institute under her maternal protection.

FAKOU, MANCHURIA

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

Wednesday, June 17, 1931

A child three years old is baptized at the Dispensary. We call him Jean Regis after our dear Mistress of the Novitiate, whose feast we celebrate to-day, as we are one day ahead of Canada.

Thursday, June 25

Sister Assistant has started giving lessons to the priests' future cook. It is true that at the present moment it is Mr. Lee who does the cooking, but since he is not any too particular, and the food is not any too well flavored owing to the badly-scoured pots, the Fathers have decided to have him replaced. Our new man seems to be handy in the kitchen and Sister Assistant hopes that he will soon surprise the priests with the menu that he will present to them. Let us hope that this will be the case, for it is very hard for our Canadian stomachs to become accustomed to Chinese cooking.

Friday, June 26

We have a new nurse at the Dispensary. She is a young girl, sixteen years of age, who has asked to be admitted to the native novitiate. We tell her that it is impossible for us to accept her at present, owing to lack of space. As she cannot make up her mind to return home for the holidays, knowing that her mother will sell her to a pagan and compel her to marry him, we decide to keep her here with us.

Monday, June 29

Two young women in the last stages of tuberculosis come to the Dispensary. One of them especially is in a most pitiful condition. She has many big

sores covered with cabbage leaves, upon which the flies are feasting. Realizing that she cannot live very long, the Chinese virgin, who helps us, teaches her a little catechism and then asks her if she would not like to become a Christian so as to be able to go to heaven one day. "Oh! yes," she says, "if I am cured." That is the great question... If I am cured... otherwise it is lost time. We often hear these sad words, still we are not surprised, for these poor creatures have never heard a word about religion nor the happiness of the next life.

Tuesday, June 30

Report of the Dispensary for the	month of June:
Baptisms22	Visits to the homes40
Patients3,017	Treatments
Dressings	Teeth extracted

Friday, July 3

We receive a bunch of beautiful flowers with which to adorn the statue of the Sacred Heart. Let us hope that this gift offered by a young Irish girl, who is an anti-Catholic propagandist in Fakou, will win for her the grace of conversion to the true faith. Her mother died a Catholic, in Ireland, about fifteen years ago. This zealous young missionary is most amiable, Every time that she comes to see us, she always pays a visit to the chapel. Who knows but what these visits will not draw blessings upon her!

Wednesday, July 8

The baptism of three children is registered to-day at the Dispensary. Sister Superior also baptizes a young woman, a consumptive, whom we have been treating for some time. She is greatly in favor of our holy religion. When the Chinese catechist asks her if she still desires to be baptized, she quickly replies: "Oh! yes," adding that she believes in God as well as in all the truths that we have taught her, especially that there is a heaven where she hopes to go after her death. What consolations for us missionaries to witness such miracles wrought by grace, what a magnificent reward for our daily labors!

Friday, July 10

We receive a letter this evening from our dearly beloved Mother as well as some holy pictures and two books for spiritual reading. You may imagine how happy we are! We listen attentively to the reading of our dear Mother's letter and resolve to put into practise the good advice that she so kindly gives us.

Monday, July 20

We have the great happiness, to-day, of pouring the sacred waters of baptism on the brows of five children.

Thursday, July 23

Our dear Lord gives us once again a touching proof of His infinite mercy. A poor man, 62 years old, comes to the Dispensary this afternoon. His head is wrapped up in a very dirty cloth. When Sister asks him what is the matter, he uncovers his face and shows us a horrible wound, in which many worms are crawling. One of his eyes is hanging out of its socket, and his upper jaw is broken. The dressing of the wound causes our poor patient great pain, as it has to be cleaned and disinfected thoroughly. He seems greatly relieved after it is all over. The virgin catechist asks him about his parents, his home, and if he has ever heard about the Catholic religion. He tells her that he lives a hundred li from the mission. For the last four months, he has been suffering from this horrible cancer, which began by an ordinary pimple. As his relatives do not want to take care of him, he has come to this city to beg for his living. He went to the Chinese dispensary in the city, but the doctors there refused to take care of him. He has just heard about our Dispensary, so has come to see us. The poor man claims to be a Catholic. After much questioning, we learn that he worked in a Catholic mission for several years. He recalls the names of the priests whom he knew then, but during the thirty years that have elapsed since he left this mission, he has never heard a word about religion. He must have studied a little, because he recognizes the crucifix, despite the fact that he has never been baptized. As we are unable to give him hospitality at the Mission, Father Barbeau gives him the price of a good bed and a substantial meal, for the poor man is very tired. Before he leaves us, we offer him a miraculous medal of the Blessed Virgin, inviting him to come back the next morning.

Friday, July 24

A patient suffering from a cancer, comes to see us early this morning. He can neither eat nor sleep owing to the intense pain. As the weather is very warm, a very offensive odor comes from the wound. Naturally, the patient's whole system is affected. We change the poor man's bandage as carefully as possible and again speak to him about our merciful Lord. He seems to be a little out of his mind. We make him some broth, which he greatly relishes. When he comes back this afternoon for another dressing, the odor is not quite so bad. He suffers terribly when we apply the ointment, especially when we approach the eye.

The virgin again speaks to him of the happiness of heaven, of the torments of hell, and of the necessity of saving his immortal soul. He listens attentively to all that she tells him and when we ask him if he wants to be baptized, he readily gives his consent, saying that he believes in God and that he wants to die a Catholic. How deeply touched we are when Father Barbeau pours on his brow the Regenerating Waters which make him a child of God! We imagine how happy our poor old Chinese will be when he appears before his Creator.

TAONAN, CHINA

Wednesday, June 3, 1931

We unite with our dear Sisters of Canada and of the other Missions in singing a hymn of gratitude for all the graces showered upon our Institute during the last twenty-nine years.

We baptize fifteen dying children at the Dispensary. God must certainly love this city, since He grants its inhabitants such favors.

This evening, after supper, two wives of the Se Tchang (military governor) come to the Dispensary asking us to treat their little boy. Both are plain, sensible women. They express their desire of visiting the church and our little convent. As Father Berger permits them to do so, Sister Ste. Jeanne de Chantal and Sister Magdalen Su, a virgin catechist, take them to the chapel. When these ladies see the Sisters making a genuflection before the tabernacle, they do likewise. They are greatly attracted by a picture of St. Joseph with the Infant Jesus in his arms, and ask what it represents. They then look wonderingly at the tabernacle. When Sister Magdalen Su tells them that God is dwelling therein, they kneel for a moment to adore Him. They find the inscription: "Ai jen jou ki" (Love thy neighbor as thyself) very interesting, but it does not surprise them. In fact, the Se tchang and his family are the benefactors of the inhaibtants of Taonan. What a pity that they are not Catholics! They have supplied the funds for the building of one of the most beautiful pagodas in Manchuria, a convent for young girls intending to become bonzesses, a free school, etc.

Friday, June 5

After supper, Mr. Su, a Christian mandarin, comes to ask Sister Superior to go to see the military governor, who is ill. As he does not live far from the convent, two Sisters leave at once, accompanied by Magdalen Su, Mr. Tchang, and Mr. Su.

The Se Tchang is the wealthiest man in the city. His house is just as richly furnished as those in Canada. We are offered tea, cakes and even chocolates. This is the first time that we have seen such luxuries in Manchuria.

We hope that Mr. Tchang is satisfied with the way we treat him, for if he becomes displeased with us, he can do us much harm.

Monday, June 8

Nine babies are baptized at the Dispensary, to-day. We have not as many patients as usual. Several refuse to come to us because, sometimes, they have to wait a long time before their turn comes. We always treat the very sick people and the babies first. Despite all our good-will, we are not able to attend to everybody as soon as he arrives. Every day, we receive about three hundred patients.

Thursday, June 11

A Christian, on his way to Mass this morning, picks up a dying child. Hastening to the Mission, he asks Father Jasmin to baptize it. This dear little baby girl, but three weeks old, must have spent the entire night on the roadside, for she is chilled through and through. It is two o'clock in the afternoon before we succeed in warming her little body. At five o'clock she is confirmed by Father Berger. Our dear little Mary, who appears to suffer greatly, is unable to cry. If we touch her or make the least noise, her little face shrinks up. She dies during the night.

Every day since our arrival at Taonan, we learn that a baby has been thrown away. When we ask the reason for this cruelty, we are told that despite the fact that the new-born child was real well or only ailing a little its mother could not look after it.

Sunday, June 14

As it rained this morning, the roads are in a very bad condition. Nevertheless, our Sisters paid a visit to one of the homes. They came near having to walk back home, not because of the bad roads, but because the soldiers, who were leaving for Peking, asked all the people they met to lend them their carriage in order to have their baggage brought to the station. Thanks to their title of "Missions doctors", our Sisters were not obliged to give up the carriage they were in.

Tuesday, June 16

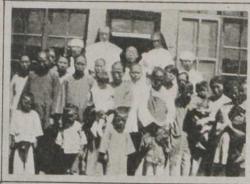
Remembering that this is the feast-day of our dear Mistress of Novices, we offer our communion for her intentions. As we have the happiness of baptizing a few dying babies, we call one after her.

Most of the children, who are brought to the Dispensary to-day, wear bracelets or necklaces composed of five wires of different colors: blue, white, green, pink, red. The Chinese believe that these talismans protect those who wear them from being bitten by animals and from contracting certain diseases such as the plague, cholera, etc. How sad it is to see these poor people the slaves of such ridiculous superstition!...

Saturday, June 20

At two o'clock, this afternoon, we are asked to visit two persons, husband and wife, who have been badly wounded. Last night, these poor people were attacked by enemies. Ordinary thieves would not have taken the time to massacre them in such a way. The woman has five bad cuts, one from her left eye to the bottom of her right cheek, her nose is hanging by the skin, the flesh of one of her arms has been cut away in such a manner that the bone can easily be seen, the back of her head is slashed in two places and one of her finger-tips is missing. While our Sisters disinfect their patient's wounds and endeavor to put the flesh back into place, the virgin catechist, *Jou*, who assists them, speaks kindly to her. The aged mother of the poor sufferer helps her to repeat the little ejaculations taught her.

GROUPE DE MISÉREUX



Dispensaire Taonan





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MISSION OF TAONAN, CHINA

GROUP OF POOR UNFORTUNATES AT THE DISPENSARY.
HELPERS AT THE DISPENSARY DRESSED IN CHINESE FASHION.
THE SAME HELPERS DRESSED AS INFIRMARIANS.
DOOR IN THE WALL SURROUNDING THE MISSION COMPOUND.

When our Sisters have finished the different dressings, they go to see the poor man, who has been carried to his brother's home. He is not as badly wounded as his wife, but is more discouraged than she. At seven o'clock our Sisters return home, after working hard for five long hours. They are scarcely inside the door, when someone comes asking them to visit a sick baby. There are two other Sisters at the convent, but it is late and they have five or six li to travel before reaching the child's home. As they wonder how they are going to get to the little one before its death, Father Berger decides to send them in an automobile. The priest's man and a virgin catechist accompany them. They arrive in time to baptize the dying child, to whom they give the name of Mary Ida. How happy they are to have given to Holy Mother Church another child, which, most probably, will soon be one of God's little angels!

Sunday, June 21

The little boy, whom we baptize this afternoon, is named Gonzaga.

We have a very interesting book to read in the refectory. In it are explained the strange customs existing in China. The chapter we read, to-day, speaks of the craft of the Chinese. We are given an example of it, this afternoon. A soldier comes asking us to visit a sick woman, who lives but a short distance away. He tells us that this woman has already come to the Dispensary, and shows us a card which is supposed to have been given him by one of the mandarins of the city. Our Sister infirmarians leave at once, accompanied by an old woman and Mr. Tcheou, our professor. After travelling a few li, they reach their destination. They go in and ask to be shown the patient. The pagan parents bring them to the bedside of a little six-year-old boy. As he is unconscious, they baptize him at once. Without wishing to offend these poor people who acted in such an underhand way, they ask Mr. Tcheou to explain to them that we are Catholics and that we go to visit all kinds of patients, rich and poor, especially the poor, and that it does not matter what time of the day we are sent for. They are very glad to hear this and can hardly believe their ears. They promise to be more upright in the future, but we know that they will begin all over again the first chance they get.

Monday, June 29

Yesterday, Mr. Linn, a young man twenty-one years of age, one of our first patients at the Dispensary, told us why he wished to become a Catholic. At the age of seven, he lost his parents. He is an only child, and is well educated. Since early childhood, he has been seeking the truth. When, on pagan festivities, he was brought to a pagoda to make a *he too* (deep bow) to the gods, he always found an excuse for not doing as the others did, for he regarded these idols as being too ugly for gods. A little later, on visiting a mosque in order to learn of what Mohammedism consisted, he became fully convinced that it was not the true religion. He listened for some time to the instructions given him by a Protestant minister, but on asking him

a few things which he could not explain, he decided to leave this religion aside.

In the latter part of April, he began to come to the Dispensary for treatment and continued to come thither until the end of June. During the month of May, we had Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every afternoon at half-past four. As it very often happened that we had not finished treating the men, we were in the habit of locking the door, telling them to wait a few minutes, as we were going to the chapel to pray. This young man was struck by the word *pray*, and wondered who we were going to pray to and what prayers we said. He went to see the priest, who gave him a few books explaining our holy religion and, since then, he has always been very happy, so convinced is he that he at last has discovered the Truth. Every Sunday, he assists at Mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. He remains in such a respectful attitude, while in the church, that it can easily be seen that he already possesses a lively faith.

May our Blessed Lady, who led us this good young man, never cease to guide and protect him until he has been made a true child of God.

Report of the Dispensary of Taonan for the month of June, 1931:

Baptisms. 126 Dressings 1,679

Patients 5,105 Homes visited. 26

Treatments. 13,766 Teeth extracted. 23

TSUNGMING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

Letter from Sister Marie de l'Epiphanie, Missionary of the Immaculate Conception at Tsungming, to the Sisters of the Mother House

Tsungming, June 24, 1931.

DEAR SISTERS.

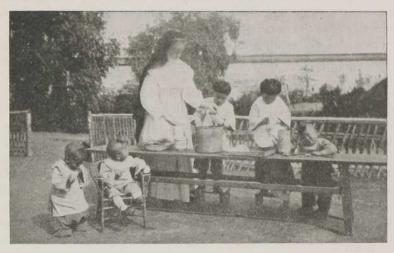
Our pupils went home for their holidays a week ago. During these two months of vacation, we, also, shall leave aside our books of Chinese characters and shall thus have time to put things in order and to do a little sewing. We notice that the outfit that was given us just before we left the Mother House, has become quite threadbare, and that many patches are needed. Ordinarily, everyone has her own special work to do, but as no one has been named as seamstress, we shall try to make the best of our time during the holidays to get through all our mending. Needless to state, the Sisters at the Foundling-Home and Orphanage have not a minute to themselves. They are kept busy day and night. As some of the little ones have the whooping-cough, great care must be taken to keep this disease from spreading. If in a private home it causes a mother so much anxiety, you may well imagine how much it is to be dreaded in an orphanage. Oh! what worry these poor little ones give our Sisters! I do not need to tell

you how much we appreciate the cough medicine sent us last fall. What treasures are contained in these cases sent us from Canada!... When the Sisters ask for something, I look through the different articles to see if I cannot find what they need. Very seldom am I disappointed. Oh! how thankful we are to Divine Providence!

In order to relate to you all the details of our everyday life, I must go back a few months, for I have not had the time to write down everything

according as it happened.

Last February, the school commissioners of Paochen asked us to teach English to two hundred little girls in five different grades. We complied with their request, hoping that we should be able to do these poor pagan children some good. One of the Sisters, accompanied by a Chinese inter-



A MISSIONARY SISTER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TEACHING THE LITTLE ORPHANS OF TSUNG MING, CHINA, HOW TO WORK.

preter goes four times a week to this school. Every day, at noon, a ricksha comes for them and at five o'clock, they are driven home again. A few weeks after Sister began to teach in this school, one of the pagan teachers came, asking her for some medicine for the cook, who had a bad toothache. Sister had none with her at the time, but promised to bring some from Tsungming. From this time on, she has been kept busy treating the patients after school hours. Some of them have declared that they have bad teeth and ask to have them extracted. Many are the ailments of these poor pagans. Several, too weak to come for treatment, ask Sister to go to their home. With the closing of school, we were obliged to close this dispensary, also. We still hope to go a few times a week to attend to the sick and to care for the many abandoned babies. As this village is seven li away from our Mission, we cannot think of bringing these poor forsaken little ones back with us. Up until just lately, living babies were brought to a pagan orphanage to be sold. One of our virgin catechists, who obtained permission to visit this foundling-home, had the happiness of baptizing about fifty

dying children every month. At the present time, children are seldom brought to this orphanage. The resources from it are used to supply the needs of the guards in various posts throughout the village. We were asked to help this institution and even to take full charge of it. We did not agree to do so as we would rather take charge of a foundling-home, from which the babies might be brought to our orphanage, and a little dispensary, where we should have the occasion of baptizing a few souls. One of our virgin catechists could look after this dispensary. But while we are waiting to see our hopes realized, the poor children continue to be cast away as before. I do not know exactly where all these little ones perish, but I think that the numerous ditches must contain several dead bodies. How sad it is to think that they were not made children of God before their death! Oh! if we only had the means of ransoming and baptizing these poor little forsaken creatures! Would we not be fulfilling the end for which the beautiful Association of the Holy Childhood exists? We trust that Divine Providence will come to our assistance by sending us the funds required to establish here and there little posts like the one I have just mentioned. Much could be accomplished with but very little money. It would certainly not take more than a hundred dollars to open one little mission of the kind.

During the month of May, devotions in honor of our Immaculate Mother are held in the school. The altar of Our Lady of Lourdes is prettily decorated with lilies and green foliage. At the foot of the statue is placed a lovely bouquet of flowers from our garden. A little light and two blue inscriptions in Chinese characters: "Show thyself a Mother" and "Receive us as thy children" add to the decoration. Every evening, at half-past six, we go with our pupils and the entire personnel to sing the praises of our loving Queen. With hearts overflowing with gratitude and joy, we ask her to assist Holy Mother Church, our Institute, our Mission and our parents and benefactors.

The material for the new novitiate continues to arrive from Shanghai. It is no easy matter to construct a building of any importance when transportation is so difficult and expensive. As His Excellency has asked us, in one of his letters, to offer special prayers for the success of this undertaking, every evening the pupils join with us in praying for this intention.

Have you heard that St. Teresa of the Child Jesus has been chosen as patroness of the native novitiate? As it is very difficult in Chinese to say Sisters of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, His Excellency has given this Congregation the name of "Seng Ying Wei", the translation of which is: "Congregation of the Holy Childhood". The title is very appropriate, is it not, for spiritual childhood was always the characteristic virtue of the little patroness of this Institute.

The workshop and porch, which the carpenters were obliged to leave unfinished last December owing to a delay in the delivering of the brick necessary, were recommenced in April. On June 11th, this building was blessed by His Excellency Bishop Tsu, who had come to Tsungming to ordain one of the native sons of this city. The following day, in one of the large rooms of the workshop, very prettily decorated for the occasion, a reception

was held in honor of the newly-ordained priest, a relative of one of the big girls who attend our school. The pupils, after singing a song of welcome and reciting two little pieces in Chinese, chanted the *Quid Retribuam* in Latin. The little reception was brought to a close by the presentation of a dainty basket filled with beautiful carnations and a sick-call case embroidered by one of the pupils. This is the thirty-first time that an

ordination has taken place in the Vicariate of Haimen.

The imposing ceremonies occasioned by the ordination of this young priest and the celebration of his first Mass drew crowds of Christians and pagans to the Mission. As the church was not big enough to contain all these people, several of the men climbed up on the window-sills. The four Sisters in charge of the women had their own time keeping back the latter who wished to push everybody aside, in order to see what was going on.

When we saw such throngs in the church, we knew that we should have many a visit during the day. Therefore, we made preparations. The children looked after by Sister Marie d'Ephese are really a credit to us. They are all in good health, and appeared quite cunning in the little colored outfits made for them by the ladies of our workrooms in Canada. The leading men of the city, all pagans, were surprised to see the children so well dressed. They did not say much at the time, but, on meeting one of our Sisters, a few days after, they told her how astonished they were to see the children of our orphanage so well cared for, so prettily dressed, and all wearing leather shoes. When Sister told them that all this clothing had been sent them by Canadian benefactors, they grew all the more astonished. Such Christian charity certainly touches the hearts of these poor pagans.

Since I have begun to tell you about our little ones, I shall continue, for I know that it pleases you to hear how they are getting along, and I

am always glad to give you news of them.

Let me tell you, to begin with, that it is not an easy problem to bring up so many children all at the same time. I speak from experience. Our Sisters wear themselves out in order to save the lives of these unfortunate little creatures. After they have given them the best of care for several months, and are just beginning to have bright hopes for their future, measles, diphtheria or whooping-cough breaks out and carries off most of these dear children... It is true that they leave us for a better land and for this reason we should not mourn their loss. However, it is always with tear-filled eyes that we see them slipping away from us, for it does not take us long to become attached to these little darlings who have such need of affection and love.

It is very interesting to hear them when they are able to talk. They make some very amusing reflections, doubtlessly like all other children. Many a pleasant surprise do they give us.

One day, a picture of "The Little Flower", cut out of a magazine, was given to *Ya Cieu*. No sooner did she have it in her hands than she ran to give it to one of her little companions, who has very sore eyes. When we asked her why she gave away her little picture, she told us that it was because she wanted her little playmate to get better.

One day, the cat was eating grass in the garden. Suddenly, we heard one of them exclaim, "Mani, mani, (cat, cat,) don't eat grass, you will die." We have forbidden all our little ones to touch anything growing in the garden, for they put everything into their mouths and it is so easy for them to poison themselves. We told them that they might die if they ate everything they found in the garden. They are not slow in warning the cat, which, neverthless, is not the only offender.

When Sister arrives at the Orphanage and begins to distribute clean clothes among the children, their little eyes follow her every movement. Not one of these tiny tots fails to recognize the clothes she wore the week before, and if Sister happens to make a mistake, she is soon told of it. One of the Sisters, who happens to visit the orphans shortly after each one has been given a clean dress and apron, is greeted by the merriest laughter. Each little one points to the nice clothes, her own first, and then those of her little companion... Oh! the pride of these children! We hope that this fault, which is so amusing for the moment, will not be harmful to them later on.

Last Sunday, the Sister in charge of the Orphanage, came to tell me that a heart-broken woman had just arrived and had asked to speak to one of the pupils. I left at once for the Orphanage, where I learned that this poor pagan woman was the mother of the little girl whom she asked to see. She had given us her child at its birth, but came for it some time after. is only two months ago that we obliged her to send the little one back to us. As this is a day of great rejoicing for the family, the mother has prepared special food and has come to bring some to her young daughter. The child thinks more of the treat she has received than of her mother, whom she does not appear to recognize. A virgin catechist tells the poor woman not to be uneasy, as the Mo Mo take good care of the children and feed and clothe them well. When we ask her why she gave away her little one, she tells us that when it was born she had another little girl and a little boy, and that her husband did not want to keep the new-born baby. Since then, her two other children have died. As the child is baptized and really belongs to us, the poor mother does not insist on taking her back, and even thanks us for the good care we give her. This is but another proof that poverty is the principal reason for the doing away with children in China.

This same Sunday, two of our Sisters, who went to the parish church for Mass, were given a basket by a little twelve-year-old boy. Looking into it, they found that it contained a baby. They immediately baptized the poor child, whose little body had been badly burned by the sun. Before Mass was over, this new little Christian left for its heavenly home.

Dear Sisters, before closing, I wish to thank you for assisting us by your labors and especially by the fervent supplications which you waft heavenward for your Sisters in the Missions. We rely on these prayers for the success of the apostolic works confided to us.

Your loving Sister,

Sister Marie de l'Epiphanie

KORIYAMA, JAPAN

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Koriyama



A JAPANESE WOMAN WITH A BABY ON HER BACK.

Saturday, July 4, 1931

Our landlord came to visit us yesterday and offered to plant a little garden for us on a piece of land, which, up until now, has been covered with dry branches and a heap of old tiles. There, also, stands a stone temple, which he will be careful not to destroy, for he is a fervent Buddhist. He came himself to see to the moving away of this little temple and the clearing up of the land. We should never have thought of asking for such a favor, but since it has been offered us, we gladly accept it, although it is a little late in the season to commence planting a garden. We know that it will please this kind gentleman to see that we appreciate what he does for us. Last week, we saw one of our neighbors planting beans, so we decide to do the same. The soil is soon raked and sown with beans and lettuce seed. We are lucky enough to find, in a nearby store, some nice tomato plants ready to bloom. We transplant them at once, trusting that they will thrive with the help of Divine Providence.

Friday, July 17

A wing, which will serve as a hospital ward, is being added to the nurses' training-school, situated not far from here. For a few days past, men have been digging the foundation, and, to-day, we witness a very strange scene. In the middle of the scaffolding, which consists of long poles tied together with straw ropes, is suspended an enormous wooden crusher and from two large pulleys hang ten ropes. At a signal given by the foreman, ten women, each with a towel tied on her head and wearing a pair of bloomers, very narrow at the bottom, but so wide at the top that she has been able to tuck in the skirt of her kimona, take hold of these ropes. One of these women begins to sing a song and all her companions join in the chorus while pulling the ropes with all their might. As a result, the crusher is brought down to the ground. At each verse, the same thing happens. It is interesting to see these energetic women at work in their strange costumes. Every one of them wears a broad smile and shows her sparkling black teeth. Formerly, every new bride blackened her teeth and clipped her eyebrows and her

eyelashes so as to improve her looks and, especially, to show her husband that she was subject to him.

Sunday, July 19

Two Korean families have just arrived in Koriyama. As all of these newcomers are Christians, they do not fail to assist at Holy Mass, to-day. Although they have come from a neighboring country, they greatly differ from the natives of Japan. The women, alone, wear the national costume, which consists of a flimsy black silk skirt and a short white waist. We are surprised to see that they often change their expression, for the Japanese, especially the women, always keep the same countenance.

Tuesday, July 21

To-day, while doing some shopping in the city, we are surprised to see a crowd of people waiting to be served in one of the butcher shops. The numerous clerks are kept busy filling all the orders. We are told that, to-day, everyone is buying beef for a meal in honor of one of the gods. It is to show their respect for this idol that the Japanese are preparing such a feast. Beef, here, is very dear, The first quality is 1.20 yen a pound, that is sixty cents in our money. The Japanese, especially the poor, very seldom eat meat. Their meal usually consists of rice, fresh or dried fish and different kinds of vegetables. Our catechumens always find it strange that the Church commands Catholics to abstain from flesh meat on Friday, for they are accustomed to abstain from it every day in the week.

Tuesday, August 4

Mrs. Takazaki, the mother of a little girl whom we are treating, has sent all the idols in her home to the temple in the city. Her eldest daughter, who was baptized last Christmas, bursts into tears as she tells us this good news. She had always been afraid that it would be years before her mother could make up her mind to give up her pagan customs. What miracles may be wrought by Divine Grace! This poor woman, who was always a fervent Buddhist, has, in a few months' time, learned to love the one true God. When the pagan celebrations in honor of the dead are over, she intends to burn all the ancestral tablets and every article of devotion which she has made use of in the different pagan ceremonies. This will be a great triumph, for it is very hard for a Japanese to refuse to offer incense to the spirits of his ancestors and to renounce all the honor which will be given him after his death.

Sunday, August 9

Mrs. Tokaro, a doctor's wife, comes from a small town closeby to spend the day with Miss Okazaki. This young lady, who was educated in a convent in Tokyo, has been wanting to see us for a long time. She is most grateful to her kind teachers for whom she has the tenderest affection. We extend her a warm welcome, for she desires to become a Catholic. She is given her first catechism lesson, to-day.

It is the custom in Japan to write a card to one's friends as soon as the hot spell begins. We receive a few, to-day. One of them reads thus: "As the weather is very hot, I am very uneasy about you. Kindly take *noble* care of your *noble* selves."

Tuesday, August 11

God sends us a great consolation, to-day. Miss Watanabe, a pupil to whom we have been teaching English for some time past, tells us that she has decided to be baptized. A short while ago, upon her request, we gave her some Catholics books, which she found quite interesting. Never for a moment did we doubt that she intended to become a Christian. As she asks to see a priest, we gladly direct her to the presbytery of the mission. She returns with a catechism, which she proudly shows us. She is happy to think that she has been permitted to begin to study Christian Doctrine, at once. Miss Watanabe is one of our first pupils. May our Immaculate Mother look tenderly upon the parents, brothers and sisters of this privileged child, and upon her companions, so that one day they may all embrace our holy religion.

Friday, August 14

Miss Sato is to be baptized before Mass, to-morrow, and will make her First Holy Communion. She asks us what is the most beautiful prayer she may recite after receiving Jesus into her heart and what graces she may ask for. It is on such occasions that we would like to be able to express all that our missionary hearts suggest to us. Our happy neophyte takes a note of everything we tell her. We are deeply touched on seeing her writing down the special graces which she intends to ask for each one of us. For over a month, we have been explaining our holy religion to her, and one of the priests of the Mission has been giving her catechism lessons. This young lady who lives in a neighboring village, intends entering a convent of Japanese religious in Onari, near Tokyo.

Saturday, August 15

As the Feast of the Assumption is a holy day of obligation in Japan, all the Christians and many pagans assist at Mass, to-day. Our happy pupil and another young lady, after receiving Holy Baptism, have the happiness of making their First Holy Communion. Another lady, who has been a Christian for four years, also approaches the Holy Table for the first time.

Sunday, August 16

Workmen have just finished constructing a frame house next door to us. Late this afternoon, Shintoist priests, all wearing light blue gowns, come with many articles, which they place on a kind of altar. A long straw rope decorated with little white papers, runs from one main beam to the other. The floor is covered with straw mats. On the roof, a large arrow marks the direction of the wind, and colored streamers, each on the end of a long pole, float wildly in the breeze. The employees bring rice cakes, fruit, tea, etc. The principal doctors of the city arrive for the ceremony. When everything is ready, three bonzes kneel before the little altar. They all wear loose cloaks, the material of which is so light that their long kimonas of white silk, which they wear underneath, can easily be seen, Each of them wears a black mitre, and one, who appears to be more venerable than the others, holds a thin board on which very large Japanese characters are written. The ceremony consists of prayers, prostrations, the offering of incense and cakes and all kinds of exorcisms. After making several genuflections, some of the men present place envelopes on the altar, and before returning to their places, they clap their hands and bow. This is the way the pagans pray and adore their gods. When all is over, the tea is drunk and the Shintoist priests gather up all the religious objects, except the little board, which will be left in the house for other ceremonies. What is the meaning of all this? Many of the worshippers themselves are unable to give us an explanation. For centuries, these nonsensical rites have been performed, and it is so natural for the Japanese to continue such worship that they never think of stopping for a moment to consider why they are acting thus.

Sunday, August 23

Miss Watanabe, of whom we have already spoken, comes, this evening, to introduce her mother to us. This young lady has not yet told her parents of her decision and it is for this reason that she is anxious that they become acquainted with us. Mrs. Watanabe tells us that her daughter likes to come to see us. She thanks us for all that we have done for her. If this poor woman only knew how grateful we are to her for permitting her child to visit us!

Wednesday, August 26

This morning, the first of the *Bon matsuri* ceremonies takes place. Several Japanese, carrying lighted lanterns, make their way to the river. Their intention is to arouse the spirits of their ancestors. During the day, many others bring flowers and water to the pagan cemeteries. Ceremonies will be held on the graves, and in the different homes lanterns will be kept burning. Bonzes, in rich attire, will visit all the wealthy inhabitants, in order to pray and to offer incense to the spirits dwelling in their family altars. In return for their services, these bonzes will receive money enough to support themselves for several months.

Oh! may the day soon dawn when all these multitudes so faithful to their superstitious traditions, will know, love and serve the one true God!...

KAGOSHIMA, JAPAN

Gleanings from the diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Kagoshima

Tuesday, January 6

Since December, we have had all kinds of beggars at our door, among others, those who beg for the bonzes. If we were not afraid of insulting them we would sometimes be tempted to take their pictures. Each wears a big straw hat resembling a dish turned upside down, a white kimona tucked in a little at the waist, a long black coat with wide sleeves, a big bracelet, beads twisted around his wrist, a necklace and a sort of square bag hung on a wide band of brocade. When they reach the different houses, they lean upon their walkingstick, bow and sing while ringing a little bell. The pious Buddhists bow to them very religiously. As for us, we have not come to Japan to feed the bonzes, they may sing and complain as long as they like. As regards the other beggars, it is an altogether different thing. Many a time we have the occasion of helping them. Again, to-day, we heard music in front of the house. On going to the door, we noticed a poor family. The father was playing the koto (a kind of a long harp, not very harmonious), the mother, the biwa (something like the mandolin) and the little girl, five years of age, was singing to the music of both instruments. Although we did not understand them, we could see by their appearance what they wanted. As we had just received a basket of fruit, we gave some to the little one. The poor child was pleased and all thanked us while making a deep bow. Oh! how we would have liked to have taught them to love the one true God!

Sunday, April 5

On our way home from Mass this morning, we meet a parade, headed by the band. At least six hundred children accompanied by their teachers take part in it. An enormous elephant made either of wood or cardboard and mounted on rollers is drawn by four men. How sad it is to see these innocent children singing in honor of these false deities. May they one day sing the praises of Him who has said: "Suffer little children to come unto me ".

NAZE, JAPAN

Gleanings fron the Diary of our Sisters Missionaries to Naze

Tuesday, March 31, 1931

As it is holiday time for the pupils, we are often receive curious little visitors, who, as soon as they arrive, do not fail to give their password, kembutsu (guest). We receive them kindly, for many of these children are often told untruths concerning the Sisters and, for this reason, are a little afraid of us. We take them to the chapel. The other day, another group of little ones, after examining all the purple-covered statues, remained silent for a few moments and seemed in no hurry to leave. We wondered what was their reason for acting thus, when suddenly a little girl asked: "Where is the Biessed Virgin?" This childish question greatly pleased us, and it must also have touched the heart of our Immaculate Mother and caused her to shower blessings on these little pagans. One of the Sisters uncovered the statue, and the children, after looking attentively at the Blessed Virgin, left us happy and contented.

Saturday, April 4

Twenty persons were baptized in the Mission church, this morning. It was really touching to see these new Christians kneeling before the altar.

Easter Sunday, April 5

The joyful notes of Easter hymns are to be heard everywhere. The newly-baptized Christians make their First Holy Communion to-day. All their companions rejoice on seeing them so privileged. The entire day is one of peace and happiness. This evening, we visit a little sick pupil. She is most grateful to us for thinking of her.

After Benediction of the Most Biessed Sacrament at six o'clock, the new Kindergarten on the church grounds is blessed. All the Christians, while reciting their beads, walk around it in procession. They also visit the interior of the building. A beautiful statue of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus adorns one of the large rooms.

Friday, April 10

Thirty-four Christian and pagan pupils come for their catechism lesson, this afternoon. Reverend Father Gabriel, who speaks Japanese fluently, tells them that if they say azukashii (I am bashful, I am ashamed), it is because they are proud. After this lessson, one of our little boarders, a catechumen, exclaimed: "What am I going to do? That word is always on the tip of my tongue!" Not far from her, another little catechumen, who heard what she said, grew quite red and hung her head. Since then, we have never heard anyone say azukashii. I think that all the pupils have learned their lesson well.

Saturday, July 25

After Mass, this morning, we leave for O Kasari, for one of the Fathers has asked us to spend two weeks at the dispensary which he has just had constructed there. We first travel in auto to Akakina. For two long hours and a half, our eyes rest on the most magnificent landscapes. We would like to stop to admire these beauties at leisure, but the auto continues to speed on its way, as if to tell us that nature is still more beautiful farther

The children and even many adults in the villages through which we pass, look at us in amazement. When we bow to them and smile, their expression changes... It is nearly five o'clock when we arrive in O Kasari. A few Christians and pupils, who are awaiting us, conduct us through the village. Many curious little onlookers gather around us after supper. The catechist of this Mission, who hastens to come to visit us, thanks us for complying with the desire of the Christians, who are anxious that we spend Sunday in their midst. "Often," he tells us, "have they asked me what are the Dotei Sama (Sisters). I told them, to-day, that if they came to Mass, to-morrow, they would see for themselves."

Sunday, July 26, Feast of St. Ann

As Reverend Father Pius says his first Mass at O Kasari, the Mission in which he resides, it is only at ten o'clock that we have Mass here. It took him an hour and a half to travel across the mountains. This Mission has developed rapidly. Five or six years ago, there were only two or three Christians here, while, at present, there are as many as two hundred. The catechist tells us that he is not sorry that the chapel is not spacious enough to contain them all. We agree with him, for we desire to see a larger one built and even to see it become too small for all the faithful.

Owing to the intense heat, we wait until four o'clock before starting on our way again. The Christians of Akakina are still with us when the children of O Kasari come running to meet us. After walking for two hours, we reach the church and the dispensary which Reverend Father Pius has just had constructed. This new dispensary is very neat and clean. We were touched by Father's thoughtfulness in placing statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph in the rooms prepared for us. Sunday, especially, is a day of great fatigue for the missionary, but the fervor of his Christians must be a great consolation to him. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of night prayers took place at 8.30 P.M. during which there was congregational singing. The tone of all voices bespoke a fervor which certainly must have pleased the Heart of God. How edified and happy we were to see our Eucharistic Lord thus honored and praised on this unknown island!

Monday, July 27

We were quite surprised to see so many Christians at Mass, this morning. The Christians of O Kasari are not gifted with earthly goods but they seem to understand what true riches consist of. The majority of the population live in huts with thatched roofs.

On the throne of His majesty and greatness, God commands our fear and our homage; but in His littleness, especially our love. Hear, ye heavens, and lend your ears, O earth! Stand in raptures of astonishment and praise, O you whole creation, but you chiefly, O man! The Son of the living God was born in Bethlehem of Juda. O Short word of the Eternal Word abridged for us but filled with heavenly sweetness! St. Bernard.

Extracts FROM Novitiate Chronicles

Dedicated to our dear Parents

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

Saturday, August 8, 1931

To-day, for the second time, a Silver Jubilee is celebrated in our Institute. Just a year ago, we offered our festal greetings to our beloved Mother, and, to-day, we offer them to Sister St. Paul, Superior of our Convent in Hong Kong.

Although we, novices, are not acquainted with our dear Sister, who left for China in 1910, together with our Sisters across the seas and in Canada, we offer her our congratulations and best wishes.

Thursday, August 13

To-day, the Forty Hours' Devotion opens in our Novitiate. The sanctuary, which is adorned with numerous bouquets of flowers of every tint and hue, reminds us of heaven. We would have liked to have prepared a more magnificent throne for our Eucharistic Lord, who has left His beautiful home in Paradise in order to be adored unceasingly by His children during these two days... When we recall the words of this all-bountiful Master: "My delight is to be with the children of men", we are certain that He will be pleased with the welcome which all hearts extend Him. And must He not feel more at home here in the midst of the children of His Blessed Mother than anywhere else on earth.

Thursday, August 20

At ten o'clock, the bell rings and we are told that we are to go on a picnic. Our Superiors, who delight in preparing us little surprises, made the necessary arrangements, last night.

The weather is beautiful. Besides our lunch boxes, we bring with us different little games, books for meditation and spiritual reading, a small bell, a violin and some sheets of music. A shady road leads to the beautiful Point, where we are to spend the day. When we reach our destination, we stop for a few moments to admire the beauties of nature before giving ourselves up to all kinds of amusements.

When the bell calls us for dinner in the open air, we have such good appetites that our baskets are soon emptied. When the meal is over, we listen to a few pieces of music played on the violin and chatter gayly until it is time for our spiritual exercises. When they are finished, recreation again begins. All the games that amused us in our happy childhood days are played to-day and our merry laughter finds an echo in the little grove closeby.

Late in the afternoon, after meditation and the recitation of the beads, we sing a hymn of gratitude and with happy hearts start back home.

Saturday, August 29

The new postulants receive their black veil and blue girdle, to-day.

After the impressive ceremony, our Mistress and Sister Bursar leave for the Mother House, bearing with them the Dovecot's wishes to our dear Sister Assistant General, whose patronal feast occurs to-morrow. We are given a holiday in her honor. How earnestly do we beg God to shower His choicest graces and blessings upon this dear Sister, who does so much for us and for our Institute.

This evening, we learn that the celebration at the Mother House was a real success and was enjoyed by everyone.

Friday, September 4

This afternoon, at St. Viator's Church, Outremont, took place the departure ceremony of five priests of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary, four Clerics of St. Viator and nine of our Sisters, all of whom are destined to the Far East. The newspapers, no doubt, will give all the details. On this occasion, we were honored by a visit from His Excellency Mgr. Brunault, Bishop of Nicolet, who presided at the ceremony. His Excellency, after a few kind words of advice, blessed our Sisters who are about to leave for a pagan land.

Tuesday, September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin.

On this beautiful feast, when the whole Catholic world honors Mary's birth, a new band of virgins dedicate their lives to God's service. Happy, indeed, is our Institute to present this virginal offering to the Queen of virgins.

Those who approach the altar to receive the Holy Habit of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception are twenty-five in number: Anne Marie Levesque, Westmount (Sr. Marie de Massabielle); Simonne Boisclair, Almaville (Sr. Imelda de l'Eucharistie); Alice Isabelle, Montreal (Sr. Louis de Montfort); Amanda Roberge, Charny (Sr. Louise de Marie); Fleur Ange Lachance, Biddeford, Maine (Sr. Marie Norbert); Eva Buteau, St. Evariste de Beauce (Sr. Marie Benigna); Elisabeth Girard, Montreal (Sr. St. Olive); Rachel Langlois, La Patrie, Co. Compton (Sr. Sainte Caroline); Suzanne Constantineau, Lachute (Sr. Ste. Colette); Cecile Mathieu, St. Evariste, Co, Beauce (Sr. St. Angelique); Cecile Desjardins, Montreal (Sr. Ste. Antoinette); Flore Perron, Rosemere, Co. Terrebonne (Sr. Marie Salomé); Lucienne Roy, Levis (Sr. Ste. Victorine); Madeleine Loranger, Westmount (Sr. Madeleine Marie); Alice Magnan, Quebec (Sr. St. Jean de Brebeuf); Laurette Roy, Thetford Mines (Sr. St. Claude); Yvette Lavigne, Granby (Sr. Ste. Gisèle); Marie Thérèse Roux, Montreal (Sr. Marie Thérèse); Marie Reine Roy, St Viateur d'Anjou (Sr. St. Damien); Thérèse Saindon, St. Modeste, Co. Temiscouata, (Sr. Marie Alfred); Thérèse Lemay, St. Hyacinthe (Sr. St. Albine); Jeanne Gravel, Maskinongé (Sr. Jeanne Françoise); Eustelle Samson, Lauzon (Sr. Eustelle de l'Eucharistie).

Eighteen novices then pronounce their first vows. They are: Sr. Sainte Agnès (Marie Antoinette Marceau, of Lac Mégantic); Sr. Ste. Bibiane (Bibiane Filteau, of Ste. Emélie de Lotbinière); Sr. St. Raymond (Cécile Desmarais, of Montreal); Sr. St. Yves (Yvette Ricard, of Grand'Mère); Sr. St. Eugène (Diana Chainé, of Arthabaska); Sr. St. Guillaume (Elisabeth Carrier, of Stoke Centre, Richmond); Sr. Joseph Arthur (Laura Thérien, of St. Leonard d'Aston); Sr. Philomène de Jésus (Azelle Paris, of Fortierville); Sr. Marie Médiatrice (Aline Malouin, of Quebec); Sr. Ste. Yolande (Elisabeth Vanchestein, of St. Mathieu de Laprairie): Sr. Ste. Josephine (Marie Anna Dussault, of St. Prime du Lac St. Jean); Sr. Lazare de Béthanie (Josephine Couturier, of Quebec); Sr. St. Paul de la Croix (Marie Anne Cyr, of Squatec, Temiscouata); Sr. Ste. Marguerite (Marguerite Farrell, of Plantagenet, Ont.); Sr. Marie Stanislas (Cécile Marsan, of Montreal); Sr. Marie Paule (Marie Paule Larocque, of Montreal) Sr. St. Jean Berchmans (Thérèse Auger, of Les Ecureuils, Portneuf); Sr. Ste. Denise (Odile Malbœuf, of Sudbury, Ont.).

Finally, ten professed Sisters bind themselves irrevocably to their Divine Spouse. At the Novitiate: Sr. Ste. Geneviève (Alice Ladouceur, of St. Geneviève); Sr. Bernadette de Lourdes (Rachel DeMars, of Newport, Vt.); Sr. St. François de Sales (Georgine Latour, of Montreal); Sr. St. Cyprien (Cyprienne Miller, of Montreal); Sr. Marie Auguste (Blanche Gérin, of Coaticook); Sr. St. Henri (Marie Ange Cadieux, of St. Henri de Mascouche) Sr. du St Nom de Marie (Rita Blais, of Thetford Mines); Sr. Imelda de Jésus (Adrienne Larouche, of Nashua, N. H.).

In Manchuria, China: Sr. St. Vincent de Paul (Eva Dumais, of St. Joseph de Lepage); Sr. Ste. Elisabeth (Blanche Ménard, of Ste. Elisabeth).

Reverend Father Langlais, O. P., presides at the ceremony and Reverend Father Leclerc, S. J., our retreat-master, preaches the sermon.

Next after God in our love is Mary; infinitely below God, because He alone is the uncreated; immensely above all other creatures, because she is the Mother of God. Being the Mother of Jesus, our Brother, she is our Mother also. Jesus loved her above all creatures, and we can not be like Him if we do not love her too.

Cardinal Manning.

Mary teaches us God as we never could else have learned Him. She mingles more of Him in her single self than all intelligent and material creation beside. In her the prodigies of His love become credible. She is the hilltop from which we gain distant views into His perfections, of which we should not else have dreamed. Our thoughts of Him grow worthier by means of her.

Father Faber.

The Mentality of the Chinese

By Shin-Lou-Ti

(Continued)

About the year 600 B. C., the *Chou-Kin* or Book of Annals, as it is called in Europe, was composed. The men of letters attribute this literary production to Confucius, but a number of modern commentators state that the author is certainly some unknown writer, for the style is altogether different from that of the literature of *Kongfoutse*. This book, in which there were originally one hundred chapters, are to be found many unfinished documents relating different ancient traditions. About the year 213 B. C., the emperor *Tsin-tche-houang*, a bitter enemy of all learned men, burnt many of these documents, so that there now remain but fifty chapters or parts of chapters. The Chinese commentators do not agree with one another as to the dates of the important events related. The author has set before our eyes the words and deeds of the great men of the past, but has given us no explanation or date. Those who have read the account given of astronomy find that there is no sense to it.

Contrary to certain Chinese historians, who state that many of their institutions were founded over three million years ago, we read, in a book of chronology, that Fou-shi, the first emperor, reigned in the year 2,850 B. C. Popular traditions, the terrestial paradise, and the deluge are spoken of. As in the Bible, the Garden of Eden is mentioned as being in Armenia, so, in Chinese tradition, it is mentioned as being in the West. Mention is also made of the four large rivers of Eden. Luken, in the Traditions of Humanity, speaks of a mountain situated in the middle of the central plateau in Asia and belonging to the chain of mountains known as Kuen-lin. In the middle of this mountain there is a garden, wherein a continual breeze plays among the leaves of the beautiful Tong. He goes on to say that this garden is situated just outside the closed gates of Paradise, and that the streams to be found in it all flow from a yellow river, known as the river of Immortality, for those who drink from it will never die. This river has four tributaries, one in the north-west, one in the north-east, one in the south-west, the the other in the south-east. In this garden (the Garden of Paradise), all kinds of beautiful trees grow. It is known as a garden of flowers which has produced life. It is a road to heaven. The life of man is spoken of as depending on one of the trees in this garden, which one Chinese writer calls the Tree of Life.

The story of the deluge is just as vague. It is related that as Noah and his family were saved from the waters, in like manner *Fou shi* was saved with his wife, his three sons and three daughters.

In the interval between the deluge and the building of the Tower of Babel, the Han tribe left for another country in order to seek better pasture for their cattle and to live a more peaceful life. The traditions of *Chou-Kin*

relate that they travelled across the mountains into Mongolia, first settling in the valley of the Yellow River. A book of chronology states that all this happened between the years 2,850 and 3,000 B. C.

Only a few details are given of the lives of the first rulers, Fou-shi, Chenlong and Houang-ti. Fou-shi ordered his subjects to choose a few of their animals on a certain day during the year and to offer them up as a sacrifice to the Lord of Heaven. One of his successors, Chen-long, seems to have recognized God in the beauty of the Creation, and in order to honor Him, he asked that a sacrifice be offered the second month of each year. Still another successor, Houang-ti, after having a temple erected in honor of the Great Emperor, offered him sacrifices and ordered his subjects to worship him in a special manner. We are told by the historians of the 9th century. in the Tang dynasty, that the magicians, who lived during the time of Chao-hao, established a form of worship contrary to that of Chang-ti. The successors of Chao-hao, Chouen-shio and Ken-min forbade their subjects, under penalty of death, to offer sacrifices to any other than Chang-ti, and in order to do away with the different forms of worship, declared that the Emperor was to be the only high-priest and Sovereign Master of heaven and earth.

There is something strange about all these facts. They clearly show us that if, in the days of these annalists, the Emperor worshipped *Chang-Ti*, his subjects professed Buddhism or Taoism. The Great Emperor, Elohim, known by all of Noah's descendants, is spoken of in the Annals as dwelling in a material heaven which does not correspond in any way with the heaven of his ancestors.

In the reign of *Iao* (2,350 B. C.), the Chinese Empire was formed. Each division of the *Han* tribe had its own ruler, whose only ambition was to subdue his neighbors. One writer tells of the beliefs and customs of the people of this peroid. They are exactly the same as those of the most ancient times. The emperors who ruled the country until the 7th century B. C., were faithful in honoring *Chang Ti*. They also honored their ancestors and the numerous spirits of the Chinese pantheon. This is why we find in the Annals of *Che-Kin* several different doctrines and customs, which were later on observed by Confucius and his disciples because *Iao* and *Chouen*, the emperors of the Golden Age, had observed them. As all the literature of these ancient times was regarded as sacred, all the classics and the *Se-chou* of the disciples of Confucius, which are developed from these ancient works, are regarded as holy books containing traditions which have inspired the literary men of every age. Although twenty-five centuries have come and gone, this literature is looked upon as being just as new as ever.

After the *Chou-Kin*, who ruled over the Lou Empire, the emperor *Iao*, finding that his son was incapable of ruling the country, on account of his wickedness and cruelty, endeavored to find a just man to succeed him. He was told of *Chouen*, whose two wives were the daughters of an aged emperor, who, at the age of seventy, had ceased to rule.

Among certain fables and legends are to be found the Rules and Regulations of *Chouen* regarding the five duties of man: the respect which a son should have for his father; a king for his subjects; a wife for her husband; the youngest brother for the oldest of his brothers; one friend for another. These regulations also contain precious documents telling of ancestral worship, the worship due *Chang-Ti* and the ido's, the three fundamental rites in honor of Heaven, Earth and the Ancestors, the sacrifices to be offered to the mountains, the rivers, and the spirits. Moreover, *Chouen* published a calendar, explained the ceremonies for funerals, weddings, receptions,

Ta Iu, the Great Emperor Iu, who was chosen as Chouen's successor, founded the first dynasty in the year 2,250 B. C. He states that when the Deluge engulfed every living thing, he, having been given a special permission, travelled over the country, cutting down the trees in order to open up roads, forming outlets for the rivers in the nine provinces, digging canals, teaching the people to hunt, to till the soil and to sell and exchange their products. An entire chapter in the Annals speaks of the works of this emperor, especially of irrigation. Thanks to their patience in irrigating the country, the Chinese always have abundant harvests.

announced the legal punishments, etc. He died after having established, by his sensible government, the Golden Age, which, ever afterwards, was

referred to by the sages, who endeavored to renew it.

It is only too true that China possesses many artificial waterways. We read of the produce in each province, of the laying out of the land, of the different divisions of the country and their rulers. There are still, in Eastern China, a few highways built in ancient times.

When we think of Chinese civilization, we must not forget that the emperors of this period were contemporaries of the first Egyptian dynasties and that the Han tribe had a form of government, while Babylon founded by the Chaldeans had no ruler, their first king being Lighagas, who reigned in the time of Abraham, about the year 2,000 B. C. The Persians and the Hindoos also had no system of government. The latter chose a ruler about the year 2,000 B. C., and had no real laws before the year 1,000 B. C.

Naturally, the Annals are not written with very great care. The chapters are very disconnected, but the documents contained therein give us an idea of ancient times. Literary men in our own day, assisted by European scholars have assured themselves of certain dates in Chinese history. After Ta-Iu, Hia reigned from the year 2,205 to 1,766 B. C. The second dynasty, Chang, later known as the In dynasty, ruled the country from 1766 to 1122 B. C. The Annals give us an account of the Emperors of this period, the proclamations issued, the advice given by prime ministers to young emperors, beautiful discourses which are a credit to these great men. The third dynasty, Tcheou ruled from 1122 to 255 B. C. (David, 1000 B. C.) In this dynasty, about the year 600, were published the Chou Kin (Annals) and the Che-Kin (National hymns). The first emperors were Ouen-ouang and Ou-Ouang, both celebrated men as was, also, Tcheou-Kong, who, for a long time was Prime Minister. This period was for all literary men a golden

age, for wise men governed the empire and the subjects were satisfied with their administration. In chapter *Tsieou-Kao* of the Annals, we are told that the wise rulers of the *In* dynasty had a great respect for heaven and for their subjects. From the reign of *Tch'en-T'ang* to that of *Ti-i* (the twenty-seventh emperor of the dynasty 1200 B. C.), all the rulers respected their subordinates... China was so peaceful in those days that the literary men of every age would like to see its inhabitants just as happy again, doubtlessly for their own good!...

The book in which this third dynasty is spoken of contains speeches, rules for the offering of sacrifices, the consultation of the spirits, ancestral worship, proclamations of famous rulers, a few philosophical ideas, made use of, later on, by Confucius and Mengtse, all the details of the funeral services, the codification of penalties, etc. Although these texts are often repeated, they are not very comprehensible. There is also an account of the different rulers. Lao-Tse was born in 604 B. C. (a contemporary of Nabuchodonosor), Confucius in 551 (a contemporary of Cyrus), Mengtse in 372. The Se chou appear in this period. In 255, Ts'in-tche-houang founded the Ts'in dynasty and ruled over the entire country, had a great wall built, and, through hatred for the literary men, burnt all their books (312 B. C.) His successor is Tsien-Han of the Han dynasty. At the time when Christ was born, Shiao-gai-ti ruled the country. Since then, there have been the great dynasties of T'ang (620-905), Song (960-1278), Iuen (1280). With the Min dynasty, in 1368, modern times began. We are told more about the commerce carried on with the countries to the west. this time, the different caravans met in Turkestan to exchange silk and others articles, which were later sent through Persia and Asia Minor to Europe. There was no other route for the missionaries and celebrated travellers, who visited China before this peroid. In 1622, when Macao was given to the Portuguese, the first voyages were made. In 1664, the Ts'in dynasty began to rule. Its principal emperors were Kang-Shi (1662), K'ien-long (1736), T'ao-Kouang (1821), Kouang-su (1875). After the Revolution in 1911, the Republic was established.

In the book of poetry, *Che-Kin*, published at the same time as the Annals, we are given much information concerning the past. The emperors of the first dynasties are spoken of as celestial beings. In the Odes of the Book of Poetry, the birth of the emperors is spoken of thus:

"A large black bird was sent down from heaven. The mother of Sie (a minister of instruction in the time of Chouen) swallowed one of the eggs of this bird, and thus originated the Chang tribe, who settled at In and had numerous descendants. For this reason, the name of In was given to the second dynasty.

"How wise was this *Chang* tribe! When the waters of the deluge covered the earth, *Iu* made outlets and separated one large fief from the other. The house of *Song* began in this period. *Chouen* made one of the members of his family a prince. By an order from heaven, *Tch'en-t'ang* was chosen. It was *Kiang-iuen* who gave birth to *Tcheou*. She walked in the footprints

of the Great Emperor, sighing, and afterwards had a child, *Heou-tsi*. This first-born son came into the world like a little angel. When in a field, the oxen and sheep protected and warmed him, in a grove, woodmen looked after him, on the seashore, a bird spread its wings around him. *Heou-Tsi* grew to be a sturdy boy. As soon as he had learned to walk, he took an interest in agriculture. Later, he was given a piece of land on which he planted millet, beans and different kinds of cereals... He ruled over his fief and became the god of agriculture.

"One of his descendants, Tai-ouang, went to settle on the bank of the river K'i and besieged the palace occupied by Chang. Ouen and Ou finished the work he had begun, before the battle of the plain of Mo took place..."

As the *Chang* army was defeated, the emperor *Tch'en* of the *Tcheou* family, began his rule. In this period the very best classics were written. The study of the different books which were placed in the hands of every Chinese pupil, which scholars of every age have expounded, which the inhabitants of China in centuries to come will, without doubt, read and practise in order to defend their civilization and customs against the doctrines of the countries to the west, will give us an answer to the numerous questions which men in search of information can find nowhere else. In order to understand better the sentiments of the Chinese, we have but to meditate on the texts of the classics, all of which lack phraseology.

(To be continued)

Missionary Rest House at Vichy inaugurated.

Paris.— "The House of the Missionary", a home for treatment and repose reserved to missionaries in ill health, was inaugurated at Vichy July 19 by His Lordship Bishop Gonons of Moulins. The establishment is unique in that while a number of well developed rest houses exist at healthy points in mission lands, opened by individual societies for their members, the house at Vichy is intended for all without distinction of nationality or institute.

The project was launched in 1922 by Rev. P. Watthe, C. M., who took a temporary residence as starting point and in the succeeding years has gathered funds for the present structure. In this he has had the assistance of high ecclesiastical authority and likewise of civil leaders such as the President of France and Marshall Lyautey.

An interesting feature of the inauguration dinner was the address of Dr. Wuillemin in name of the physicians of Vichy in which he expressed the "affectionate sympathy" of his fellows for the missionaries whom they feel honoured to serve. A very cordial letter was received from Cardinal Pacelli in the name of the Holy Father. In connection with the rest house a missionary museum and series of missionary conferences are proposed for visitors to Vichy as aid for the apostolate. Cardinal Pacelli made particular note of this valuable propaganda in his message.

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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.

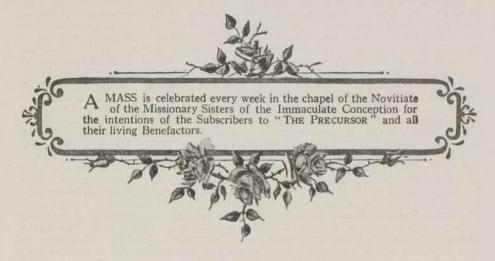
Please find enclosed an offering for the ransom of a little pagan child in thanksgiving to Our Lady. I beg your prayers for my husband's conversion, my son-in-law's perseverance in the faith and other blessings for our spiritual and temporal welfare. Mrs. L. M., Toronto, Ont. — Enclosed please find cheque for \$2.00 which I hope to send you monthly in thanksgiving to Mary Immaculate for a favor received. Please pray very fervently for me, for through suffering, I have lost my natural sleep. Miss A. K., Montreal. — My mother and myself have both obtained a great favor. Please help us to thank God for His benefits. I enclose herewith \$10.00 for the ransom of two babies, whose little souls will surely be lost if no one thinks of coming to their aid. Miss B. M., Deep River, Conn. — Please find enclosed \$1.00 which I promised I would send if one of my nephews found employment. The position he was given was not a steady one. Please pray that he may find another, as he has a family to take care of. Mrs. T. D., Williamstown, Mass. — I am enclosing \$1.00 in thanksgiving to St. Joseph for favors received, I am coming to you again to ask you to make a novena for me that I may be successful in getting boarders, for I am in need of money to pay my taxes. Please pray also that I may obtain a sum of money that a friend owes me, that

my husband may find work and that my brothers may give us our share of the farm without trouble. I promise \$1.00 for the ransom of Chinese babies if these favors are granted. Mrs. L. L. Windsor, Ont. — My most heartfelt thanks to our Mother of Mercy, for we again have peace in our home and the person we have been praying for has been converted. A. L. — My offering of \$1.00 for the ransom of Chinese babies, in thanksgiving for a favor received. Anonymous, Montreal. — I am enclosing an offering of \$1.00, for I have been granted a favor. I now wish to obtain another. Anonymous. — Kindly accept the enclosed sum of \$5.00 which I am sending in honor of our Blessed Lady to thank her for her kindness to me. Mrs. C. L. — I am most grateful for having received a special favor after promising to publish and to send \$1.00 to ransom four dying Chinese babies. A subscriber. — The Blessed Virgin has deigned to hear my prayers. To thank her I am sending the sum of \$5.00 for the Missions. Mrs. E. D. — My most lively gratitude to our Blessed Lady for a cured obtained on wearing her miraculous medal. Mrs. M. A. L., Montreal. — I am sending this offering for the ransom of four Chinese babies, in thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Missions, through whose intercession I have obtained a favor. Mrs. J. B. — Through the intercession of our Blessed Lady I have obtained a favor which I am very grateful. Mrs. G. L., Montreal. — I am gladly fulfilling my promise by sending you \$10.00 in honor of the Blessed Virgin for the Missions. Mrs. R. R. — I am enclosing a donation of \$15.00 in thanksgiving for a favor received. Anonymous. — I have obtained a great favor after promising to renew my subscription every year in honor of our Blessed Lady. Mrs. G. G. — Kindly accept my offering of \$1.00 for a favor granted me after promising to publish my thanksgiving in "THE PRECURSOR" in thanksgiving for a favor received. Anonymous. — I am most grateful for a favor that has been granted me and enclose an offering of \$3.00. A. D. — You will find enclosed \$5.

small offering. I. S., **Notre Dame de Grâce**, **Montreal**. — Kindly accept this small offering of .25 which I promised to send if I were cured of a bad toothache. Mrs. D. P. — I am enclosing herewith an offering of .50 in thanksgiving for a favor received through the intercession of our Blessed Lady and "The Little Flower". A subscriber. — You will find enclosed .50 for the ransom of two pagan babies in thanksgiving for a cure obtained. Mrs. A. L. — My most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin and St. Therese for a favor granted me Mrs. O. T., Rosemont. — You will find enclosed \$1.00. It is my thank-offering for a favor granted me. I beg you to pray that my son may find employment and that we may be successful in the sale of property. A subscriber. — I wish to return thanks to the Blessed Virgin and "The Little Flower" for a favor obtained after promising to send an offering. Miss R. P. — I am most grateful to our Blessed Lady, who helped me in my examinations. M. J. S. - Enclosed please find \$1.00 for a Mass of thanksgiving to God, His Blessed Mother and St. Christopher for protection while motoring during the year. M. A., Montreal. — I am enclosing herewith the sum of \$5.00, which I understand is the amount sufficient to ransom a pagan baby that it may become a Roman Catholic. This offering I make in thanksgiving for a favor received. W. A. K., Toronto, Ont. — I am sending you \$2.00 for the Missions in thanksgiving for a favor and to obtain another. A subscriber. — A thousand thanks to Our Lady who, through the medium of her Miraculous Medal, has completely cured me of hoarseness. Miss M. A. P. — I have obtained a cure after promising to send an offering of \$2.00, to publish my thanksgiving in "THE PRECURSOR" and to spread the devotion of the three "Hail Marys". A subscriber. — Enclosed you will find a Postal Note for \$5.00, which my sister has requested me to send you for the ransom of a pagan baby, in thanksgiving for a favor she has recently received. C. Mac., Sand Point, Ont. - I am sending you \$1.00 in thanksgiving for a favor received. M. C. C. — After promising to give an offering of \$5,00 for the Chinese children, the Blessed Virgin has deigned to hear our prayers. Mrs. H. F. — I am enclosing herewith \$1.00 in thanksgiving to Our Lady for favors granted me. Anonymous, **Montreal**. — As I the Blessed Virgin has deigned to hear our prayers. Mrs. H. F. — I am enclosing herewith \$1.00 in thanksgiving to Our Lady for favors granted me. Anonymous, Montreal. — As I have obtained a great favor, I am sending you \$5.00 for a pagan baby. A subscriber. — Kindly accept the enclosed sum of \$13.00 for your poorest Chinese mission. I am sending this offering in honor of the Blessed Virgin and "The Little Flower" to thank them for helping me in time of need. A subscriber. — I am gladly sending you an offering for the ransom of eight dying babies. I promised to send this sum if my son found work. Mr. J. P. — My most heartfelt thanks to our Blessed Lady, through whose intercession I have regained my health. I entreat this loving Mother to watch over us always. Mrs. Z. A., Montreal. — I am sending you two subscriptions to "THE PRECURSOR" which I promised if I obtained a position. Miss A. F. — The enclosed offering is for a novena of lights in thanksgiving for a favor received. Mrs. P. T. — Some time ago I promised to send \$1.00 if I obtained the cure of a sore leg. My prayers have been heard. Mrs. R. B. — I am sending \$1.00 for "THE PRECURSOR" in thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, through whose intercession my son has secured a position and I have obtained a favor which I have been asking for the last six years. Anonymous, Montreal. — I have received a favor after promising to send an offering for five lights to be burned in honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and a subscription to "THE PRECURSOR". I now ask for my husband's restoration to health and other favors. Mrs. C. G. — Some time ago, being out of employment, I promised \$1.00 for one of your missions. Shortly after, I secured a position. A subscriber. — You will find enclosed \$5.00 in thanksgiving for a favor received. A friend of the Missions. — My most grateful thanks to our Blessed Lady for the cure of a sore throat. Miss I. R. — I desire to have a Low Mass said in honor of the Immaculate Conception in thanksgiving for a favor. A subscriber. the close of a novena made in her honor. Anonymous, Quebec. — Please find enclosed \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby in thanksgiving for a cure obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. M. H. G., **Montreal**. — I enclose herewith \$15.00 for the ransom of of the Blessed Virgin. M. H. G., Montreal. — I enclose herewith \$15.00 for the ransom of sixty dying pagan babies in thanksgiving for success in an undertaking, Mrs. D. L. — I was greatly in need of help and promised an offering if I found a way out of my difficulties. My prayers have been heard. Anonymous. — A thousand thanks to the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph for a favor received. I am enclosing an offering of \$10.00 in their honor. Mrs. J. A. S. — I have obtained some special favors through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin after promising to renew my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" and to send \$2.00 for the Missions. Mrs. J. A. — Enclosed please find .25 for a favor granted me. Mrs. L. C. D., Ottawa, Ont. — I am enclosing an offering of \$1.00 in thanksgiving for a favor received after promising publication. I beg you to pray that I may regain my health. A subscriber promising publication. I beg you to pray that I may regain my health. A subscriber. My most grateful thanks for a favor received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph. Anonymous. — As my husband was ailing, I had recourse to our Blessed Lady and "The Little Flower". He is now in good health. I am enclosing herewith a thank-offering of \$5.00 in favor of the Missions. Mrs. J. O. T. — You will find enclosed \$10.00 for the ransom of little Chinese children in thanksgiving for a favor. Mrs. G. M. - My vocation has been made known to me after promising publication. A subscriber. — I enclose herewith .50 for the ransom of two Chinese babies in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin and St. Therese for a cure and other favors. A subscriber. - Please have a High Mass celebrated in honor of Our Lady in thanksgiving for a favor received. Mrs. H. L. - I am enclosing herewith

\$1.00 for "THE PRECURSOR" and an offering for a novena of lights which I promised to send if I received a very special favor. I promise to send other donations if I obtain what I am now asking for. Miss A. M. P. — You will find enclosed \$1.50 for the Missions in thanksgiving for favors granted through the intercession of our Blessed Lady and "The Little Flower". A subscriber.—In fulfilment of my promise, I am sending you \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. Miss A. Y.—After making a novena to the Blessed Virgin and "The Little Flower", I obtained even more than I asked for. Would you kindly publish my thanksgiving. Miss L. D., St. John.—I am most grateful to the Blessed Virgin who has cured me of a sore leg, through the medium of the Miraculous Medal. Miss C. D. — A thousand thanks to our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph for the cure of my little two-year-old child whose eyesight was very poor. Mrs. A. M. — I am enclosing herewith \$1.00 for "THE PRECURSOR" was very poor. Mrs. A. M. — I am enclosing herewith \$1.00 for "THE PRECURSOR in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favor granted me. I promise to subscribe again next year, if this good Mother obtains me good health. Mrs. L. B., Verdun. — I am most grateful to our Blessed Lady for a favor received after promising to be a life-long subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR". Mrs. J. P. — I wish to return thanks to the Blessed Virgin, St. Anthony, and "The Little Flower" for a favor granted me, through their intercession. Mrs. H. B., Montreal. — You will find enclosed \$2.00 in thanksgiving for a favor received. Mrs. I. Montreal — My most heartfelt thanks to Our Lady for a favor received. M. A. L. — J., Montreal. — My most heartfelt thanks to Our Lady for a favor received. M. A. L. Kindly accept the enclosed sum of \$2.00, my thank-offering to the Blessed Virgin. Miss A. — I am enclosing herewith \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby in thanksgiving for favors received. I beg your prayers for a very special intention. Mrs. P. R., **Newton, Mass.** — I am most grateful to the Blessed Virgin for favors granted me. The enclosed offering of \$2.00 is for your Works. Mrs. J. C., **Verdun.** — You will find enclosed .50 in honor of the Blessed Virgin and .50 in honor of St. Joseph for favors received. A subscriber. — I have obtained a special favor and hasten to fulfil my promise by sending you \$20.00 for the Missions. M. J. C. — Enclosed please find the sum of \$10.00 in favor of the Missions in thanksgiving for a favor granted me through the interession of Our Lady of Lourdes. St. Anthony and for a favor granted me through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Anthony and "The Little Flower". L. M. L. — We are enclosing herewith \$6.00 in thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart and His Blessed Mother, who helped my husband to keep his position. A subscriber. — After promising to be a life-long subscriber to "THE PRECURSOR", the Blessed Virgin has heard my prayers. A subscriber. — My most grateful thanks to Our Lady for having cured me. I am enclosing an offering of \$2.00. Mr. J. M. D. — I am renewing my subscription to "THE PRECURSOR" in fulfilment of a promise made not long ago. My two little ones, who were very ill, have been cured through the intercession of the Blessed Wirgin. I beg this good Mother to continue to protect us. Mrs. A. F. — I wish to thank our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph for favors received. R. T., a subscriber. — I am subscribing to "THE PRECURSOR" in thanksgiving to St. Joseph for a cure obtained. Mrs. P. F. — The enclosed offering is in honor of St. Anne and the Little Flower of Jesus, through whose intercession I have obtained a favor. Anonymous. — You will find enclosed \$1.00 for the Missions in thanksgiving to Our Lady, who has deigned to hear my prayers. Mrs. J. V., Montreal. — I am most grateful to St. Joseph and St. Therese for success in an undertaking. I promise to send an offering if I obtain other favors. Anonymous. — As I have obtained a great favor through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and "The Little Flower", I am sending you an offering of \$2.00 for the Missions. Mrs. U. L., Montreal. — After promising St. Joseph that I would subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR" and send a donation of \$5.00 every year as long as my husband had work, he has secured a good position. Mrs. P. A. D. — Please find enclosed my cheque for \$2.00 in favor of the Missions. I am sending this donation to thank our Blessed Lady and "The Little Flower" for favors received. Anonymous, Montreal.— I enclose herewith \$1.00 for the ransom of Chinese babies in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favor granted me through her intercession. A subscriber. — My most grateful thanks to St. Anne, St. Joseph and the Little Flower for cures obtained through their intercession after promising to publish my thanksgiving. Mrs. O. P. — I am enclosing an offering of \$5.00 for the Missions in thanksgiving for a position obtained. Mrs. L. P. — I wish to return most grateful thanks to Our Lady for a favor granted me. Kindly accept my offering of \$1.00. Mrs. L. L., Montreal.—I am fulfilling my promise by sending you .25 in honor of St. Gerard, through whose intercession I have been cured of an earache. M. G. D. — With my subscription to "THE PRE-CURSOR "I am sending \$1.00 to thank the Blessed Virgin for the cure of one of my children. Mrs. M. J. L., Kapuskasing, Ont. - My most grateful thanks to our Blessed Lady and the Little Flower of Jesus for a great favor obtained through their intercession. I am enclosing \$25.00 for the Little Flower Burse and \$10.00 for the ransom of Chinese babies. Mrs. A. B. — I enclose herewith \$1.00 in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favor. Mrs.L. K., Moonbeam, Ont.—You will find enclosed \$6.00 in thanksgiving for favors granted me and to obtain others. A subscriber. — I am sending you \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby likely to live, in thanksgiving for a very special favor. A subscriber. - Please find enclosed the sum of \$5.00. It is my thank-offering to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower, who have deigned to hear my prayers. Mrs. A. B. - I promised to publish my thanksgiving to the Holy Family for a favor granted me and to give an offering of \$2.50. Mrs. L., Montreal. - We are most grateful to the Blessed Virgin for her watchful care over us. The enclosed offering of \$5.00 is in her honor. Mrs. E. D. — You will find enclosed \$5.00 for your missions

in thanksgiving to our Blessed Lady and the Little Flower, through whose intercession I have obtained a favor. I am praying for another special intention. Mrs. C. M. - I am enclosing herewith \$1.00 for a Mass to be said in the Missions in honor of St. Cecilia, to thank her for helping me to obtain my diploma in music. Mrs. L. P. B. — I am enclosing the offering that I promised I would send if I obtained a special favor through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower. I intend to be a life-long subscriber to "THE PRECUR-SOR". Mrs. D. L.



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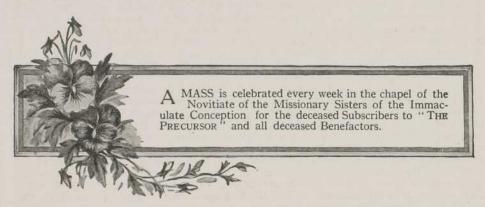
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L., - I am praying to the Blessed Virgin and St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for I am in great need of help. If I

receive an answer to my prayers, I will not fail to help your Works. J. V., Montreal. -I am anxious to sell my home. I promise to forward a donation for the Missions and to publish my thanksgiving in "THE PRECURSOR" if I soon find a buyer. A subscriber. - I beg our Blessed Lady to cure me and to grant a position to one of my friends. Mrs. A. P. — Will you kindly pray that we may be successful in all our undertakings. I promise to publish in "THE PRECURSOR" and to send \$10.00 for the Missions if Almighty God grants us this grace. Mrs. P. L. — A subscriber asks for a position for her husband and for better health for herself. — I promise to send a sum of money for the next departure of your missionaries if I obtain a position and another favor. A subscriber, **Montreal.**— If my aged parents receive the favors they are asking, I will subscribe to "THE PRECURSOR for five years. Mrs. A. P. — I promise to send a donation towards the Burse in honor of "The Little Flower" if, through the intercession of this dear Saint, I succeed in selling my property inside of three months. A subscriber. — I am asking St. Joseph to grant me a position. I will send \$10.00 for the ransom of two pagan babies and subscribe to "THE PRECUR-SOR" for five years if I obtain this favor. Mrs. L. C. — If St. Teresa of the Child Jesus deigns to grant me the favor I am asking, I will donate the sum of \$500.00 for missionary works. A. H. — Enclosed find \$1.00 for a novena of lights in honor of the Little Flower for help in an undertaking. M. S., **Timmins, Ont.** — Some time ago, I mailed you \$1.00 for "THE PRECURSOR" to which I promised to subscribe as long as my husband was employed. He is out of work again, so please have the little orphans pray that he may obtain a position. Two of my friends, who are unemployed, also wish the little ones to pray for them. Mrs. F. S., Waltham, Mass.





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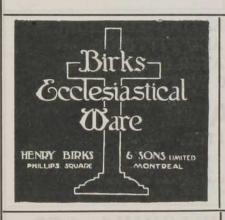
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