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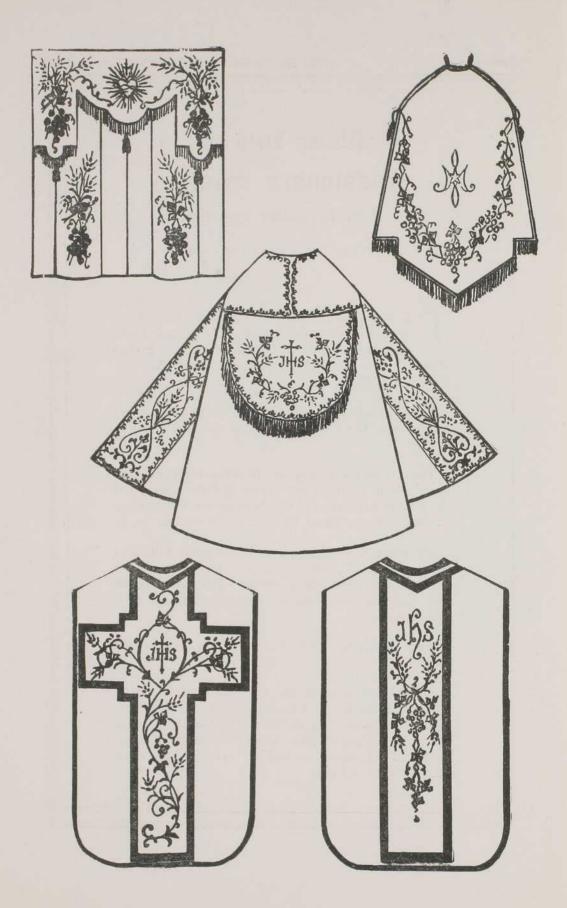
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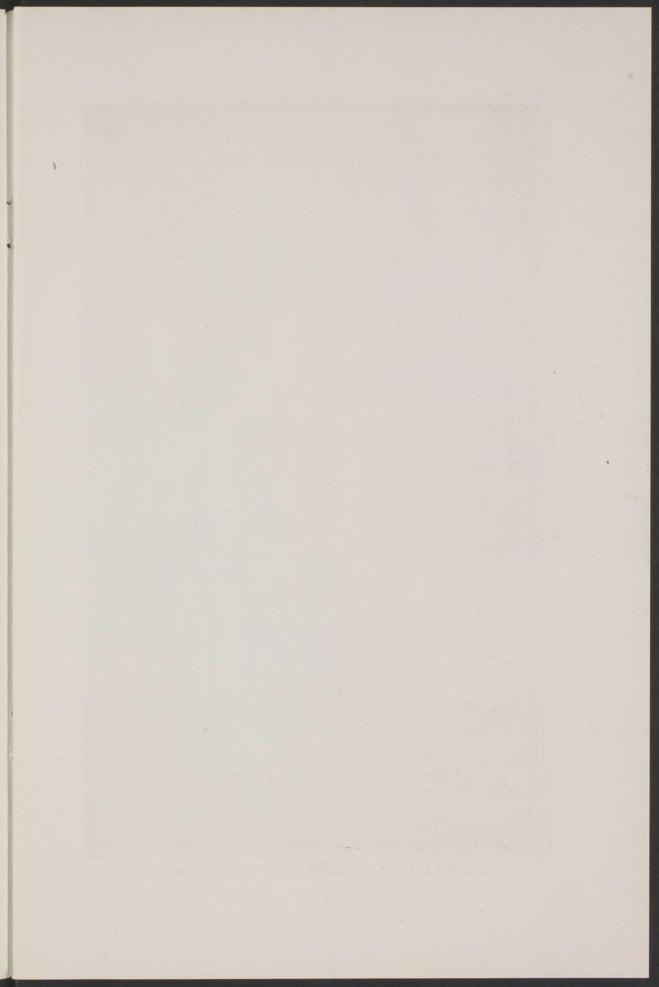
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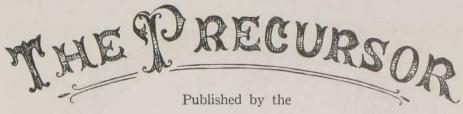
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The missionary must not be alone to sacrifice himself. All Christians must unite and help him in his work by their prayers and alms.





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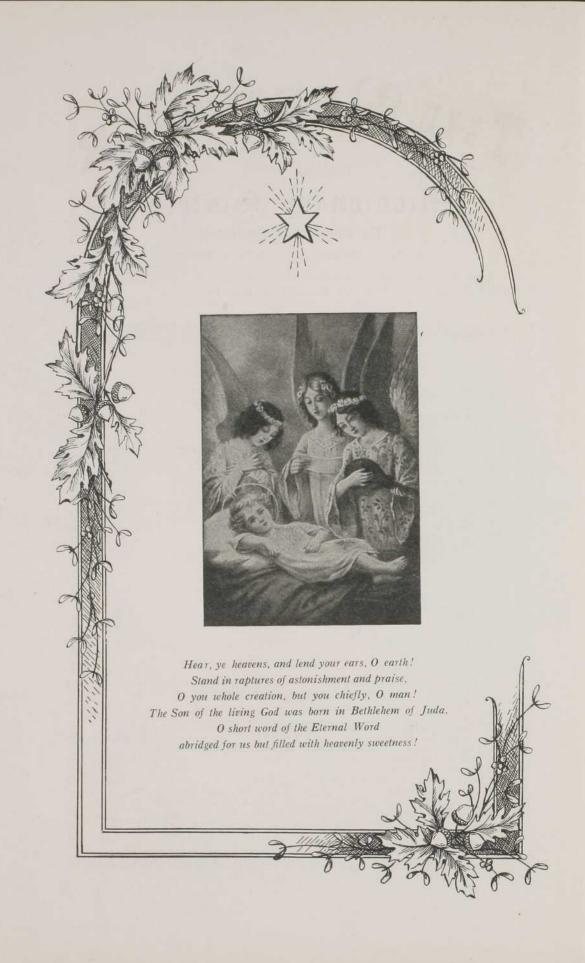
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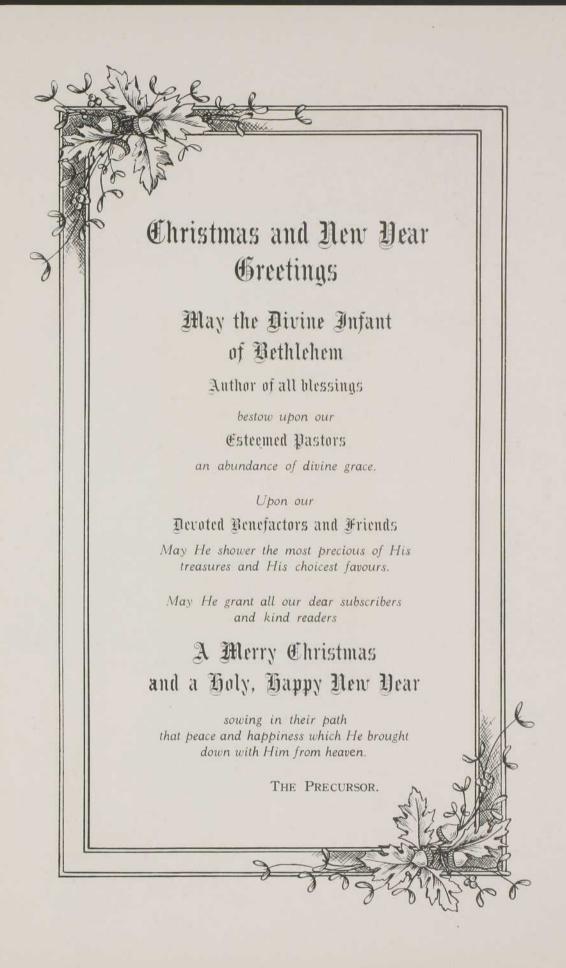
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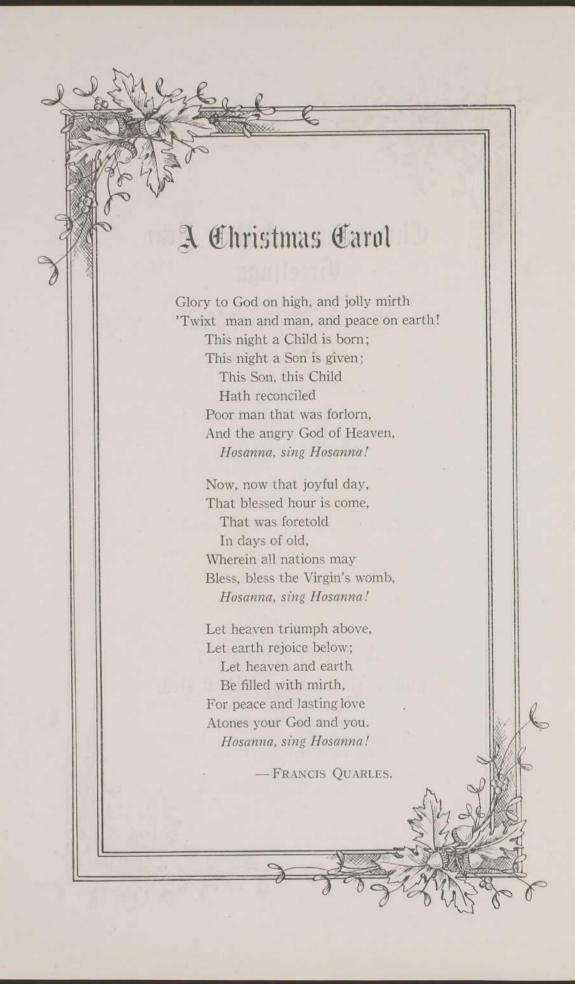
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The Miraculous Medal

N November 27th, 1830, the Blessed Virgin appeared in the chapel of the Mother House of the Daughters of Charity, at Paris.

Suddenly, while Sister Catherine Labouré was making her meditation towards five o'clock one afternoon, she had a most extraordinary vision of the Blessed Virgin. This tender Mother was standing on a globe, and in her hands she held another which she lovingly offered to our divine Lord. Suddenly, the vision changed, and this time Sister Catherine beheld our Blessed Lady as she is represented on the Miraculous Medal.

The feast of the Apparition of the Immaculate Virgin of the Miraculous Medal is celebrated on November 27th.

The Miraculous Medal is a gift from heaven, since it is Mary herself who has given it to us. Therefore, let us wear this celestial livery while repeating with love the invocation;

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

Indulgences attached to the recitation of this prayer.

By a rescript of March 5, 1884, Our Holy Father Pope Leo XII 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."

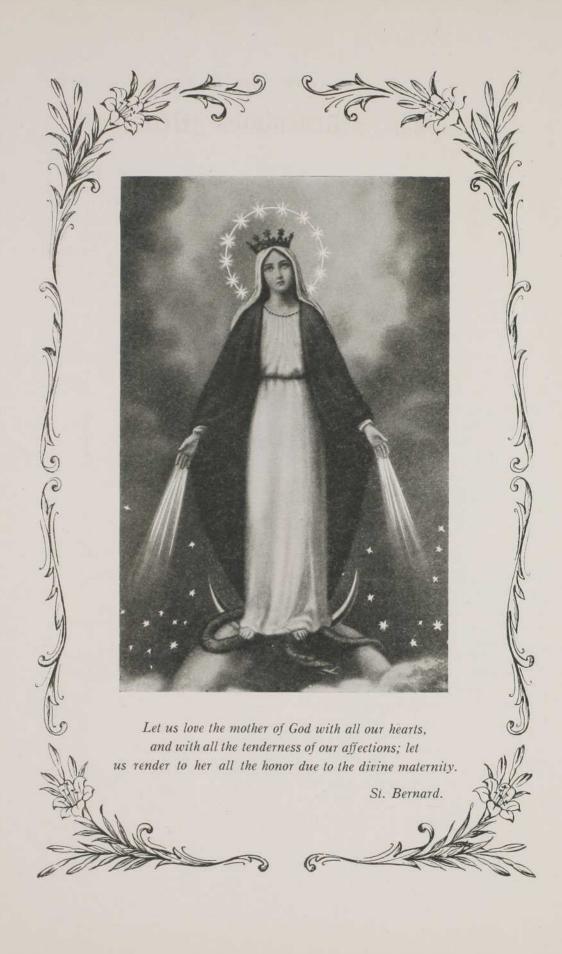
EFFICACY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

A poor pagan widow had but one son, who was possessed by the devil. The young man was in the habit of dashing wildly through the fields, knocking down everybody he met.

One day when he was tormented more than ever by the devil, several persons tried to quiet him, but in vain.

A Christian seeing how cruelly the demon was treating the poor unfortunate, told all the people who were running after him not to be uneasy, as he was able to seize him and bring him back to his mother.

This good Christian always carried a miraculous medal with him. As soon as he drew near to the



unhappy victim of Satan he showed it to him, and at the same time ordered the evil spirit to withdraw.

On catching sight of the medal, the young man at once fell on his knees, not knowing, however, what it was that was being held before his eyes.

The pagans who had witnessed all that had occurred, were greatly astonished.

The Christian told the young pagan from whose body the devil had just fled, to follow him. He did not put away the medal until he had brought his companion safely home.

As soon as the young man was with his mother again, he told her that she need not worry about him any longer, that the devil had left him as soon as he noticed the miraculous medal.

Just imagine the happiness of the poor woman on hearing this! As she was inclined to think that it was only a dream, the Christian related to her everything that had happened and promised her that her son would never again be possessed by the devil if she consented to be baptized. Immediately, mother and son began to strip the altar of the idols they had hitherto worshipped.

THE BULLET THAT WAS CHANGED INTO A MEDAL

Some years ago when war was being waged in Africa, a young officer decided to sail for the scene of the strife. Before leaving, he bade farewell to his mother, a good Christian woman.

"My son," she said to him with tear-filled eyes, "promise me that on the battlefield you will have recourse to our heavenly Mother, whom I taught you to love when you were but a child. You do not appear to pray to her any longer. Here is a medal which I want you to wear always. It will be your safeguard."

The young soldier accepted his mother's gift, knowing that his friends would never see it, and that therefore he would not be laughed at for wearing it.

In the thick of the battle, the young hero was struck by a bullet and hurled into a trench. He was not wounded, however, for the bullet hit the miraculous medal he was wearing. On being examined afterwards, the projectile was found to bear the image of our Blessed Lady and the inscription: O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us!

After the siege, the lieutenant joined the Society of the White Fathers. He died at Nice.

The Blessed Virgin Mary obtained so great a fulness of grace that no creature is as like as she is to the Giver of grace; for by her giving birth to Christ, she made grace to flow forth upon the whole human race.

St. Thomas.



His Eminence William Cardinal Van Rossum

CARDINAL PROTECTOR OF THE HUMBLE COMMUNITY OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Born on September 3rd, 1834; pronounced his vows as a Redemptorist on June 16th, 1874; ordained priest on October 16th, 1879; created Cardinal on November 27th, 1911; Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide since 1918; died on August 30th, 1932.

A Tribute to His Eminence William Cardinal Van Rossum,

PREFECT OF THE SACRED CONGREGATION OF PROPAGANDA FIDE,

whose death occurred on August 30, 1932, at Maestricht, Holland.

Y the death of His Eminence William Cardinal Van Rossum, the

entire Church, and particularly his worthy religious family, the esteemed Redemptorist Congregation, has sustained a great loss.

His decease has also been a cause of deep sorrow to the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, whose Cardinal Protector he has been since the year 1925. The remembrance of his paternal solicitude and his constant devotedness in their behalf will ever remain deeply engraven on the hearts of his grateful daughters, the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception. They are consoled to think that he will be their powerful

protector in heaven.

The entire life of this illustrious prelate was a most fruitful one. Born at Zwolle, in Holland, September 3, 1854, he made his studies at the Seminary of Kuilemburg. In 1873, he entered the Redemptorist Novitiate, and the following year he pronounced his vows at Bois-le-Duc. After meeting with the most brilliant success in his philosophical and theological studies at the Redemptorist Convent in Wittem, he was ordained priest on October 17, 1879. He taught at Ruremonde, and afterwards at Wittem.

His virtue, intelligence, skill and zeal were soon remarked by his superiors, who appointed him prefect of studies in 1886, and rector in 1893. In 1894, the Redemptorists established a school of theology in Rome, and it was Cardinal Van Rossum who was charged with the organization and direction of this new work. In December 1896, the learned theologian was appointed Consultor to the Holy Office.

In the Eternal City Reverend Father Van Rossum laboured with such untiring zeal for the cause of Holy Mother Church that he was admired by all.

Created Cardinal on November 27, 1911, he received the Red Hat a few days later from the hands of His Holiness Pope Pius X, and became titular of St. Cæsar *in Palatio*. On account of his remarkable qualities, he was chosen as a member of several Commissions and of the following Congregations: the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, the Congregation of the Council, the Congregation for the affairs of the Oriental Church, the Congregation for Universities and Seminaries, the Congregation for Religious, being at the same time Prefect of the Congregation of Propaganda Fide.

As Legate, he represented the Sovereign Pontiff at the Eucharistic Congress at Vienna in 1912, and at the Congress held in Amsterdam in 1924.

President of the Biblical Commission since January 13, 1914, he was named Grand Penitentiary in 1915, Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda in 1918, and was consecrated Bishop by Pope Benedict XV in the Sistine Chapel, May 19, 1918.

After being a zealous fellow-labourer of the Sovereign Pontiff Benedict XV, he diligently and tirelessly guided the great missionary organization of His Holiness Pope Pius XI, witnessing during the reign of this great Pope of the Missions, the Missionary Exposition, the nomination of indigenous Bishops, the erection of the new College of Propaganda, and the development of different pontifical missionary associations.

Our august Pontiff Pope Pius XI, in a letter addressed to his worthy Son, Cardinal Van Rossum, on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his sacerdotal ordination, remarked that the splendid work accomplished by the Cardinal for the spread of Christ's Kingdom would be rewarded only in heaven. Our divine Lord has deigned to bring to an end the laborious life of His faithful servant.

Shortly before his death, the lamented prelate presided at the National Eucharistic Congress at Copenhagen. He surrendered his soul to God in Holland, his dear native land, on August 30, 1932, while striving to advance the interests of the Missions.

May his edifying virtues, his ardent zeal for the glory of God and his filial love for the Vicar of Jesus Christ live after him and bear into far-distant lands the fruits of salvation.



Prayer for the Missions

O most amiable Jesus, Our Lord, who at the price of Thy most precious blood, has redeemed the world, turn, we beseech Thee, Thy merciful eyes upon mankind. Many are yet sunk in the darkness of error and in the shadow of death. Cast, we conjure Thee, the light of truth, with all its splendor upon each and every one.

Multiply, O Lord, the Apostles of Thy Holy Gospel! Render their zeal more fervent and their fatigues more fruitful, by blessing them with Thy grace, so that by their work, the infidels may know Thee, their Creator and Redeemer.

Call back to the one fold the wandering sheep; bring back to Thy one and holy church, those who have forsaken Thee.

Hasten, O most amiable Saviour, the coming of Thy kingdom on earth. Draw all mankind to Thy most Sacred Heart, so that all may partake of the everlasting benefits of Thy Holy Redemption, in the eternal happiness of heaven.

300 days' indulgence each time. Plenary indulgence once a month. (May 18, 1926) Imprimatur: † George, Coad. Arch.

Montreal, June 29, 1930.

17 Ecclesiastical Territories Are Now Ruled by Chinese Clergy

Peking, (China). — This year three new prefectures apostolic, Chifeng, Hungtung and Chouchih, were erected and entrusted to the Chinese clergy, making a total number of 17 mission territories under the direction of native Chinese ordinaries. These are ten vicariates and seven prefectures with a total number of 400,000 Catholics under their care, or more than one-seventh of all the Catholics of China. There is also a Chinese auxiliary Bishop, auxiliary to the Bishop of Canton.

These missions represent the coveted crown of the apostolic labours of Catholic missionaries. "Going they went and wept, casting their seeds. But coming, they shall come with joyfulness, carrying their sheaves." (Ps. 125). The indigenous missions are generally started with a nucleus of old Catholics; and thus the labour of the most distant missionaries, hidden away in those far-off districts, bears its fruit: "... he who soweth in blessings shall also reap blessings." (II Cor., IX, 6).

Several countries and various religious institutes figure among the Foreign Missions which have made the way ready for these native Chinese missions. French foreign missionaries have prepared ten of these territories; Italian missionaries have made the way ready for three; Belgian missionaries, two; German missionaries, one; and Dutch missionaries, one.

The Vincentians are responsible for the preparation of five of these missions; the Franciscans for five; Paris Foreign Missions, three; the Jesuits, two; and the Scheut Missionaries, two.

The ground is being made ready for still more Chinese missions, thanks to the zeal of the various Vicars Apostolic. His Excellency, Archbishop Celso Costantini, Apostolic Delegate, at the Council of Shanghai, called the Vicars Apostolic "evangelical lions" to indicate their marvellous courage and apostolic spirit. This spirit is once more receiving an eloquent testimonial in the erection of these indigenous territories in the face of the enormous difficulties besieging China to-day. (Fides)

"Since Jesus Christ proclaimed that the special mark of His disciples would be their love for one another, can we vouchsafe to our neighbour a greater or more signal charity, than that of having him withdrawn from the darkness of superstition and instructed in the true faith of Christ? Nay, this surpasses any other works or testimonials of Charity, as the mind surpasses the body; heaven, earth; eternity, time."

Gregorian Masses

What are Gregorian Masses?

They are Masses said for thirty consecutive days for the same deceased person, in order that God in His mercy may free this soul from Purgatory.

Is the confidence of the faithful in the special efficacy of Gregorian Masses reasonable and approved by the Church?

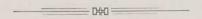
Yes. (Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, August 24, 1888).

Have the Sovereign Pontiffs attached indulgences to Gregorian Masses? No. (Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, March 13, 1884). The belief that these Masses are efficacious is founded on a revelation that was made to St. Gregory, Pope, and which has been approved by the Church.

May several series of Gregorian Masses be offered for the same soul? Yes; for the merits of these Masses offered for the repose of the soul of a deceased person may not be sufficient to deliver it from Purgatory.

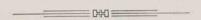
May a series of Gregorian Masses be offered for a number of souls? No. (Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, January 14, 1889).

May the merits of the Gregorian Masses be applied to the living? No. (Sacred Congregation of Indulgences, March 13, 1884).



If people only knew how great the power of the Souls in Purgatory is, and what graces may be obtained through their intercession they would not be so much forgotten.

Blessed Curé of Ars.



Conversion of a Protestant Village

Last spring, all the inhabitants of Okolekpo embraced Christianity. These negroes soon realized that Catholics receive more sacraments than the members of the "Church Missionary Society". They entrusted the keys of their chapel, presbytery, and school to the missionaries from Lyons. Their minister had recourse to the civic authorities, but his protestations were of no avail.

Two-thirds of the people of Akpara, a neighbouring village, followed the example set them by their fellow-countrymen. Their leader, on handing the keys of the chapel in Akpara to the missionaries, remarked that he desired that there be but one fold and one Shepherd.

The Mentality of the Chinese

By Shin-Lou-Ti

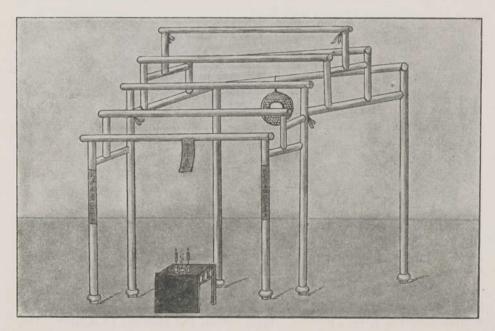
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The Yamen, the residence of the military mandarins, contains numerous apartments. No one is allowed on the premises unless on special business. All visitors are compelled to give a certain sum of money to the scribes and soldiers before taking their leave.

In the Annals it is stated that the emperor *Mou-ouang* continued to rule the country even when he was a hundred years of age. *Chouen*, in order to govern justly, commanded *Pe-i* to see to the changing of the different laws.

A visitor in China is always surprised to see how well the rice-fields are looked after. In order to have abundant crops of rice, irrigation must be practised. *Iu* once declared that he would see to the opening up of waterways throughout the country, in order that the soil might be well watered. Many people believe that the Chinese are not at all industrious. This is false however, for in no other country are such patient and hard-working people to be found. Those who till the soil, especially, make good use of their time.

The Chinese are very fond of handsome things. The emperor *Chouen* once spoke thus: "I wish to see embroidered on the costumes of all my subjects representations of the sun, moon, mountains, dragons and pheasants."



TALISMANS WHICH ARE SUPPOSED TO CHASE AWAY EVIL SPIRITS HOVERING ABOUT A BUILDING WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

In an ancient book of poetry, it is related that Queen *Tchouang-Kiang* often wore a plain dress over her royal attire. Many Chinese still follow the example that has been set them. Over their flowing robes, they often wear a rough linen garment.

In his native land, Confucius had a very simple way of acting... When he was summoned by a prince, his features took on a sad expression and he began to walk very slowly. He always greeted his friends by holding out both his hands to them. When he entered the Court, he stooped down a little, as if the doorway were too low. He never went in by the middle door, which was reserved for the prince and for men of high rank. When obliged to pass in front of the throne, he would grow quite pale... During the dog-days, he was in the habit of donning a plain linen coat. His long black robe was lined with sheep-skin. He always kept the right sleeve of his coat rolled up so as to move his right hand freely. When he was not in mourning for one of his friends, he fastened on his belt a silver chain to which were attached different articles, such as a fan, a towel, a pipe and a box of tobacco.

When about to offer a sacrifice, Confucius donned a plain white garment... He never refused rice which had been cooked in the proper way, nor hash that had been prepared to be eaten with chop-sticks. He took but very little meat. He never spoke during meals, nor after going to bed. Even when he was given but plain food to eat, he never failed to offer some of it to his ancestors. When invited to a banquet, he never left the table until all those older than himself had gone. While some special procession was being held in honour of the different spirits, he would stand outside the door of his dwelling dressed in holiday attire.

If a prince happened to come to see Confucius when he was obliged to remain in bed, he would lie with his head turned towards the East. While asleep, he was careful not to take the position of a corpse. While out riding, he never stooped nor looked behind him and hardly ever said a word.

On one occasion, the great philosopher spoke thus: "If *Kouan-tchong* had not established order throughout the Empire, we would still be buttoning our garments on the left side in much the same way as the barbarians do." One who buttoned his coat on the right side was known at once to be well educated. There were never more than five buttons on any article of clothing.

The faithful followers of Confucius always keep in mind what he has taught them. Everywhere, his words of advice are written in large black characters. At almost every turn, one catches sight of immense signs bearing the words "Good", "Justice", "Sincerity", "Generosity". These words are very pleasing to the ear of Chinese scholars, who, however, do not take the trouble of practising what is preached to them.

When a Chinaman meets a friend, he must be careful to speak very respectfully to him. In an ancient book it is stated that the Queen, who is known as the King's partner, styles herself the Humble Daughter. Her subjects when conversing with her address her as Princess, and when speaking about her, they call her the Humble Princess.

Formerly, the emperors rewarded their officers by making them a present of a costly garment. The emperor Mou, whose reign commenced in the year 1000 B. C. spoke thus to Ia: "Your father and your grandfather have devoted their entire lives to their country's cause. Their merits are written on the $ouan\ min\ san\ (a\ silken\ parasol,\ on\ which\ about\ ten\ thousand\ names$ are inscribed in golden letters)."

In certain pagodas, the shelves, instead of being supported by brackets, are held up by idols. Formerly, there were nine distinct classes of mandarins, the members of each class being recognized by the colour of the precious stone worn on the very top of their hats. Ancient officers were in the habit of receiving a tablet indicating the different duties they should perform.

In the Annals it is stated that the emperor *Kang-ouang* was loved by all his subjects, who bowed respectfully to him each time they appeared in his presence.

It was *Chao*, who founded the city of Lo, which, later on, was chosen as the capital of the Empire. Before proceeding with the plan of the new city, this prince sought the advice of the sorcerers and was faithful to offer sacrifices to the different spirits. Chinese carpenters still have recourse to witchcraft before laying the foundation of any important edifice. When the framework is finished, a bunch of palms tied together by a red silk ribbon is placed on the roof. This bouquet is usually presented by friends, who wish the builders happiness and prosperity.

SCENES AND SKETCHES

Mr. Tch'en, a wealthy tradesman who has been away on several trips, has just returned home. In his honour, a sumptuous banquet has been prepared... Not long ago, one of his servants went through the city, carrying a large red card on which the following words were written:

"You are invited to partake of a banquet which will be held at four o'clock on the fifteenth day of the eighth month."

As all the best cooks have been requested to lend a helping hand, the most delicious food has been prepared. At four o'clock on the appointed day, a sedan-chair is carried to the home of Mr. Tcheou, the manager of a large dry-good store. This gentleman, who is in no hurry, decides to have a good smoke before leaving.

Nearly an hour after, he informs the chair-bearers that he is ready, and after handing his visiting card, a towel, his pipe and tobacco to a servant, he settles himself in his comfortable vehicle. The coolies then begin to sing and start on their way. They pass by numerous stores and shops, in front of which are hung large signs. In the suburbs of the city, one street is dedicated to the White Dragon, before whose statue incense is kept burning.

In order to reach Mr. Tch'en's home, Mr. Tcheou is obliged to pass through the Southern gate of the city. Here, lying on the pavement, is an immense beam which serves to hold the gate tightly closed during the night. A large lock is to be seen hanging near a watch-tower. The locks in China are of every shape and form.

No sooner has Mr. Tcheou passed in front of the ramparts, than he catches sight of his friend, Mr. Leang, a former dealer in opium. This gentleman invites our traveller to come to his home to have a cup of tea with him.

In a large reception room, perfumed tea is served on little red tables; the cups are placed on brass saucers. Although the barber is waiting to give him a shave, Mr. Leang takes the time to sup a little tea with his friend. Usually, tea is served just when the visitor is on the point of leaving, but as Mr. Leang and Mr. Tcheou are old friends, they pay no attention to this rule.

While Mr. Leang is being shaved, Mr. Tcheou scans the pages of a newspaper. Since the telegraph has been introduced into China, there are many more newspapers, for there is always plenty of news.

Mr. Tcheou, on leaving his friend's home, meets a pedlar with a number of pipes. Oh! how useful are pipes in China! A Chinaman would feel lost if he did not have a pipe. Peasants and old sailors, who are too poor to purchase one, use a piece of bamboo instead. Formerly, pipes were made of iron, the stems of which were so long that they could be used as canes. The young men smoke cigars or cigarettes.

Mr. T'ang, who has also been invited to the banquet, stops Mr. Tcheou as he is passing his home, to tell him that he cannot be present with the other guests, as his father has just died. The white linen garments he has



CHINESE MUSICIANS.

donned as a mourning outfit would not be looked upon with favour in a banquet hall. For a hundred days, Mr. T'ang, in order to show that he is in mourning, must not cut his hair or even take a shave, and not for three years will he be allowed to assist at any public entertainment.

Mr. Tcheou is greatly disappointed, for he had received an invitation to be present at the wedding ceremony of Mr. T'ang's son which was to take place very soon, but which would now have to be postponed.

Finally, Mr. Leang and Mr. Tcheou arrive at their destination. They bow gracefully to Mr. Tch'en, who invites them to enter the banquet hall. On the walls are hung drawings and paintings of serpents, dragons, tigers and elephants.

Mengtse states that when Iao ruled the empire, serpents and cro-

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codiles were to be found in almost any part of the country and that they were chased into the swamps by Iu, a wise emperor.

Servants soon enter the room, carrying trays containing biscuits, poached eggs and tea. During this time, violin selections are played by several skilled musicians.

When the meal is ready, a servant reads to Mr. T'chen the names of all present. Each guest, before taking his place, smiles and makes a deep bow. For each person there is a special little dish of water-melon seeds and almonds.

During the entire meal, the guests converse with one another. A cupbearer pours hot wine into special little cups and all drink to the health of Mr. Tch'en while recalling to mind different texts from the teachings of Confucius.

Towards the end of the banquet, Mr. Tch'en goes to the kitchen to ask the cooks if they have had enough to eat and to give them a few coins. As all the servants have nothing to do after preparing the meal, they smoke and gamble.

At the end of the banquet, a game is played and the loser is compelled to drink a number of cups of rice wine.

The emperor Cheou-sin was a drunkard and all his subjects imitated his example. In the Tchan'lou it is stated that it was no dishonour for a man to become intoxicated.

In the Annals, Chouen is spoken of as being extremely interested in astronomy.

The different eclipses never failed to excite the curiosity of the Chinese. Iao commanded Ho to settle in the western part of the country in order to adore the setting sun. This devotion to the sun, which is one of the most ancient idolatrous practices, is spoken of by Job.

Mengtse once exclaimed: "The heavens are a great distance from us, and the stars, far above our heads, nevertheless, if one studies about the different planets, he may, without leaving home, learn of the solstices which are to occur a thousand years hence."

Confucius compared a virtuous ruler to the Polar Star, which remains motionless while all the other stars revolve around it.

As sorcerers are held in high esteem in every infidel country, the Chinese make a point of always being on friendly terms with them. On account of their magic spells, they are looked upon by the pagans as being capable of satisfying the spirits and of warding off plagues. In every pagoda, tortoises are adored, the curved backs of these animals serving to remind the worshippers of the vault of heaven. A certain flower resembling the aster, is also looked upon with great respect.

The emperor Pan K'en, being imformed that the Yellow River was about to overflow its banks, decided to go to settle in Ho-lan. Before leaving for his new home, he consulted the tortoise.

When *Ou-ouang* fell sick, his ministers hastened to consult the sorcerers. *Tcheou-Kong* even thought of offering a sacrifice in order that his master's life might be spared.

Formerly, before consulting the tortoise, the worshippers poured ink over a shell which had been placed in the burning rays of the sun. The ink, while drying, formed a number of Chinese characters, the meaning of which was interpreted by soothsayers.

Confucius is but little known by the Europeans, many of whom, after reading different texts written by this esteemed emperor look upon him as being a great philosopher. But he is far from deserving the praise given him, for many of his teachings are erroneous.



AN AGED CHINESE SORCERER.

Mengtse and all the followers of Confucius never grew tired of speaking in favour of their master. Many are the temples that have been erected in his honour.

Ien-iuen once remarked that on examining the writings of Confucius, he learned to love the rites.

The opinion of *Mengtse* is that Confucius is the greatest man that ever lived.

CONCLUSION

Many Europeans, thinking of China as it exists in our own day, wonder what kind of a nation it is and what it can possibly turn out to be.

Since the Revolution in 1911, the people have been continually asking for reforms. The president of the new Republic resides at Peking. In China, there is now a parliament, as well as well-equipped armies. Railroads are being built; aeroplanes are to be seen nearly everywhere and the

telephone and telegraph have worked marvellous changes.

What is China's future to be?... It is certain that western ideas will continue to creep into the country. Future mandarins, after being well educated in Europe and in the modern universities of their native land, will fully realize the necessity of taking an interest in the progress of the country. It is to be feared that the younger generations, like their predecessors of 1911, become revolutionists rather than organizers. No doubt, there will still be numerous re-actions. It is not an easy matter to persuade a nation composed of some four hundred million souls, to suddenly do away with the traditions, customs and religion of its ancestors. Certainly, in the near future, the progress of education in China will be no less decided than the material growth, for the inhabitants already realize the importance of laying foundations of school systems. The need of carrying on trade with foreigners will also cause a change to be made in the customs of the country. Although these different changes appear to be nothing more than superficial, the ancient land of China with its many traditions will one day compete with the more civilized nations of the world.

(The end)

Calumnies Against Catholic Church Bring About Conversion of Old Chinese

TIENTSIN, (Hopei Province, China). - An old Chinese man who was converted ten years ago, has just died in this city. He was converted after enquiring into the many calumnies he had heard flung against the Catholic Church. As he was not at all persuaded of the truth of the various things he heard, he wished to find out for himself how true they were. Making believe that he was a Christian he began to frequent the Catholic mission Church. He was astounded at the order reigning among the faithful worshipping there. It was not thus in the pagodas. The truth conquered, and after been instructed and baptized he became a fervent Catholic, assisting daily at Mass and frequenting the sacraments. His particular devotion was to communicate on the 15th of every month and unite himself in spirit with the Holy Father who on that day offers his Mass for the conversion of the Far East and especially for China. (Fides).

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 Iesus.

Enclosed please find a small offering promised to the Little Flower of Jesus for a favour which I have obtained. M. A., Montreal. — My most sincere thanks to the Little Flower for a favour granted me through her intercession. A Subscriber. — My most grateful thanks to the Little Flower through whose intercession I have secured a good position. The enclosed offering is for the Burse in her honour. M. D., New York. — I was in great trouble some time ago and in my need I turned to St. Teresa of

New York. — I was in great trouble some time ago and in my need I turned to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. I received a favourable answer to my petition. Mrs. E. A., Montreal. — Please find enclosed 50c for the Missions, in thanksgiving to the dear little Patroness of Missionaries for a favour received. Anonymous. — Enclosed find a small offering to help you in your missionary work. I wish to thank dear St. Teresa for the wonderful favour she has obtained for me. M. P.

— I wish to express my gratitude to the Little Flower of Jesus. Shortly after I appealed to her my request was granted. A Subscriber. — Enclosed please find \$5.00 in thanksgiving. I promised this offering to St. Therese if a favour I wanted was granted. G. B. F., Montreal. — Please find enclosed \$1.00 for the Little Flower Burse, in thanksgiving for a favour d. Mrs. B. — I wish to let you know that I received my request the Little Flower of Jesus. I am enclosing \$5.00 for the ranson see baby. A Subscriber. — Kindly accept the enclosed sum of

\$1,00 for the Little Flower Burse, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. B. — I wish to let you know that I received my request from the Little Flower of Jesus. I am enclosing \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. A Subscriber. — Kindly accept the enclosed sum of \$5.00 for your missionary work in China. It is my thank-offering to the little Patroness of Missionaries. Mrs. L., Fitchburg, Mass. — In fulfilment of a promise made to the Little Flower, I am herewith enclosing \$1.00 for the ransom of four dying Chinese babies. M. T. — I am enclosing an offering of \$1.25 in thanksgiving for a favour obtained through the intercession of the Little Flower. R. L., Indian Orchard, Mass. — Please find enclosed a subscription for one year in thanksgiving to the Little Patroness of Missionaries who has deigned to intercede for me. Mrs. M. N., Montreal. — I am most grateful to the Little Flower of Jesus

for her intercession in behalf of my son who was greatly in need of help. Enclosed please find an offering for your Works. Mrs. A. D. — Please find enclosed 50c for the ransom of two dying babies, in thanksgiving to St. Joseph and St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. A Subscriber. — Please find enclosed \$1.00 which I wish to go towards the Little Flower of Jesus mission. This offering is in acknowledgement of a favour asked and granted, just another added to the many granted in the past. I would ask you to remember our family in your prayers. Mr. J. L. L., Montreal. — Enclosed find \$1.00 in thanksgiving to the Little Flower for a favour received. Mrs. H. R. — With all my heart I thank the Little Flower for the great favour she has obtained for me. A Subscriber. — You will find enclosed \$1.50, an offering in thanksgiving for a favour obtained through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Please have your little orphans pray for me that I may be successful in all my undertakings. W. G., Percé, P. Q. — I am enclosing 75c for a novena of lights in honour of St. Therese, the Little Flower, to thank her for a favour she obtained me recently. M. B., Montreal. — Please find enclosed a small offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby, in thanksgiving to St. Therese for a favour granted me. J. G. — Kindly accept this small donation in honour of the Little Flower of Jesus, who has obtained me a great favour from Almighty God. A Subscriber. — A short time ago, I asked the Little Flower to obtain me some favours, promising to send you a small donation if she answered my prayers. As I have obtained nearly all of my requests, I hasten to fulfil my promise. Mrs. J. D., Montreal. — Enclosed please find \$1.00 for the Little Flower Burse in thanksgiving for two favours received. Mrs. P. R. — Please find enclosed \$1.25 which I promised the Little Flower for favours granted me. I promise to send you a dollar more if my son finds a position. Mrs. E. L., Indian Orchard, Mass.

Burse of St. Therese of the Child Jesus for the Adoption of a Missionary

A **Burse** is a sum of money, the interest of which forms a perpetual income for the support of a Missionary. **Burses** are founded in honor of a Saint whose name they bear. The religious whose support is thus assured becomes the Missionary of the donor and takes his place near the poor infidels. The Founders of the **Burse** participate in all the spiritual advantages of the Community. The sum of \$1,000.00 given in one or several payments, by one or many persons, forms a complete **Burse**.

OFFERINGS FOR THE "LITTLE FLOWER" BURSE.

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

In May-June	1932	\$98.50
In July-August		12.25
In September-October		85.00

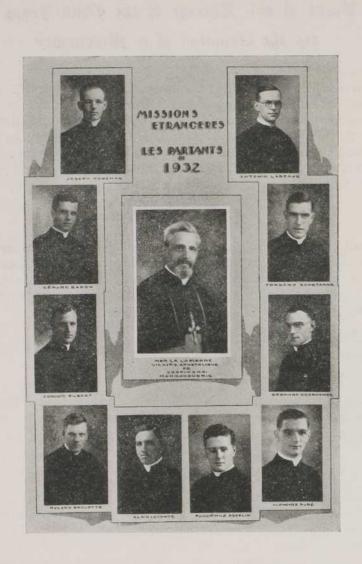
We beg Almighty God to bless all those who, by their alms, help to complete the Little Flower Burse. May He reward them in heaven for having assisted His missionaries.

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

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

O my God, I am happy to realize that I am little and weak before Thee, and my heart is at rest. I know that all the angels and saints of Thy heavenly court in pity take my part, guard me, defend me, and put to flight the demons that like vultures would devour me. Ah, I do not fear them; I am not destined to become their prey, but that of Jesus, the Eagle of God.

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.



His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre

VICAR APOSTOLIC OF SZEPINGKAI

and ten priests of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau who left for Manchuria on September 4th, 1932.





Departure Ceremony of September 4th



On Sunday, September 4th, St. Stanislaus' Church, Montreal, was the scene of an impressive departure ceremony. The group of Missioners comprised His Excellency Mgr. J. L. A. Lapierre, Vicar Apostolic of Szepingkai, ten priests of the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary who are to assist His Excellency in his apostolic labours, and ten Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, six of whom are setting out for this same Vicariate while the others are about to make their way towards China and the Philippine Islands.

The Reverend Pastor, Father J. A. Foucher, after congratulating His Excellency on the success of his labours in Manchuria since the opening of his Mission there in 1925, thanked him for coming to St. Stanislaus'

Parish, in which one of the departing missionaries was raised.

His Excellency then delivered to the throng that filled the spacious church, a most touching sermon in which he expressed his gratitude to all his benefactors, urging all present to take an interest in the great work of evangelization which he is so zealously carrying on in the distant land of Manchuria.

After the oath of fidelity pronounced aloud by the departants and the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin made by the Missionary Sisters, Very Reverend Canon A. Roch, Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary, exposed the Blessed Sacrament. His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre, who gave Benediction, was assisted by Reverend Fathers H. Lecompte, Superior of the Seminary at Ste. Therese, and M. A. Leveillé, Parish Priest at St. Hermas, where His Excellency was born.

The ceremony was brought to a close by the veneration of the crosses of the following missionaries: Reverend Fathers Joseph Roberge, of St. Jean Chrysostome, Co, Levis; Antonio Laberge, of Chateauguay; Gerard Baron, of Montreal; Edouard Gilbert, of Montreal; Bernard Desroches, of Montreal; Fernand Schetagne, of Pointe Claire; Roland Brulotte, of Thetford; Alain Lecomte, of St. Sebastien; Paul Emile Asselin, of St. Thomas, Joliette, and Alphonse Dube, of Riviere Ouelle.

The Missionary Sisters were: For Manchuria, Vicariate of Szepingkai: Sister Marie des Cinq Plaies (Blanche Dion), of Montreal; Sister Marie Emmanuel (Berthe Crevier), of Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Archdiocese of Montreal; Sister Joseph Arthur (Laura Therien), of St. Leonard d'Aston, Diocese of Nicolet; Sister Marie Mediatrice (Alice Malouin), of Charny, Archdiocese of Quebec; Sister St. Paul de la Croix (Marie Anne Cyr), of St. Michel de Squatteck, Diocese of Rimouski; Sister Ste. Denise (Odile Malboeuf), of Sudbury, Ont., Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie.



THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WHO LEFT FOR CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS ON SEPTEMBER 4TH, 1932.

For Tsung Ming, Haimen Vicariate: Sister St. Germain (Imelda Laperriere, of Pont Rouge, Co. Portneuf, Archdiocese of Quebec; Sister Camille de Lellis (Yvonne Jolicœur), of Joliette.

For Manila, Philippine Islands: Sister Marguerite Marie (Marguerite Latour), of Montreal; Sister St. Christophe (Marie Alice Houde), of Arthabaskaville, Diocese of Nicolet.

Extract from a Letter Written by our Sisters en route to the Orient

On board the Empress of Russia, September 18, 1932.

DEAR MOTHER,

On September 8th, we arrived safely in Vancouver after our trip across the Dominion.

Our Sisters, who were waiting for us at the station, extended us a hearty welcome. His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre and the ten missionary priests, who stopped over at Winnipeg, arrived a day later than we.

Beloved Mother, the family spirit that reigns at the Mother House is to be found in our little Convent in Vancouver. We shall do our best to keep up this same spirit wherever we go.

After dinner, we visited the Hospital. We found Bartholomew to be the most interesting of all the patients we saw there. He recited the "Hail Mary" for us and told us that he often prays for our Mother. Sister Superior had him relate to us the dream he had lately... He dreamt that he asked God to take him to heaven, (he is blind and has been bedridden for the past eight years) and that God told him to wait, that He would come for him when He had finished preparing him a beautiful place in heaven. The poor old man is smilingly awaiting the fulfilment of this promise.

Another patient ninety years of age does all he can to please the Sisters. Every time he meets them, he makes the Sign of the Cross to let them know that he has been baptized.

Before taking our leave, His Excellency Most Reverend W. Duke, Archbishop of Vancouver, gave us his blessing and addressed us a few kind words.

We embarked towards half-past ten on the 10th, and at half-past eleven our mighty steamer steered out into the deep. On leaving the shores of our native land, we joined with the missionary priests in singing the *Ave Maris Stella* and our national hymn: "O Canada!"

For already eight days we have been sailing towards our land of adoption. The only thing that causes us sorrow is the realization that at each moment we are being carried farther away from you, beloved Mother, and from all those dear to us. All the Sisters are happy despite the sea-sickness which is making itself felt... Every morning, we have the privilege of assisting at a number of Masses, as four altars have been placed at the disposal of the ten missionary priests.

Before closing, we wish to thank you, dear Mother, for all your kindness and for your precious words of advice. On leaving the Mother House, we were too deeply emotioned to thank you as we would have liked to have done. During our trip, how many proofs we have of your affection on opening our valises and lunch-boxes! Thanks, a thousand times!

In gratitude for the great happiness you have procured us in permitting us to realize our cherished missionary ambitions, we shall ever strive to be a consolation to you.

How we long to reach our destination! We shall write to you as soon as we arrive, dear Mother, to give you our first impressions.

our loving and grateful daughters,

The ten Sisters who left on September 4, 1932.

We may well believe that the angels make revelations to the souls in Purgatory concerning their relatives and friends still living upon this earth. They will do this for the consolation of the Holy Souls, or that they may know what to ask for us in particular cases, or that they may know of our prayers for them.

Suarez.

Votive lights in honor of the Blessed Virgin

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

Sursum Corda!

Lift up your hearts. Fix the eves of your soul upon eternal and imperishable goods. Project your thoughts beyond the passing moment of time, which men call "life" and drawing aside the veil that hides from you the bright and glorious future, contemplate its beauty and its worth. That, and that alone is the end worth struggling for: the crown of imperishable glory beyond all price. How can men waste their time on the trifles of earth, which endure but for a day! However great, however marked may be our success here, and in the opinion of men, what is it really worth? Even could we take possession of and enjoy the whole earth, what would it avail? Where are those now who once cut the greatest figure, who have won every prize that the world could offer them, such as fortune, high position, influence, power, fame. Where are the great, the mighty, the powerful, before whom the world trembled, at whose voices nations stood still and held their breath? They once exercised great sway, and were powerful and influential; yes, for a time. They had it all their own way, for a time. They could assert their own authority and dictate their own terms, and seemed almost to be gods rather then men. But for how long? Oh! for an instant. For the brief span of life. But their opportunity passed away as the lightning's flash. Already death has extinguished their glory, has blown out their light and left them in utter darkness. Then the world went on as before, and troubled itself no more, and thought no more about them than if they had never been. For them the dream is over. The illusion is at an end. Their dignities and their renown have been stripped from them, crown and sceptre have tumbled down. They who judged others and sacrificed thousands for lust or greed are now themselves judged, ves. judged and — perchance — condemned.

Let us at least be wise in time, and make it our aim, above all things, to love, honor, serve, and obey Him, who alone holds within His Hands the keys of life and death, of heaven and of hell, and who alone will determine our lot for eternity.

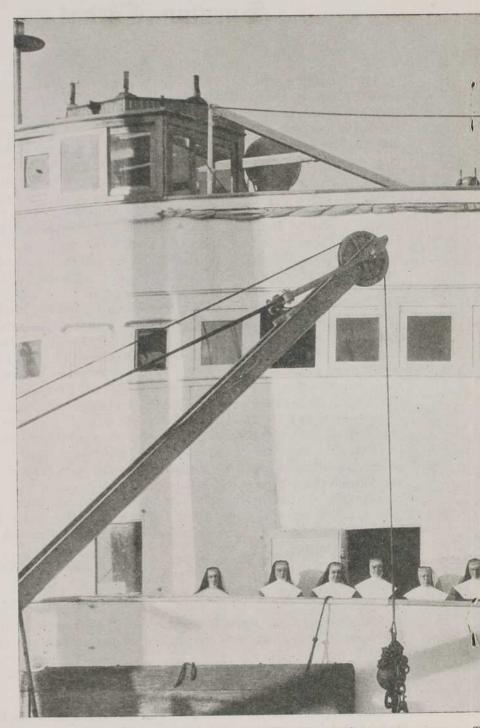
Monsignor Vaughan.

Many of the dead would have remained in Purgatory till the Day of Judgment if they had not been helped by the prayers and good works of the living.

Ven. Bede.

May God only prosper our footsteps for the spreading of His Faith; and then let the devils and their army do their worst! I care not for them. If God be for us, who shall be against us?

St. Francis Xavier.



MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ON BOARD T



D THE "EMPRESS OF RUSSIA" BEFORE SAILING TOWARDS THE ORIENT.

Echoes from our Missions

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CANTON, CHINA

The Orphanage and Foundling-Home
Conducted by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

Our orphanage may be compared to a hive of diligent bees. The oldest of our dear charges help with the cooking, washing, the care of the sacristy and the house-cleaning. Two of them make themselves useful at the Foundling-Home, where there are numerous babies to be cared for.

The little ones who are old enough to attend school are taught Catechism and the different Chinese characters. In between times, they act as mothers to the children who are just beginning to use their hands. At meal-time, it is quite a problem to give all the tiny tots their rice as quickly as they would like to have it. Ten of them have not yet learned to walk. Very often, a little girl with a baby on her back is to be seen feeding a child a year old. All mothers who have raised a big family know what it is to bring children up well. We would ask them to remember us in their prayers and to think of helping us sometimes. In return, the little cherubs of our Foundling-Home and Orphanage will join their tiny hands and entreat our loving Lord to bless and protect your children, kind benefactresses. Our little Chinese girls pray very fervently... It true their prayers are not long, but how they must touch the heart of our Blessed Lady! On awakening, they recite as much as they know of the "Hail Mary". Some of them have only learned the beginning and the end of this beautiful prayer. San y fouk Malea...amang (Hail Mary...Amen). They all imagine that they are able to teach others. There is nothing more amusing than to see a little one showing her companion how to make the Sign of the Cross, which she hardly knows how to make herself.

Many of the children received at the Orphanage during the year were ill-treated before being brought to us. One who is deaf and dumb was sold by her parents. As she fell sick, her new mistress decided to get rid of her by sending her to us. She is very upright and intelligent. Three others are blind. We thought that one of them, *A Tsin*, whose little body was partly eaten away by worms when she arrived here, would only be with us a short while. However, after being carefully treated and being given wholesome food, she has grown strong again. She is now able to help us a little. Besides minding the babies, she makes the beds for the children two years of age. This child who was formerly so sad is always in good humour.

Quai Sum, thirteen years of age, was sent to live with her grandmother after the death of her parents. When the poor old pagan woman grew so feeble that she was no longer able to earn her living, she tried to find a



LITTLE ORPHANS OF CANTON, CHINA

good home for the child. She was told that the Sisters received poor children and that they took good care of them. Thus it was that little Quai Sum was confided to us.

The other little blind girl is also an orphan. At the age of six, she was placed in a home for the blind by her grandparents, who asked that she be taught how to sing and to dance so as to be able to beg rice a little later on. Some Christians who heard about the child, decided to send her to us. On arriving at the Orphanage, the poor little one did not know how to eat properly, nor how to dress herself.

Polo, a little slave, was sick when we received her from a Protestant family. Wong Pao, who had also been sold by her parents, arrived here about the same time. Her wicked master had burnt her entire body with a red hot iron. It was in order to procure a little money that her father, an opium fiend, sold her.

A Neu, thirteen years of age, was brought here by her sister. She was baptized when a baby, but knows nothing about the Catholic religion. Yi Hoc Hing, a cripple, arrived here on Easter Sunday. This young girl smiles all the time. She is a good little worker.

During the months of March and April, many of our little ones fell victims We did our best to snatch them from death, but God saw to bronchitis. fit to call seven of them to Himself.

During the year, we were obliged to procure forty new beds for the orphans; they are all filled except five. The doctors are always telling us that the children have not enough air, as the beds have been placed too close together. What we really need is a new orphanage. We trust that St. Joseph will come to our assistance, and that our friends in Canada will think of us in our need. In a room measuring 26 x 15 feet, we were obliged to place thirty-three cradles, twenty-eight of which measure 30×14 inches and the five others, 40×20 inches. For several months, from sixty to seventy babies were cared for in these cradles. On many an occasion, we had the happiness of pouring the Sacred Waters of Baptism upon the brows of from twelve to fifteen little ones. The room in which the sick babies are kept is constantly visited by the angel of death. How lovely it would be if we could only see all the little souls we have saved taking their flight to heaven. Last year, more than three thousand babies died in the Foundling-Home.

In a number of little rooms, each containing from four to six beds, we keep the babies that are likely to live.

During the year 1931, we had the happiness of baptizing four thousand, one hundred and ninety-six children in our Foundling-Home and Orphanage.

SZEPINGKAI, CHINA

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Szepingkai, Manchuria, China.

Thursday, May 26, 1932

The novices and postulants, who are given a holiday, are busy preparing the *kiang*, a kind of sauce. Every year, a quantity of beans are cooked, mashed, and left to ferment. When the hot spell arrives, the mixture, after being put into an earthen keg and covered over with salt, is left out-of-doors for a month in order to ferment anew. The Manchurians eat these pickled beans with rice, vegetables, meat, etc. They find them quite delicious.

Sunday, May 29

As the weather is fine, the Corpus Christi procession will take place to-day. We prepare a Repository near the Native Novitiate. All the trees in the neighbourhood have been decorated with the Papal colours and banners of the Sacred Heart.

The procession begins towards three o'clock. After the cross-bearer, march the little boys who attend our schools in Szepingkai and Peiko, and a group of catechumens and Christians. Four children wearing long white dresses scatter flowers before the Belssed Sacrament. The monstrance is carried by Reverend Father Jasmin. As we execute the singing, we have the privilege of walking directly behind our Eucharistic King. Following in line are the novices and postulants, the pupils of the girls' school, a second group of catechumens, and the Christian women of Szepingkai. There are many pagan onlookers. The pious Christians sing hymns and recite the

"Hail Mary" over and over again. It is with our whole hearts that we entreat our divine Lord to bless our dear Community and our beloved parents. Nor do we fail to recommend to Him all the pagans surrounding us, especially those who are dying.

Tuesday, May 31

Sixteen of the two hundred and forty-one patients we treat to-day receive Holy Baptism. Our Sister infirmarians are very sorry to think that they were not able to persuade the brother of one these new Christians to embrace the Faith. This young man died as he had lived. His corpse was an ugly sight to behold, while that of his sister was remarkably beautiful. All the pagans noticed the difference.

Reports for the month of May 1932:

Dispensary of Szepingkai: Baptisms	Treatments
Dispensary of Koung-tchou-ling, of Baptisms	76
Patients. 1,063 Dressings. 540	Homes visited
Dispensary of Peiko, open a half a	
Patients 170 Dressings 50	Treatments

Thursday, June 9

Shortly after Mass this morning we extend a welcome to five new postulants. They have been brought to us by Reverend Father Berger, who has been away on a trip through the portion of the Jehol Vicariate confided to the Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary. These girls are all natives of Linn Si Sien. Three of them are sixteen years of age, one is eighteen, and the eldest, twenty. We see that they take a good rest, for they have been travelling for seven days.

We must think of enlarging the Novitiate, for it has been filled to capacity since last September. We have as many as twenty-five novices and postulants.

Thursday, June 16

We are careful not to forget that to-day is the Feast of St. John Francis Regis, the patron saint of our dear Mistress of Novices. All our actions are offered for her intentions. The eight dying babies that Sister Marie de l'Assomption baptizes to-day are named after her who trained us to be fervent missionaries.

Four of these little ones are baptized on the side of the road. As our Sister infirmarians are on their way back from Peiko, they are asked to treat a very sick child. Sister Marie de l'Assomption tells the mother to sit down on a pile of planks close by, and after placing her bottles of medicine on another pile, she treats the little one and baptizes it. As soon as she has finished treating this baby, she is asked to attend to three others. The passers-by stop to see what the Sisters are doing. All are greatly surprised to see how kindly they treat the poor unfortunate children that have been brought to them.

Tuesday, June 21

Sister Superior has the happiness of baptizing sixteen children at Koungtchou-ling. Assisted by two Christian women, she treats two hundred and seventy-four patients.

During the holidays, the novices are obliged to learn how to care for the sick. Li Louosa and Ting Malia begin this morning to help us treat our patients. We allow them to baptize all the dying babies we receive during the day. Sister Marie de l'Assomption keeps an eye on Li Louosa (Rose) who has never seen anyone administering Baptism. As it is the first time she has been asked to put into practice what she has been taught, she stops before she has finished pouring the Sacred Waters. After Sister gives her another lesson, she makes a second attempt to baptize the child, and this time succeeds. Her companion, Ting Malia, who accompanied our Sisters to Pa Mien Tcheng for two years, knows just what to do. On their way back to the Novitiate in the evening, the two happy Novices remark that they now understand why the Sisters who so often have the opportunity of opening heaven to numerous little souls in Koung-chou-ling, never seem to be tired.

Thursday, June 30

Reports for the month of June 1932:

Dispensary of Szeningkai:

Dispensary of Szephigkar.		
Baptisms		
		Treatments
Dressings 3	93	Homes visited
Dispensary of Koung-tchou-lin	ng:	
Baptisms	58	Dressings
Patients 9	61 '	Treatments 1041
Dispensary of Peiko:		
Baptisms		6
Patients 1	55 '	Treatments 185
Dressings 2	8	Homes visited 5

Thursday, July 7

To-day, our aged cook tells Lao Linn, our hired man, to inform Yuen tchang that beans are very cheap and that he would do well to buy some.

Lao Linn replies that he is not the master and that he is satisfied with what Tchang Chang (Sister Superior) provides. The poor old cook hangs her head and remains silent.

Monday, July 11

Two of the four children who are brought for treatment this morning are baptized by Margaret T'sien, a novice who goes to the Dispensary for the first time.

The novices who are helping us at the Dispensary this week are preparing two young consumptives to receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They pray fervently for these catechumens and do not fail to ask all the other novices to join them in entreating the Queen of Heaven to assist them in their work.

Tuesday, July 12

At Koung-tchou-ling, our Sister infirmarians treat one hundred and ninety-five patients and attend to fifty-six babies. For two long hours, they are obliged to put up with the screeching of these little ones, but as they have the happiness of baptizing thirty-three of them, they do not mind the noise.

They are overjoyed when, towards evening, one of their patients who was baptized some time ago, tells them that she wishes to lead a good Christian life.

Tuesday, July 26

Sister Superior prepares for the novices a lesson in which is explained the virtue of humility. She has a little difficulty in finding the right expressions, for, in Chinese, to abase one's self means "to lose face".

Sunday, July 31

For three weeks we have been decorating the chapel with natural flowers. In our garden, we have some of every hue. To-day, we adorn the altar with ts'i ts'i tsao, flowers resembling roses. Their stems, however, are much shorter than those of the rose.

Every Sunday evening, we find it quite a pleasant pastime to take a walk in the garden. After spending some time in the open air, we make our way to the Native Novitiate to talk with the novices and postulants.

Reports for the month of July 1932:

Baptisms	
	0 Treatments
	4 Homes visited 20
Dispensary of Koung-tchou-ling	
	63
	4 Treatments 620
	2 Homes visited 2.

Dispensary of Peiko:

Baptisms		4	
Patients	95	Treatments	125
Dressings			

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LEAO YUAN SIEN, CHINA

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

Monday, May 30, 1932

We treat two hundred and one patients at the Dispensary and pay a visit to eleven pagan families.

Tuesday, May 31

Report of the Dispensary of Leao Yuan Sien, for the month of May 1932:

Baptisms	131
Patients	Treatments
Dressings	Homes visited 60

Thursday, June 2

Just lately, we received a three-year-old orphan whose little body was covered with wounds. The child, instead of being brought to us, would have been thrown out if its father had not objected. It appeared to be greatly relieved after being attended to, but we knew that it would not be long before death would claim the little victim. We hastened to make it a child of God.

A little girl thirteen years of age is brought to the Dispensary to-day. The poor child has been sick since the death of her mother three years ago. She cries bitterly as soon as we begin to tell her about the joys of heaven, about God and His Blessed Mother. The young lady who so thoughtfully brought us the little invalid, begs us to baptize her at once, so that she may be happy forever.

Tuesday, June 7

Our Sister infirmarian notices that the child she is asked to treat to-day looks like a boy, although it is dressed in girls' clothes. On questioning the little one's mother, she learns that her patient is really a boy who has been dressed as a girl. Little girls in China are regarded as being useless, and, for this reason, are supposed to be incapable of attracting the devil's attention.

Tuesday, June 14

A child suffering from eczema is brought to us to-day. After bandaging its head, Sister begins to examine its shoulders, but its mother interferes, saying that she has put enough bandages on the little one. As white is worn by those in mourning in China, the poor woman thinks that her baby, may be looked upon as being in mourning. According to a very foolish superstition, the members of a bereaved family bring misfortune upon everyone they visit.

Saturday, June 18

One of our patients who has never wanted to embrace the Faith, sends for us to-day. The last time we went to see her, we left her a miraculous medal, as she was seriously ill. Shortly after our visit, we sent a catechist to her home, thinking that he might be able to win her over to our religion. His efforts were not in vain, for it is to have us baptize her that the young woman asks us to come to see her to-day. After giving her a short explanation of the Catholic doctrine and exhorting her to be sorry for her sins, we pour the Sacred Waters on her brow. Immediately after being baptized, her face lights up with a smile of joy and she exclaims, "Now, I am a child of God!"

Tuesday, June 21

Mary Teresa, the generous little girl who sent her doll to China, would be very happy indeed to see how Teresa Han prizes her "treasure". We would have liked to have taken her picture the other day when we saw her returning home with her cherished dolly in her arms, picking her steps so as not to trip and fall on the stones along the way. The doll is almost as tall as its little mistress.

Friday, June 24

As it is the birthday of the little boy who serves Mass for us, we give him and his little brother and sister, clothes sent us from Canada. As soon as they have donned their new outfits, they go to pay a visit to Reverend Father Charest. These poor children make their home at the Mission. Their mother cooks for the virgin catechists.

Saturday, June 25

In the same pagan home, our Sister infirmarian treats five children. She baptizes three of them herself, and lets her companion baptize the other two, who are twins.

Tuesday, June 28

This evening, we receive a letter from our beloved Mother. Although we are far from Outremont, we imagine that we are quite near our Mother again each time she writes to us.

Thursday, June 30

Report of the Dispensary of Leao Y	Yuan Sien for the month of June 1932:
Baptisms	Dressings
Patients3,790	Homes visited
Treatments	Consultations 426



MANCHURIAN WOMEN

PA MIEN T'CHENG, MANCHURIA

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Pa Mien Tcheng, Manchuria, China.

Sunday, May 29, 1932, Solemnity of Corpus Christi

This morning, at Pa Mien Tcheng, many Christians approach the Holy Table. After High Mass, a repository is erected on the verandah of the priests' residence, and at three o'clock the procession takes place. Borne aloft at the head of the procession is the Cross. Close behind are the pupils of the boys' school, several Christians and seminarians. As we are the singers, we are privileged to remain very close to the canopy. Behind us are the virgin catechists, the pupils of the girls' school and a number of Christian women. The procession wends its way to our garden. Oh! how happy we are to receive a visit from our loving Lord! We do not fail to entreat Him to bless all our friends, as well as the numerous pagans surrounding us. May the day soon dawn when all the Chinese will join us in worshipping our Eucharistic King!

Monday, May 30

We are asked to visit a patient who has a large sore on his back. When we reach the home of this pagan gentleman, we find that he is quite feverish and that the poison has begun to go through his system. The poor man has been sick for two months and it was only after he had tried all kinds of Chinese medicine that he sent for us. Realizing that this is a good chance to win a conversion, we ask our catechist to explain the Catholic doctrine to him. While we are dressing his wound, we beg our Immaculate Mother to watch over his soul.

At the Dispensary, we have the happiness of administering five baptisms.

Tuesday, May 31

On visiting Mr. Hoang, the patient we treated yesterday, we find that he is no better. Our catechist again seizes the opportunity to teach him more about our holy religion, but Mrs. Hoang interrupts him, telling him that he had better wait until her husband is well again. While on our way home, we offer up fervent prayers to our heavenly Queen, asking her to help us to save this soul.

Report of the Dispensary of Pa Mien Tcheng for the month of May 1932:

Baptisms	27	
Patients3,279		381
Treatments		
Children vaccinated	Homes visited	15

Wednesday, June 1

It is in vain that we await the carriage which is supposed to take us to Mr. Hoang's home. More than ever do we realize the truth of the Gospel text in which it is stated that it is difficult for the rich to enter into the kingdom of heaven. Mr. Hoang is a very wealthy man and he finds it hard to give up all the pagan customs in order to join a religion which calls for continual sacrifices. On this first day of June, we implore the Sacred Heart of Jesus to grant us this conversion.

Thursday, June 2

As this is the twenty-eighth day of the fourth month for the Chinese, they go in throngs to their pagodas to there offer incense to the idols. What a pity it is that these poor pagans know nothing of the happiness experienced by those who love and serve the one true God!

Friday, June 3

This is the thirty-first anniversary of the founding of our Institute. During Holy Mass we thank God for the numerous blessings He has showered on our dear Community and receive Holy Communion for our beloved Mother's intentions.

Tuesday, June 7

We are honoured with a visit from His Excellency Mgr. Janssens, Coadjutor to the Vicar Apostolic of Jehol. The Reverend Fathers Jasmin, Turcotte and Crevier and Reverend Brother Pineault accompany His Excellency.

Thursday, June 9

Two little orphans arrive here this morning. These dear children, who have come from Cheng Sin Toung, are both very tired. After being given a good meal, they go to bed and do not get up until dinner-time. After dinner, we give them each a dress sent us from Canada, for these little ones are very scantily clad. How grateful we are to our charitable benefactors in Canada who make it possible for us to put a little cheer into the lives of our tiny charges.

Friday, June 10

Yu lan, a child a year old, died this morning in our Orphanage. We are confident that this dear orphan will obtain us many blessings, now that she is enjoying the Beatific Vision.

Monday, June 13

At the Dispensary we baptize two babies. We give both of them the name of Anthony.

FAKOU, MANCHURIA

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

Friday, June 3, 1932

To-day, while observing with Holy Mother Church the Feast of the Sacred Heart, we celebrate the anniversary of the founding of our Institute. From our distant land of adoption, we unite with all our Sisters in thanking God and our Immaculate Mother for having watched over the little mustard-seed sown thirty years ago by our beloved Mother, and which to-day is a magnificent tree whose boughs extend into many climes.

Saturday, June 4

We baptize two children to-day.

Monday, June 6

Our Chinese professor explains to us the different pagan customs existing in this part of the country. Nobody is left on the *kang* (bed made of bricks) to die. When parents see that one of their children is dying, they wrap it up in a straw mat and throw it into a field, where it is devoured by dogs.

Certain parents who believe in the transmigration of the soul, cut their dead children into pieces while making all kinds of threats in order to hinder their spirits from returning to earth.

When the life of an adult is despaired of, he is dressed in wadded clothing, and, after being taken down from the *kang*, he is left in a corner to die. When he is dead, his relatives send for a number of musicians and invite their friends to their home to partake of a banquet which has been prepared in honour of the deceased. Very often, the bodies of the unfortunate victims of tuberculosis are burned along with all their belongings. The reason the Chinese give for acting thus is that they do not want the dread disease to spread. We cannot understand how it is that the relatives of a consumptive who were in the habit of eating and drinking with him and of lying beside him on the *kang*, think of taking such precautions after his death.

Wednesday, June 8

While visiting our patients to-day, we baptized a dying woman, who expired a few hours after we left her.

Saturday, June 11

To-day, we are given a tiny broom, one of the kind that the pagans, during their celebrations known as the *Kouo tsie*, fasten to their hair or to their clothing, believing that it will *sweep away* all sickness. At this time of the year we notice that many people, espec, ally the children, wear on their necks a coloured cord, on which is hung a small piece of red cloth. This charm is supposed to keep the wearer's eyes from getting sore. When worn on the wrist, it is believed to prevent insects from approaching... Despite all their talismans, the Chinese continue to be sick and to be bitten by insects... They are, however, far from thinking of abandoning their ridiculous superstitious practices, which have so often proved to be of no avail.

Tuesday, June 14

It is reported that a wealthy merchant of Fakou who went to *Tieh-Ling* on business, has been held up by brigands and robbed of \$2,000.00. The priests' hired man while on his way to the same city to purchase some building material, was also waylaid.

To-day, we meet two men carrying an aged woman, their grandmother, in a basket hung on a long pole which they have placed on their shoulders.

Thursday, June 16

Very often during the day, we go in spirit to the Novitiate, and there unite with the novices in expressing our gratitude to our dear Mistress, whose feast day it is to-day.

Saturday, June 18

Mrs. Tchang, who was baptized a short time ago, is in a dying condition. This evening she is fortified by the Last Rites of the Church. It is with the most lively sentiments of faith that she receives our divine Lord into her heart for the first time.

Monday, June 21

Yesterday afternoon, an aged man who was baptized a few months ago left this land of exile. Just two weeks ago he came to the Catholic Mission, asking to be treated. The priest was with him when he died, as well as several Christians and catechumens. At dusk, just as prayers were being offered for the repose of his soul, the echoes of a pagan funeral ceremony were to be heard in the distance. What a contrast! Oh! how we should appreciate our holy religion!

The funeral took place this morning. A number of Christians accompanied the old gentleman to his last resting-place.

Wednesday, June 22

Among the patients we treat to-day is a Japanese baby. The child is seriously ill, but we hope to restore it to health.

We are treating a young man suffering from a cancer. This poor patient is much to be pitied. We entreat our Immaculate Mother to lead him into the true Fold before long.

Sunday, June 26

The young lady who teaches us Chinese is very anxious to have all the members of her family embrace the Faith. To-day, she was overjoyed when her brother asked the Sisters to baptize one of his children.

Monday, June 27

We are told that a little boy eleven years of age who has already come to the Dispensary to be treated, is very sick. We go to pay him a visit, bringing him some medicine. He tells us that he longs to become a Christian. His parents consent to his being baptized, and promise to send him to our school to study the Catholic doctrine as soon as he is better.

Tuesday, June 28

We visit a pagan home, where we baptize an old woman. Last year, she stayed at our Catechumenate for a while, but as she could not remember anything that we taught her, she grew discouraged and gave up studying her Catechism. To-day as soon as she sees us, she asks us to baptize her. We immediately comply with her request, for we see that she is in danger of death.

TSUNG MING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

Letter from Sister Marie de l'Epiphanie, (1) Superior of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Tsung Ming.

Tsung Ming, August 8, 1932.

BELOVED MOTHER,

I hasten to thank you for telling me that you find my poor scribbled missives interesting. I feel the need of relating to you the different events of our life on the missions. The letters we receive from home are as so many sunbeams which put cheer into everything we do. On the missions. we should find life a burden if we did not love God above all things, and if we did not show our Superiors the greatest affection! The novices, in a very interesting letter, informed us that the Novitiate is being enlarged. They even invited us to come to Pont Viau for the next retreat. We should be tempted to accept their kind invitation if we were not quite so far away.

On Pentecost Sunday, your beautiful feast day, beloved Mother, we had many a consolation. A young lady of our workroom was baptized early in the morning. She made her First Holy Communion with six of the oldest of the orphans. It was most touching to see our dear little charges approaching the Holy Table to receive our divine Lord into their innocent hearts. We rejoiced the whole day long to think that these dear children had been so privileged.

After breakfast, an employee arrived with one of his aged relatives who expressed his desire of becoming a Christian. As he did not appear to be in danger of death, we sent for the priest, who decided to have him study the Catholic doctrine before baptizing him. As there was no place inside for the poor old man, we left him on a straw tick in the porch. Each time I paid him a visit, he thanked me for treating him so kindly, but I could not keep from crying to think that I coud not do more for him. He was baptized during the Octave of Corpus Christi and died the day after the Feast of the Sacred Heart. It was towards six o'clock in the evening that he took a turn for the worse. We immediately sent for his wife, but as she had just been smoking opium, she was not in the mood to sympathize with him. After remaining only a few minutes by his bedside, she told us that she was obliged go home to attend to her little grandson who was very sick. Sister Marie de la Foi (2) and a little Chinese girl remained with our aged patient until two o'clock in the morning, when he breathed his last. We have been praying that someone may provide us with the means of erecting in Tsung Ming a home for the aged, and are fully confident that this good old man will intercede for us before the throne of God.

^{1.} May Moquin, of Eastman, P. Q.

^{2.} Jeanne Lamy, of Montreal,



A GROUP OF ORPHANS OF TSUNG MING CHINA, WHO MADE THEIR FIRST COMMUNION ON WHIT SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1932.

The following day, we had the happiness of baptizing a dying woman between fifty and sixty years of age. Our Chinese helpers are always very eager to assist us in winning over to the Faith their unfortunate countrymen. We continually bear in mind that our chief duty is to lead back to the true Fold the many fallen-away Catholics throughout Haimen. This new vicariate was evangelized by zealous Jesuit Fathers from France, who left the region five years ago. They have been replaced by Chinese priests. The Vicariate of Haimen counts five million souls, of whom only thirty-five thousand are of the household of the Faith. There are only eleven thousand Christians to be found on the island of Tsung Ming, the population of which is over a million.

The Jesuits succeeded in making many conversions, as they had numerous catechumenates. The Chinese priests have had schools built to replace these catechumenates. Since the spring, we have had several baptisms of adults and have received a goodly number of catechumens. When pagan patients come to the Dispensary asking to be treated, after telling them a little about their Creator, we explain to them the different pictures in a large catechism and thus they learn the fundamental truths of our holy religion.

We often go with a virgin catechist to visit our patients, some of whom have consented to be baptized. Three days each week, Sister St. Jean Baptiste, (1) accompanied by two helpers, goes to the dispensary which we have opened in Paochen. While treating her patients, she often has the happiness of baptizing several children. During July, our Sister infirmarians baptized nineteen adults and seventy-six dying children in our

^{1.} Irene Pelland, of West Glover, Vt.

two dispensaries and in pagan homes. The same month, one hundred and eighteen babies were baptized at the Foundling-Home.

The Native Novitiate is finished at last. The novices will soon have new companions, for we are awaiting the arrival of at least six postulants. We are anxious to see them all busy making conversions among their fellowcountrymen.

The young girls employed in our workroom have made great progress since their arrival. On Pentecost Sunday, four of them, after assisting at a First Communion ceremony and at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, asked us to allow them to study the Catholic doctrine.....

All your happy daughters of Tsung Ming, beloved Mother, send you their best wishes and thank you from the bottom of their hearts for all you have done for them.

Your affectionate daughter,

Sister Marie de l'Epiphanie, M. I. C.

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Letter from a Missionary Sister of the Immaculate Conception of Tsung Ming, China, to her Superior General

Tsung Ming, August 7, 1932.

BELOVED MOTHER

It is a great pleasure for me to write to you from this far-distant land. Judging from the short letters I often send you, you may be inclined to think that such is not the case, but we have so few leisure moments that we would never write if we waited until we found time to do so.

The lovely letter we received from our Sisters of the Novitiate brought us news of our dear Community. We are so far from our native land that everything sent us from home fills us with the greatest joy.

Here at the Foundling-Home and at the Orphanage, I am sure that I never offend God, for I have no time to do so. It is always late in the evening when I have finished tending to my little charges.

In July, we received one hundred and eighteen forsaken babies. At present I have three blind children to look after, a baby a year and a half old, another four years of age, and a little girl of nine. Yesterday, we heard the latter telling the two little ones not to cry, that she would take good care of them when *Momo* (Sister) was dead.



CHILDREN OF THE ORPHANAGE CONDUCTED BY THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, IN TSUNG MING, CHINA.

At the Orphanage we have now but twenty little girls. Many of our orphans died of the measles, but God left us the best of them. When one of these dear children heard that I was writing to *Ta Momo* in Canada, she told me to tell you that she never fails to pray for you. *Tse Lai* and *Vou Yin*, who are learning to sew, hastened to add that when they were big they would make *Ta Momo* a beautiful blue shawl and a lovely pair of red silk slippers. Blue and red are their favourite colours. *La Yin* also spoke up, asking me to tell *Ta Momo* that she loved her and that she would always help *Momo* to look after the babies. All the orphans sing

One day, La Yin remarked that were it not for Ta Momo they would have nobody to love them. When one of her roguish little companions told her that she did not know if Ta Momo loved her or not, as she had never seen her, she replied that she had seen the cases full of nice things that had come from Canada and that Momo had told her that when they were big enough they could send all kinds of things to Ta Momo. The dear child then began to mention just what she was going to send: corn, melons and peanuts. As I knew that the tiny tots always appreciate a word from Momo, I told them that Ta Momo would be very glad to receive something from the little orphans of Tsung Ming.

the "Ave Maria" for Ta Momo in Canada.

We have two good hired men to wash for us and to do the chores. Some of the children also lend us a helping hand. I do my best to bring these little ones up well. I urge them to love God, and teach them to look on the bright side of things, so that later on when they are obliged to endure all kinds of hardships they will not become discouraged.

Many thanks, dear Mother, for the leaflets that you send us occasionally. We often make use of them when making our meditation. Thanks also for the useful gifts you send our little folks. These dear children will continue to pray for you until they are able to help you in some other way.

Your grateful child,

Sr. Marie d'Ephese, M. I. C. (1)

Do we think sufficiently of this—that devotion to our Blessed Lady is not a thing which, like the possession of a book or a rosary, we have once for all, final and complete? It would be no less untrue to say that when we have received from God the grace of humility, we have simply to hold fast what we have got, and never dream of getting more, than to say that devotion to Mary was an ungrowing thing. I repeat, it must grow like a virtue, and strengthen like a habit.

Father Faber.

^{1.} Jeannette Luneau, of Princeville.



PUPILS OF THE KINDERGARTEN IN CHARGE OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF KORIYAMA, JAPAN, AND THEIR PARENTS.

KORIYAMA, JAPAN

Letter from Sister de l'Enfant Jesus, Superior of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception of Koriyama.

Korivama, July 24, 1932.

BELOVED MOTHER.

We have been able to procure a photograph of the five children who made their First Communion on Easter Sunday, and we are gladly sending it to you. The wreaths and veils worn by these happy little ones on this occasion were a gift from a benefactress in Ottawa. We wish to thank



FIVE LITTLE JAPANESE GIRLS WHO MADE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27th, 1932.

this kind lady for her thoughtfulness. On seeing these little Japanese girls approaching the Holy Table, we could not help from thinking of the happiness we experienced the first time we partook of the Eucharistic Banquet. We hope that these five privileged children will never forget the impressive ceremony and that they may ever regard the day of their First Holy Communion as the happiest day of their lives.

Let me now give you a faint idea of the beauty of our little chapel on Pentecost Sunday. Divine Providence intervening, we were able to decorate it more prettily than we had expected. Dainty white curtains, a gift from the parents of one of our Sisters, adorned the windows. The altar was decked with magnificent red tulips brought to us by a young pagan girl, and before the statues of the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph were placed pretty ferns and tiny white flowers.

On your beautiful feast day, dear Mother, we asked God to spare you to us for many, many years. The whole day long, we offered up prayers for your special intentions. In order to prove to you our gratitude, we are willing to make any sacrifice that may be asked of us.

This year, we have the happiness of possessing a pretty little statue of the Sacred Heart sent us by a Presentation nun, a sister of one of your missionary daughters of Koriyama. We have set it up in our community room, and every day of the month of June, we placed fresh flowers before it.

The Feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, which is celebrated on June 4th, is, for Japanese Catholics, one of the greatest feasts of the year, for it is under this title that they invoke our Blessed Lady. This feast dates back to the year 1844, when Bishop Forcade, the first Vicar Apostolic of Japan, confided his new Mission to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which he had promised to do if missionaries from France succeeded in penetrating into the country, which for two hundred years had been closed to all foreigners. This same day he had the happiness of celebrating Holy Mass just opposite one of the islands of his vast vicariate, the soil of which had been watered by the blood of numerous martyrs.

Every year on June 4th, a Japanese celebration known as the "Seppu" takes place. On this occasion, in all the parlours, which have been prettily decorated, are to be found manequins representing the Emperor, ancient warriors, craftsmen, etc. Out-of-doors, coloured carp-shaped kites flutter everywhere. In Japan, the carp is the emblem of courage, a quality which boys must strive to acquire. The little girls must be kind and always appear to be in good humour, even when they are inclined to be sulky.

On the 18th, 19th, and 20th of July, were held celebrations in honour of a certain deity which is worshipped in a pagoda not far away. On the evening of the 20th, a miniature temple adorned with streamers and tiny bells was carried through the different streets. Behind the musicians, who led the procession, marched a number of bonzes in holiday attire. Those unable to attend the ceremonies in the pagoda hastened to make prostrations before the deity as it was being carried past their home. We could not help from feeling sad on seeing the way this idol was being worshipped by the poor Japanese, who have never heard of the one true God.

On July 22nd, the pupils of our Kindergarten Class went home for the holidays. Just before school closed, we thought of inviting the parents of these children to assist at a little concert consisting of songs, drills and recitations which they had been taught since August 4th last year, the day school opened. After the singing of a hymn in English to the Blessed Virgin and a few words of welcome, Doctor Igarashi addressed the parents, telling them just how to care for their children in order to keep them in good health. The little celebration was brought to a close by the singing of another hymn to our Blessed Lady and the distribution of Japanese candies and different little articles made since the opening of school. All our youthful charges appeared to be quite happy and promised that they would return to school in September.

As yet, we are not allowed to teach Catechism to these little ones. It greatly pleased us to see that no one objected to their singing the praises

of the Queen of Heaven. We are confident that this tender Mother will assist us in leading them all to her divine Son.

A young Christian girl who has been attending school in Tokyo, has asked us to allow her to spend the holidays with us. We have complied with her request. In return for the lessons in English we are to give her, she will teach us Japanese.

Your loving daughter,

Sister de l'Enfant Jesus, M. I. C. (1)

Extracts FROM Novitiate Chronicles

Dedicated to our dear Parents



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

Monday, August 8, 1932

At nine o'clock this morning, we repair to the chapel to recite the Rosary. We ardently entreat our divine Lord to shower His choicest graces upon our beloved Mother, for this is the anniversary of her religious profession.

This evening, we make the aquaintance of the new postulants who arrived here to-day. The different rooms of the Novitiate are now filled to overflowing, especially the chapel, the conference room and the refectory. But, thanks to the generosity of a devoted benefactress who has given a very substantial donation towards the construction

of our Novitiate, the next group of postulants chosen by our Immaculate Mother as labourers in Our Lord's Vineyard will be welcomed into a spacious Dovecot.

Friday, August 12

Our dear Mother comes to visit her newly-arrived children. After exhorting them to faithfully respond to the grace God has bestowed upon them in calling them to embrace the religious life, she tells them that at times they will be lonesome and discouraged, that they will be much like drooping flowers that have just been transplanted, but which after being carefully watered and placed in the beneficient rays of the sun, suddenly lift up their heads and develop rapidly. The postulancy is the hardest part

^{1.} Florentine Dansereau, of Vercheres.

of the religious life, but tribulations of the kind only serve to strengthen one's character.

Turning towards us all, our Mother says: "My dear children, be really good... It is so good to be good!... A missionary must possess the virtue of kindness; by being good you will lead souls to God. If you are kind and charitable many of your faults and failings will be overlooked and you will gladden the hearts of all who draw near to you."

While our Mother is still speaking to us, the little birds begin to warble gaily in the vines just outside the windows of the Novitiate. She stops for a moment to listen to them and to praise God for creating these gay little songsters.

Saturday, August 13

The Forty Hours' Devotion at the Novitiate is brought to a close this morning by the celebration of a Solemn High Mass... How good it was to be so near to Jesus in the Sacrament of His Love! We realize that we cannot always enjoy such happy hours while we are still in this land of exile, and that only on entering heaven will it be given us to unceasingly gaze upon our dear Lord. While awaiting this great day, we courageously recommence our studies.

Sunday, August 14

The postulants have prepared an amusing concert in honour of their new little Sisters. All spend a very pleasant evening together. After the little entertainment, piano and violin selections are played.

Tuesday, August 16

It is a beautiful bright day. After assisting at two Masses, one of which is celebrated by our chaplain, and the other, by Reverend Father Mercure, the uncle of one of the new postulants, we go on a picnic to the Point.

Once we arrive at our destination, we make plans for the day, so as to make the best of our time.

When we are called to make our spiritual exercises, we leave all pleasure aside in order to glorify our loving Creator along with the little birds, which constantly warble His praises.

At five o'clock, we start homeward, for we wish to be back in time to assist at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

This evening, we talk over the happenings of the day. We are most grateful to God and His Blessed Mother for all that we have received from them, and to our kind Superiors who spare no pains in order to gladden our hearts.

Thursday, September 1

Before returning to Manchuria, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre comes once again to celebrate Mass in our chapel and to address us a few words of kindly advice.

Friday, September 2

The day before yesterday, the Sisters at the Mother House received a cablegram, announcing the death of our revered Cardinal Protector, His Eminence Cardinal Van Rossum. Needless to say, every member of our Community was deeply grieved on hearing this sad news, for our Sisters in Rome, as well as ourselves, have always been the object of the late Cardinal's paternal solicitude.

The suffrages mentioned in our Constitutions have been offered for the repose of his soul, and in our chapel this morning, as in all the houses of our Institute, a Solemn Requiem High Mass is celebrated.

May our all-bountiful God hear the supplications arising from our grateful hearts in behalf of the illustrious deceased prelate.

In the afternoon, His Excellency Mgr. Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec honours us with a visit. Our distinguished visitor, who is already in the parlour when the novices and postulants are sent for, asks our Mistress if she knows the name of each one of her "lambs". He relates to us the amusing narrative of how St. Francis of Sales taught the "Our Father" to a little shepherd boy. His Excellency promises to remember us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and asks each one of us to say an "Our Father" and three "Hail Marys" for his intentions. We are only too glad to comply with his request..

Before taking his leave, His Excellency gives us his blessing and promises us to come back to see us before long.

Saturday, September 3

We are quite surprised to-day to receive a visit from our Sisters who are about to leave for the Orient. During the few hours they spend with us, happiness reigns supreme. We promise them that we shall go to join them before very long.

Our Sisters enjoy their visit, but find that the hands of the clock move only too rapidly. When it comes time to say good-bye, they repair to the chapel, where a hymn is sung to our Immaculate Mother.

Sunday, September 4

It has been raining since early this morning, but towards one o'clock the weather clears up.

We are out walking in the garden when the missionary priests leave the Seminary for St. Stanislaus' Church, where the departure ceremony is to take place. His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre, who is in the first auto, gives us his blessing as he is passing the Novitiate.

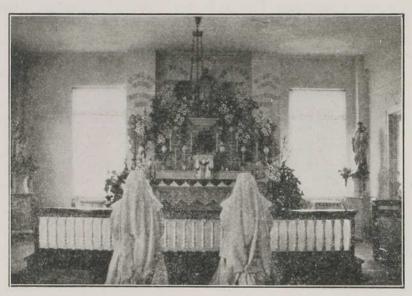
All day long we keep thinking of our dear Sisters who are about to start on their long journey. This evening, we imagine we see them leaving the Mother House after reciting their Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin and bidding farewell to all the Sisters.

While the dear Missionaries are on their way to the station, we take our places near the piano in the recreation room and sing a few missionary hymns.

Oh! how we would all like to leave at once to assist the poor dying pagans who are crying for help! But it is not our turn as yet: we must carefully prepare ourselves for our future field of apostolate if we wish to successfully carry on the work awaiting us.

Monday, September 5

As the retreat which usually precedes the Profession ceremony took place a month ago, our Sisters who are to pronounce their Vows and those about to receive the Holy Habit are commencing a triduum in preparation for their great day.



CHAPEL OF THE NOVITIATE
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PONT VIAU.

Thursday, September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

This morning we picture to ourselves Mary as a child, and very often during the day, we invoke our loving Patroness under the tittle of "Cause of our Joy".

Reverend H. Bernier, the uncle of one of the Sisters about to pronounce her First Holy Vows, presides at the ceremony which takes place in the afternoon. After a touching sermon delivered by Reverend Father Chaput, S.J., twenty-three postulants don the habit of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception.

Their names are as follows: Miss Annette Courtemanche, of Woonsocket, R. I. (Sr. Madeleine du Calvaire); Miss Germaine Morin, of Roberval (Sr. Marie Gemma); Miss Jeanne Beland, of Louiseville (Sr. Marie Anne); Miss Maria Auclair, of Montreal (Sr. Joseph Alfred); Miss Veronique Dalcour, of Westbrook, Maine (Sr. Veronique du Sauveur); Miss Annette Corbeil, of Montreal (Sr. St. Emile); Miss Therese Lanctot, of Montreal

(Sr. Therese du Carmel); Miss Marie Jeanne St. Cyr, of Champlain (Sr. St. Cyr); Miss Gertrude Durivage, of Outremont (Sr. Alphonse Marie); Miss Carmelle Turcot, of Howick Station (Sr. Ste. Nathalie); Miss Yvonne Lachapelle, of St. Bonaventure (Sr. St. Isidore); Miss Jeanne Berthe Morin, of Mont Laurier (Sr. St. Joseph Calassanz); Miss Cecile Duteau, of St. Alexandre d'Iberville (Sr. Ste. Alexandrine); Miss Claire Preville, of St. Alphonse, Joliette, (Sr. Ste. Clemence); Miss Irene Blais, of Quebec (Sr. Eugenie de Jesus); Miss Annette Marin, of Ste. Adele (Sr. St. Adelard); Miss Marie Jeanne Lord, of St. Odilon (Sr. St. Jeanne de Rome); Miss Marie Ange Plamondon, of Des Ecureuils (Sr. St. Jean du Desert); Miss Louise Gerin, of Coaticook (Sr. Marie Emma); Miss Jeannette Tremblay, of St. Fulgence, Chicoutimi (Sr. Pierre Julien); Miss Marie Anne Legris, of Montreal (Sr. Ste. Germaine Cousin); Miss Germaine Mercier, of Montreal (Sr. Marie de l'Eucharistie); Miss Ida Carriere, of Hammond, Ont. (Sr. Gabriel de l'Annonciation).

Twenty-three novices then pronounce their First Holy Vows: Sr. Marie Xavier (Berthe Paradis, of Tingwick); Sr. St. Maurice (Juliette Simonneau, of Gardner, Mass.); Sr. St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Jeanne Aubut, of Riviere Bleue, Temiscouata); Sr. Gertrude de Jesus (Gertrude Mathieu, of St. Ephrem, Beauce); Sr. St. Charles Garnier (Graziella Langlois, of Quebec); Sr. St. Tharcisius (Marie Therese Sansfacon, of Charlesbourg); Sr. St. Louis de France (Marguerite Demers, of Quebec); Sr. Ste. Chretienne (Lucienne Ayotte, of St. Barthelemy); Sr. Genevieve de Nanterre (Genevieve St. Pierre, of Montreal); Sr. Ste. Christine, (Jeannette Pinard, of Nicolet); Sr. Marie du Divin Cœur (Marie Anne Richard, of Crabtree); Sr. Marie du Carmel (Marie Pigeon, of Quebec); Sr. Dominique du Rosaire (Helene Deserres, of Cartierville); Sr. Marie Leonise (Rachel Gerin, of Coaticook); Sr. Marie Ruth (Emelienne Cantin, of Quebec); Sr. Marie de Lourdes (Irene Champagne, of Montreal); Sr. Blandine de Jesus (Blandine Simard, of Roberval); Sr. Ste. Catherine de Sienne (Therese Forest, of St. Paul, Joliette); Sr. Ste. Solange (Ida Brochu, of St. Benoit Labre); Sr. Antoine de Jesus (Sylvia Bedard, of Powassan, Ont.); Sr. Ste. Louise (Monique Dussault, of Des Ecureuils); Sr. Ste. Rose (Jeanne Sanschagrin, of Charlesbourg); Sr. Marthe du Sauveur (Jeanne d'Arc Champagne, of St. Prosper, Co. Dorchester).

Lastly, six Professed Sisters receive the ring of fidelity: Sr. Marie de Bethanie (Berthe Piche, of St. Basile); Sr. Marie Rose (Cecile Pilon, of Montreal); Sr. St. Louis (Fleur Ange Pelletier, of St. Francois, Co. Madawaska, N. B.); Sr. Thomas de Jesus (Elianette Michaud, of St. Andre, Co. Kamouraska); Sr. Ste. Mathilde (Honorine Gaudry, of Montreal); Sr. St. Bruno (Helene Michaud, of St. Andre, Co. Kamouraska).

On this same day, three of our Sisters on the missions also take their final vows: At Canton: Sr. St. Pierre Apotre (Leocadie Landry, of St. Jean l'Evangeliste); at Koriyama, Japan: Sr. Joseph de la Ste. Famille (Jeannette Delisle, of Worcester, Mass.) and Sr. Marie de Fourviere (Lucie Paradis, of Tingwick).

Saturday, September 10

To-day, the newly-professed Sisters leave the Novitiate. They all go first to the Mother House, whence a few of them leave to help in the missionary work of their Sisters in other cities.

We realize that before very long it will be our turn to leave the Dovecot and that we shall be replaced by others desirous of becoming Spouses of Christ.

Monday, September 12

To-day the classes in English, French, music and painting recommence. We shall strive to make the best use of our time, for we wish to learn as much as we can before leaving for a missionary land.

The reopening of these classes evokes many a memory. In former years, a number of us who were not at all eager to take out our books again wept bitterly on seeing the month of September arrive.

Dear parents, we are sure that you are very glad to-day not to have listened to our excuses for not continuing our studies. It is only now that we appreciate the education that we have received and we thank you for having had the courage to send us back to school, despite all our pretexts.

Tuesday, September 13

This evening we are asked to pray for a poor dying man, a freethinker who has refused to listen to anything concerning religion. For nine days, while accomplishing our daily tasks as perfectly as possible, we shall beg Almighty God to have mercy on the poor unfortunate recommended to our prayers.

Thursday, September 15

On entering the chapel this afternoon we notice hanging on the wall the magnificent clock given us by Monsignor Dubuc, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Montreal. It strikes every quarter of an hour, and so harmoniously that it lifts our thoughts to heaven.

The melodies of this precious time-piece will ever be intermingled with the *Aves* which are continually being wafted heavenward by the novices for their benefactors. During the night, it will speak in its own way to our divine Lord in the Tabernacle. Its musical voice will be as a prayer offered to God for the generous donor who has destined it to chime in the devotional chapel dedicated to Our Lady of the Missions.

Let us seek grace, but let us seek it through Mary. She is the whole reason of my hope. I hope in God, the source and fountain-head of all grace, but Mary's prayers open the sluices and make the water flow.

St. Bernard.

Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin

for favors obtained



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

BL HENRY SUZO.

I am very grateful to all the dear Sisters for the prayers offered up for me during my illness. I am growing stronger every day and with the help of your prayers I hope to be able to make a visit of thanksgiving to Our Divine Lord and His Blessed Mother in your little chapel. Accept the enclosed offering for your noble work among the lepers. Will you please publish my thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother and the Little Flower, in your next issue of THE PRECURSOR. A. M. G., Outremont. — I am enclosing \$1.00 I promised for a favour received. Would you kindly pray for the conversion of my son and also that he may give up drinking. Mrs. J. W., Montreal. — Enclosed find the sum of \$1.00 which I am sending in thanksgiving for a favour recently received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph and the Little Flower. A Subscriber. — Please find enclosed \$2.00 for your Works. I am profoundly thankful to the Blessed Virgin for the numerous favours I have received after praying to her with confidence. M. A. C., Montreal. — I have received a great favour from Our Lady and to thank her I am enclosing a ten years' subscription to THE PRECURSOR and an offering of \$5.00 for the Missions. Mrs. T., Rosemont. — Not long ago I asked our Immaculate Mother to obtain me a very special favour. As I have just received

odtain me a very special favour. As I have just received it, I am fulfilling my promise by sending in my renewal subscription and a small donation to your missionary works. Mrs. A. B. — Please find enclosed \$1.00 for the renewal of my subscription, a promise to the Blessed Virgin for favor received. Mrs. T. P., Verdun. — Enclosed find \$10.00 in thanksgiving for a favour received. A Subscriber. — I am most grateful to Our Lady for helping me to find a position. You will find enclosed an offering for a novena of lights. M. E. — God has been very good to me and to thank Him I am renewing my subscription to The Precursor. I am now asking the Blessed Virgin to obtain me two special favours. Mrs. H., Montreal. — You will find enclosed an offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby, in thanksgiving for a favour received. M. D. — I hasten to return most heart-felt thanks to our Immaculate Mother for having answered my prayers. The enclosed offering is for the ransom of Chinese babies. A Friend. — Some time ago I asked you to remember me in your prayers. The favour I desired has been granted. Please continue to pray for me. Enclosed you will find a small offering for your Works. Anonymous. — I return most grateful thanks to Our Lady for numerous favours granted me through her intercession. Mrs. D., Montreal. — I am sending you an offering of \$5.00 in honour of our Immaculate Mother, through whose intercession I have received a special favour. W. G. — Enclosed please find \$5.00 which I promised I would send for the ransom of a Chinese baby. Kindly remember me in your prayers. Mrs. B. — Some time ago, I was out of work. I invoked the aid of our Blessed Lady, and promised that if I secured a position I would subscribe to The Precursor. The dollar I am enclosing is for a year's subscription. M. P., Montreal. — I have received several much needed spiritual and temporal favours, for which I am most grateful. You will find enclosed \$5.00 for the ransom of a Chinese baby. Mrs. Q. — I have been very successful in an importan

for me. Mrs. G. — Thanks to our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph, I have received a number of special favours. I am enclosing \$5.00 for your Works, as well as an offering to have some lights burned. Anonymous. — I received a favour when in financial difficulties a short time ago. I am now enclosing \$1.00 as promised. A Subscriber. — I offer my most heartfelt thanks to the Blessed Mother of God for a special favour granted me. Please use the enclosed offering of \$5.00 to ransom a Chinese baby. M. M., Montreal. — I am enclosing an offering of \$1.75 which I promised if I obtained a desired favour. Mrs. P. L. — In thanksgiving for the granting of a request, I am sending you an offering for a novena of lights in honour of Our Lady. Anonymous. — Find enclosed cheque for \$2.00 in thanksgiving for favours received through the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower of Jesus. M. C. — I hasten to express my gratitude for a prompt answer to my prayers. The enclosed offering is for your wonderful missionary work. A Subscriber. — Please find enclosed \$1.00 for the Missions, in thanksgiving for a favour received. M. E., Montreal. — I wish to return most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for a favour granted me through her intercession after promising to send an offering of \$1.00 for the Missions. Mrs. B., Montreal. — Enclosed please find the sum of \$6.00 which is my thank-offering for a favour received. I promised to publish my thanksgiving. I would ask you to pray that my other request may be granted. Mrs. J. C. — I wish to thank our Blessed Lady for the many favours she has obtained for me from God. M. R., Montreal. — I am writing to tell you that I am feeling much better since invoking the aid of our dear Blessed Mother. I hope that before very long I shall be completely cured. Mrs. E. L. — Please find enclosed \$1.00 for the Missions, in thanksgiving to our Blessed Lady for a favour granted me through her intercession. A Subscriber.

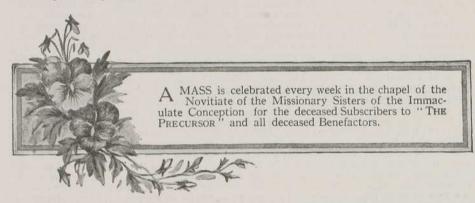


"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee."

I am enclosing \$1.25 for a novena and lights for my intentions. I am going to be operated on soon and I wish you would pray for the success of my operation, and that I may not lose my position. Mrs. M. R. McE., Montreal. — A Subscriber to The Precursor wishes to ask you to pray for two special intentions and promises, if granted, to have a High Mass said for the Souls in Purgatory. Mrs. J. M., Peterboro, Ont. — Please find enclosed \$1.00 for lights burned in honor of Our Lady of Victory and St. Teresa. Will you kindly begin a novena and say special prayers that I may obtain a very great favour. If granted, I will send you \$100.00 in honour of the dear Little Flower. I have great confidence, for I have obtained special favours and much help through the intercession of this powerful little Saint. Mrs. J. A. L., Verdun. — My daughter is quite discouraged because her husband is leading a very reckless life. Please pray for my son-in-law's conversion. I am living in hopes that our Blessed Mother will bring my poor daughter back to me. Anonymous. — Please find enclosed \$1.00 for the missions. I would ask you to kindly remember me in your prayers. A Subscriber. — I am writing to ask your prayers for two favours. My husband is out of work. Please pray for his success in securing a position soon so that we may be able to keep the home together. If I have to go to work, I am afraid I shall have to let someone raise my child or

put it in a home. If my husband meets with success, I shall subscribe to The Precursor and if I can do better in way of appreciation I shall do so. My mother and I have a slight chance of receiving some money, and I would ask your prayers that we may receive some, no I shall be glad to give according to the amount we receive. Mrs. S., Please join with me in making a novena that I may be granted the favours matter how much. Walkerville, Ont. -I am asking. Enclosed find \$1.00 for lights in honour of our Immaculate Mother and the Little Flower of Jesus. Mr. C. E. McK., Prevel Post Office, P. Q.—I am enclosing \$1.00 for your mission work. Will you kindly say a prayer for me to Our Lady that I may get stronger. M. H. Montreal.—Enclosed find \$5.00 for your poor missions. Please make a novena for our intentions. If the Little Flower helps us, we will send a thank-offering. A Friend, The Poor Control of the Control of the Please and Standard Stand for our intentions. If the Little Flower helps us, we will send a thank-offering. A Friend, **Timmins, Ont.** — Please find enclosed \$1.00 for the renewal of my subscription to THE PRE-CURSOR. I would ask your prayers that I may recover my health. Mrs. B., Montreal.— Will you please pray that I may obtain enough money to pay my debts. M. M.—I promise to send you \$1.00 for your Works if I receive a very special favour. Anonymous.—I would be greatly pleased if you would pray to the Blessed Virgin and the Little Flower that we may find a means of paying our debts. I also wish to secure a suitable position. If I receive even one of these favours, I will send some money in honour of the Little Flower for the missionaries. J. W., Lucan, Ont. — You will find enclosed the sum of \$2.00 to help you in your good works. I hope that you will pray that God may spare my little girl, who is very sick. Mrs. R. F., Pt. St. Charles. — I herewith enclose \$1.00. Would you please have a Mass said for the Holy Souls, that my husband may return home this week or that I may hear of his whereabouts. I have great faith in our Blessed Mother and trust that I shall not be disappointed. Mrs. C., Aylmer, P. Q. — I am hard of hearing and would be greatly pleased if you would send me a miraculous medal. Would you kindly make a novena to our Blessed Lady for me. Please find enclosed ten cents to have a votive light burned in honour of this tender Mother. If I am cured, I will subscribe to The Precursor and will send \$5.00 for the Missions. Mrs. S. T. S., Woodlawn, Ont. — I promise to send you an offering for the ransom of Chinese babies if I secure a position soon. Mrs. Turnbull. — Would you kindly include in your novenas and prayers my intention for two very urgent temporal favours. A Subscriber, Quebec. — Enclosed please find \$1.00 for the renewal of my subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Please pray that my husband may be cured of a skin disease and that we may both enjoy good health if it is God's Holy Will. Mrs. P. P., Bourget, Ont. — I enclose \$1.00 for a novena of lights to be burned on the Blessed Virgin's altar. Will you kindly pray for my intention. I am asking our Blessed Lady to obtain from her Divine Son a very great grace for my brother. Miss T. M. F., Montreal. — I wrote to you a while ago requesting you to make a novena for my intention. Please continue to pray that I may have better health. You will find enclosed \$2.00 for dying babies. I promise to send some more money later on if I obtain my favour. E. D., Southbridge, Mass. — Would you kindly ask Our Mother of Perpetual Help to obtain me a favor of which I stand in need. I promise to send \$1.00 for the renewal of my subscription if my request is granted. Anonymous, Pendleton, Ont. - Would you be kind enough to pray that I may be granted several spiritual and temporal favours. I promise to send you a small donation. A Subscriber. — The enclosed sum of \$1.00 is for the ransom and baptism of two or three dying Chinese babies. Please pray for us that things may go better. If my husband gets steady work, I will surely send donations in honour of the Sacred Heart and our Blessed Mother. I hope to be able soon to send money to help in your good work. Mrs. treal. — I am asking a special favour and beg your prayers that I may obtain it t days. I promise to send you \$1.00 if this request is granted. Mr. L. T., New-My husband is away on very important business. Will you please commence T. D., Montreal. within eight days. port, Vt. a novena for his intentions at once. If he meets with success, he will either bring you a donation or forward one to you. Mrs. J. H. G., Napierville, P. Q. — Will you please make a novena to the Blessed Virgin and St. Anthony that I may be granted two favors which I have been praying for for a long time. If it be the Will of God to grant them I will donate \$5.00 a year as long as I live. Please pray for me. J. M., Montreal. — Please find enclosed a small donation to be used as you see fit. I promise to send you other efferings if I receive a desired favour tion to be used as you see fit. I promise to send you other offerings if I receive a desired favour. A Subscriber. — Would you kindly pray to the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Jude for two special intentions. I promise to send \$1.00 each month for a year if I obtain these requests. M. I. K., Camlachie, Ont. — If I secure a permanent position, I shall subscribe to The Precursor and forward you an effering of \$2.00. M. C., Ottawa, Ont. — Please pray that my son may lead a better life. M. J. — I recommend to your prayers a friend of mine who is seriously ill. Anonymous, Montreal. — I am writing these few lines to ask your prayers to Mary of the Miraculous Medal for the recovery of my brother who is seriously ill. 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