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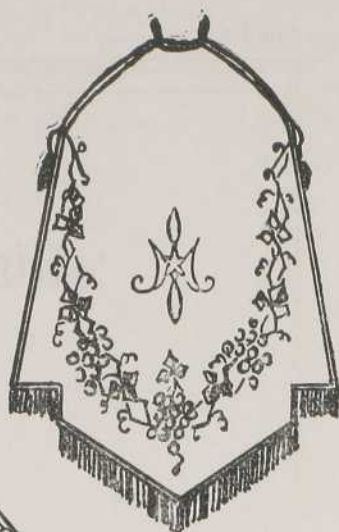
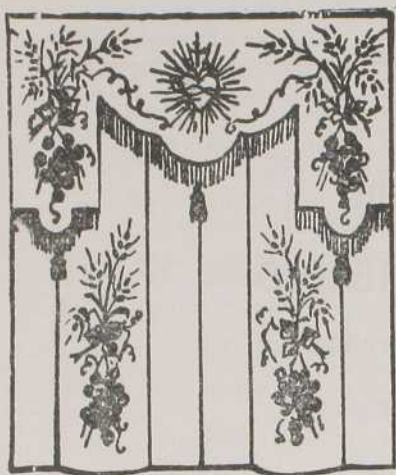
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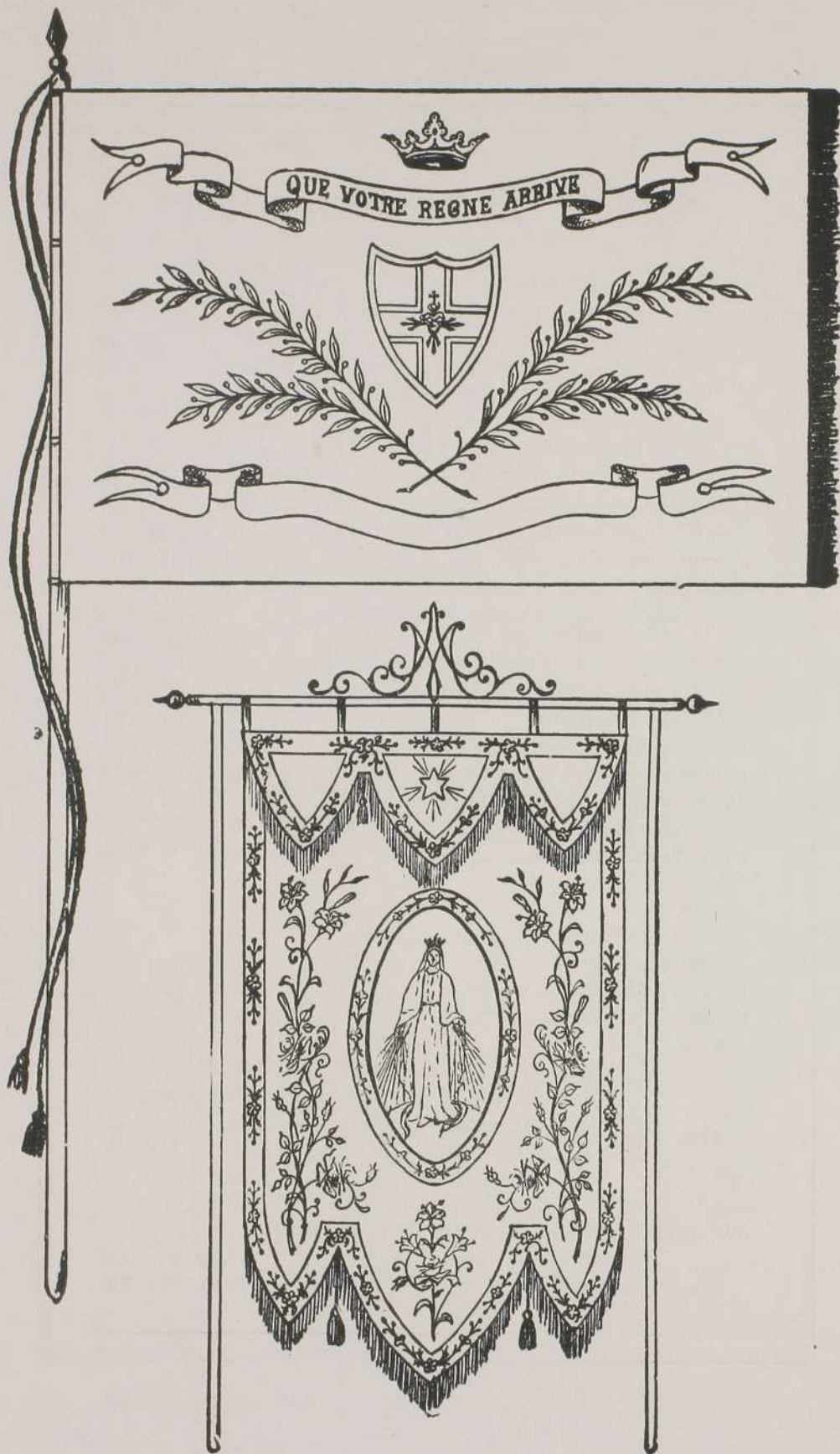


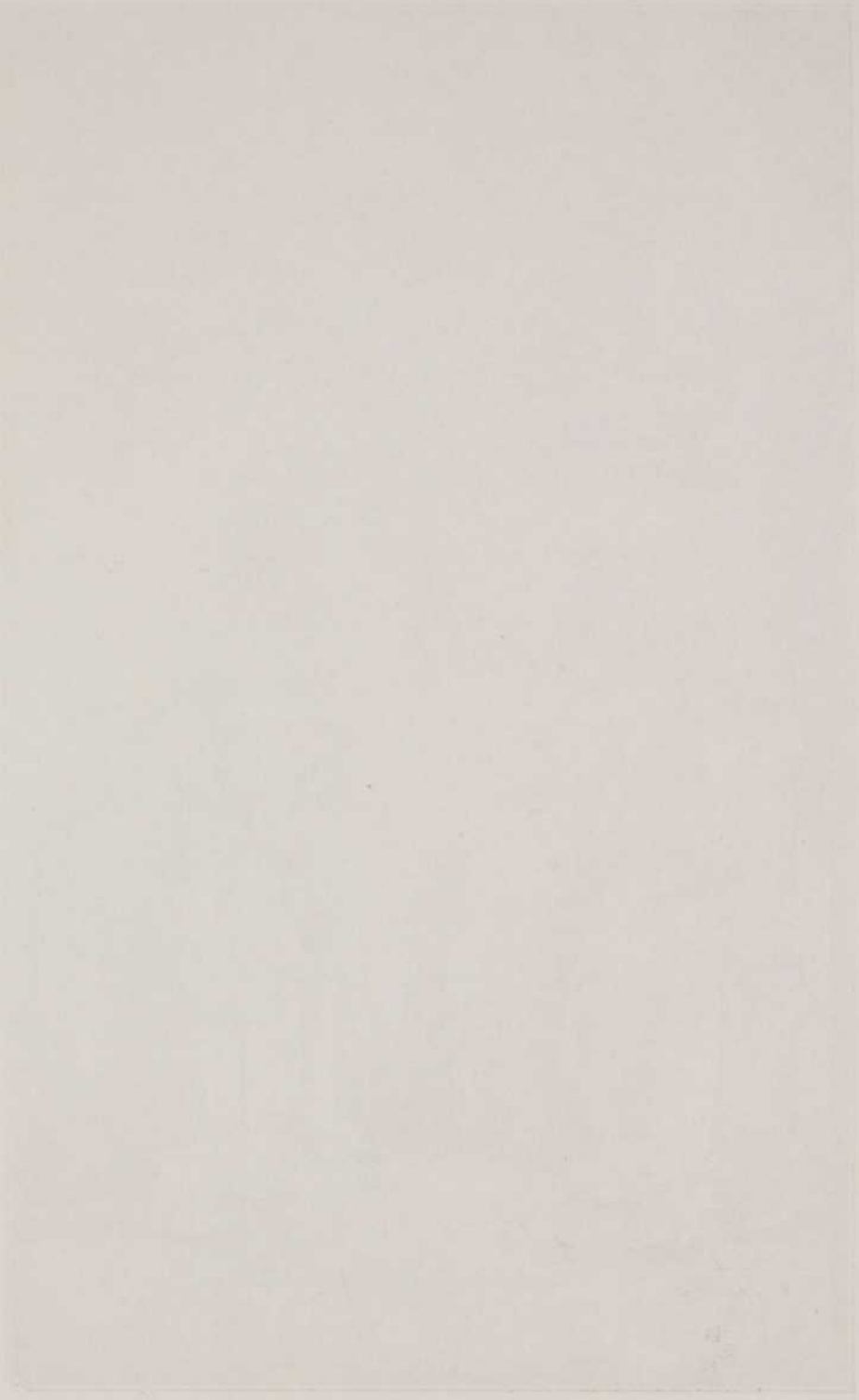
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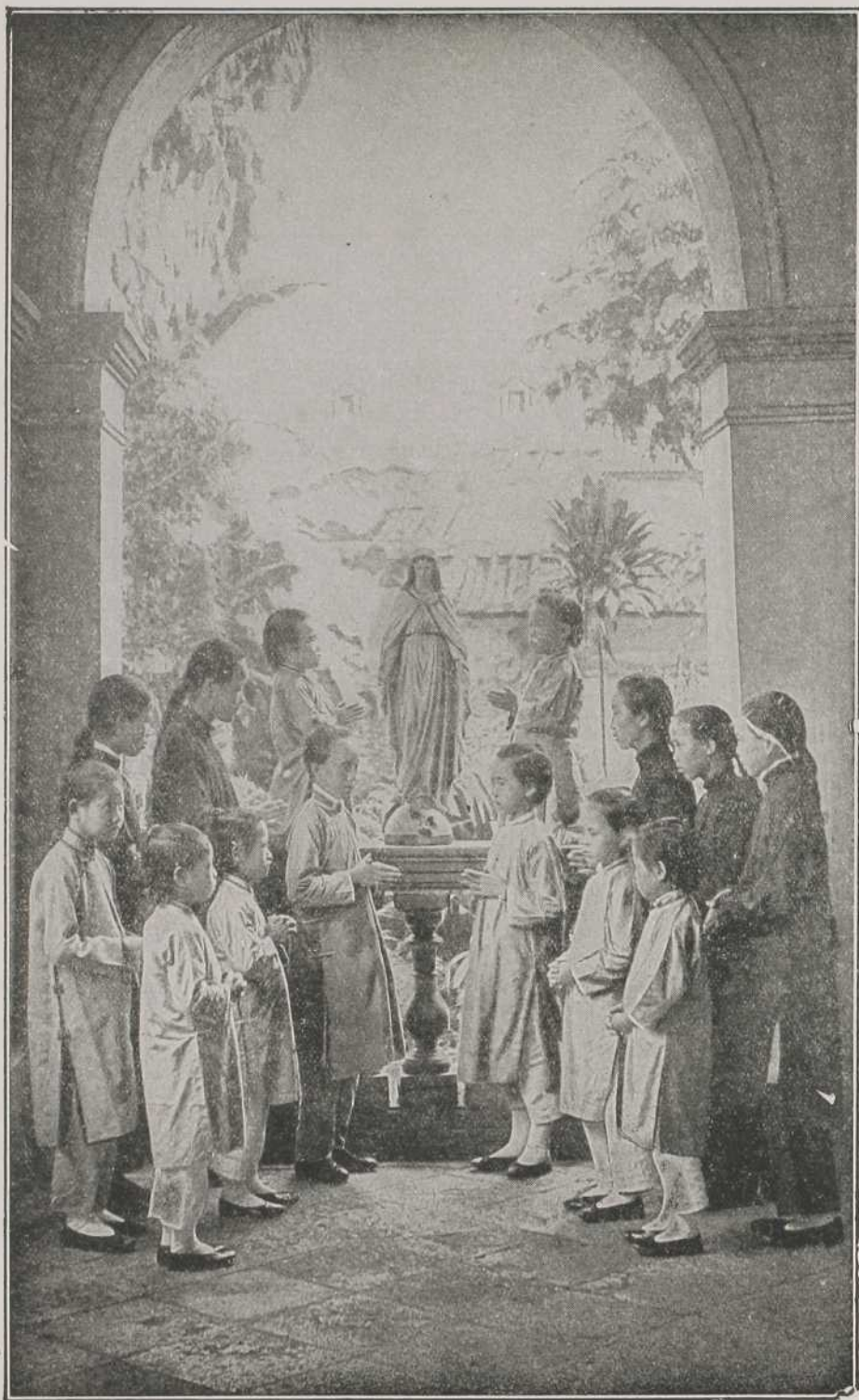
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On the throne of His majesty and greatness,
 God commands our fear and our homage;
 but in His littleness, especially our love.
 Hear, ye heavens, and lend your ears, O earth!
 Stand in raptures of astonishment and praise,
 O you whole creation, but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

St. Bernard.

Our Father who art in Heaven...

O Almighty Father

*Author of all graces,
of all light, of all gifts,*

Bless, we beseech Thee, at the opening of
the Christmas Season

*all those whom we revere
and all whom we love.*

Bestow Thy divine favours upon

*our August and Beloved Pontiff Pope Pius XI,
upon the Revered Pastors of the Church
and especially upon those to whom we owe submission
and gratitude.*

Shower Thy choicest blessings upon

*our devoted Benefactors and Benefactresses,
to whom we are so greatly indebted.*

*Grant all our Relatives, Friends, and kind Readers,
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Holy, Happy New Year

*May the peace proclaimed by the Angels
at the cradle of our Infant King, when they sang,
"Peace on earth, good-will to men"*

Be yours every day of the coming Year.

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*Hear, O ye people who desire paradise; serve and honor Mary,
and you will find life eternal.*

ST. BONAVENTURE.



Mary Immaculate

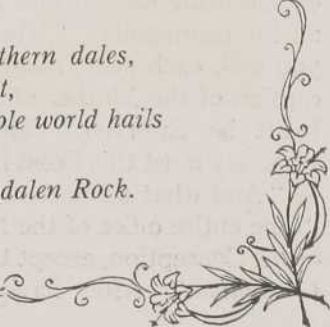

*M*ARY had never held her God
And Son close to her breast,
While angel heralds spread abroad
Their tidings strange and blessed,
Had she not been more free from stain
Than dewdrop on the rose,
Or lily-washed by summer rain,
The fairest flower that blows.
Angels to God that minister,
Seraphs on Him that wait,
In beauty may not vie with her,
Mary Immaculate!

Never when Christ in anguish died
Had Mary by Him stood,
Ne'er had she seen the mountain-side
Red with her dear Son's blood,
Had she not been more pure by far
Than freshly fallen snow,
Than light of sun or moon or star
Falling to earth below.
Purer than light o'er land or sea
At early dawn or late,
Than flawless diamond, fairer she,
Mary Immaculate!

Mary had never heard her name
By saints and angels sung,
Had never heard her children claim
Her aid in every tongue,
Had never reigned in heaven as Queen
Beside her Son in state,
Had she not first and always been
Mary Immaculate.

In southern vales, in northern dales,
In cities small or great,
From east to west, the whole world hails
Mary Immaculate!

— Magdalen Rock.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The object of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception consists in the unique privilege, in virtue of which, Mary, by the anticipated merits of her Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, was, from the moment of her conception, preserved from original sin.

The belief in this truth could not but be expressed by exterior acts. In fact, it has become incarnated, so to speak, in the writings of the Doctors of the Church, in the pious confraternities, in the temples erected in Mary's honour, and especially in Sacred Liturgy through the Feast of the Immaculate Conception itself.

Up to the present period, this Feast only bore the name of Conception of Mary. In the East, where the influences of the tradition relating to this dogma were more keenly felt, it was celebrated as early as the sixth century; not until long after this, was it established in the West. According to the sentiments of two illustrious scholars, Baronius and Benedict XIV, it originated among the Normans, in the reign of William the Conqueror who ruled over England and Normandy. Here is on what occasion, according to a manuscript of the twelfth century whose authenticity is vouched for by the great Roman annalist.

The Danes, having been informed of the conquest of England by the Normans, were jealous of their success and made preparations to retake by main force that country, which they considered as a fief of their kingdom. King William sent to Denmark, Heslin, the prudent abbot of the monastery of Ramsey, to discreetly find out what were the dispositions of the Danes and to discover what preparations had been made. Heslin, his task accomplished, was on his way back to England when he was overtaken by a violent storm. Believing that his last hour had arrived, and seeing the vessel about to sink, he ardently recommended himself to the Mother of God. All of a sudden, he and his companions noticed a venerable man wearing pontifical vestments, who seemed to be standing on the waves near the boat. He thus addressed Heslin: "Do you wish to escape the dangers of the sea?" As the abbot replied that such was his heart's desire, the august personage responded: "Well, then learn that I have been sent to you by Our Lady Mary, Mother of God, whom you invoked with such great piety; if you will but listen to me, you and your companions will escape being dashed into the angry waves." The abbot promised to obey all his commands. "Then promise God and me," said the angel, "that you will, each year, solemnly celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of Christ, and that you will preach, asking that this Feast be observed." Heslin, who was a prudent man, enquired: "On what day must this Feast be celebrated?" — "The eighth day of December." — "And what office shall we take?" added the abbot. The angel replied: "The entire office of the Nativity of Our Lady will be recited on the Feast of the Conception, except that the word *Nativity* will be changed to that of *Conception*." After having spoken thus, he disappeared. Immediately,

the storm abated and, driven onward by a swift breeze, the abbot and his companions reached the shores of England safe and sound.

Heslin did all that he possibly could to make known to others all that he had seen and heard, and he himself established the Feast of the Conception in the monastery of Ramsey. From the cloister this Feast soon spread throughout England, where St. Anselm, with the most filial zeal, was striving to establish it; throughout France, where it was greeted with great enthusiasm, especially at Lyons, the city of Mary; and throughout Spain, Germany and Italy.

It was not until the fifteenth century, in 1476, that it received the approbation of the Sovereign Pontiffs. They ardently exhorted the nations to observe it, and in order to lead them more efficaciously to do so, they opened wide the sacred treasury of indulgences in favour of Mary's devoted clients. Pope Pius V, in compliance with the revelation made to Heslin, willed that the office of the Conception be the same as that of the Nativity of Our Lady.

Louis XIV, the king greatly devoted to Mary, obtained permission from the Pope to have it celebrated in France with an octave, and this practice was soon accepted by the Catholics all over the world.

Finally, after the dogmatic definition of 1854, the Feast became a holy day of obligation like other great solemnities, and was celebrated as a Feast of the first class. In certain places, Pope Pius IX permitted a vigil, and, in 1873, wishing "to make the law of prayer correspond with the law of belief," he added a new office, wherein the privilege accorded Mary is made to appear still more important than in the past. This office, with the Mass corresponding, is a masterpiece of erudition and of piety. Therein we find marvellously combined all that the Scriptures and the learned Fathers of the Church have gracefully proclaimed in honour of Mary Immaculate; therein we read the truly ineffable Bull of the definition of the dogma, wherein are set down with masterly authority the scriptural, patriarchal, theological, historical and liturgical testimonies dealing with the incomparable privilege enjoyed by Mary; therein is explained the Angelical Salutation, the plenitude of sanctification of the Blessed Virgin and her exaltation above all women, the enthusiastic comments of men such as St. Jerome, St. Bernard, St. Germanus, St. Sophronius, and St. Epiphanius. From one end of this admirable work to the other shine forth the most beautiful sentiments, all to the glory of the Immaculate Conception and one may read in letters more sparkling than the rays of the sun the distinguishing character of this august mystery.

Extract from "*La Reine du Paradis*" by Rev. Chas. Rolland.



If the Creator comes on earth in the form of a servant and a creature, why may not His Mother, on the other hand, rise to be the Queen of Heaven, and be clothed with the sun, and have the moon under her feet?

Cardinal Newman.



His Eminence Peter Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi

PREFECT OF THE SACRED CONGREGATION
OF PROPAGANDA

*Protector of the Institute of the Missionaries
of the Immaculate Conception.*



*Propaganda Palace,
Rome, August 4, 1933.*

*The Reverend Superior General,
Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception,
314 St. Catherine Road,
Outremont, Montreal, Canada.*

Very Reverend Mother,

I am deeply grateful to you for the bound volumes of the "Precursor", which your Sisters in Rome have just presented to me. These volumes are an eloquent proof of the good work which the religious of Outremont are accomplishing in the mission fields.

Your letter has also reached me, and I am moved by the good wishes you have offered me. For my part, I can assure you that I am pleased to have been named protector of your Congregation.

I entreat Almighty God to bless the Reverend Mother General, the Assistants, and all the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Outremont. May your Institute ever continue to develop!

Kindly accept, Very Reverend Mother, the assurance of my religious devotedness.

*P. Card. Fumasoni-Biondi
Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide.*

A Message from His Eminence Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi

*New Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide,
to all Missionaries and their Co-labourers*

His Eminence Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide, sends to all missionaries and to those who, in any way, assist them in their labours, the following message:

"On assuming the exalted office of Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda Fide, relying as I do on the help of Almighty God, I desire that the bishops, priests, brothers and Sisters labouring in Christ's distant vineyards of the mission world should know that there surges up from the depths of my heart a feeling of happiness and pride at this blessed opportunity to co-operate with them. To them who constitute the Advance Guard of the Army of Jesus Christ I send the expression of my high esteem and cordial affection. With them I am prayerful and hopeful for the continued progress of the Kingdom of God on earth, under the inspiring leadership of the Supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of Jesus Christ. To them I repeat the words of our Divine Saviour: "*Duc in altum... Laxate retia!*" I am confident, in turn, of the whole-hearted co-operation of the bishops, priests and laity of the entire Catholic world, with the zealous and effective work of the missionaries and with my own humble efforts for the glory of God and the salvation of souls. During these past ten years, the members of the Hierarchy of the United States, with whom I have lived as Apostolic Delegate, have loved me as a brother. I ask them now to transfer this affection from me to the great cause for which His Holiness has made me responsible; let us continue in friendship and co-operation for the spread of the Divine Name.

"To all, to the missionaries to whom I am bound by bonds of duty, to the hierarchy, priests and people of the Catholic world to whom I feel united by this our common cause, I beg to express my confidence that our Most Holy Redeemer will continue to assist with His benedictions the efforts of His Church, to embrace the whole human race within its spiritual bounds.

"May God bless all!"

The Blessed Virgin is not the patron of any one, being the Mother of all. Our relation to her is necessary, not voluntary. We can not have God for our Father without having the Church for our mother; and we can not have God for our Father without having the ever-blessed Virgin as our Mother.

Cardinal Manning.

In the Footsteps of the Child Mary



GOD usually speaks to us by means of holy inspirations, but at certain periods of our life, He speaks to us even more distinctly: it is a command we receive from Him.

Before Mary had reached her third year and while she was still with her parents, God manifested to her His Holy Will: "Hearken, O daughter, and see, and incline thine ear: and forget thy people and thy father's house. And the King shall greatly desire thy beauty: for He is the Lord thy God." (Psalm XLIV, 11-12). "*Hearken, O daughter.*" How sweet, intimate and powerful is the voice of God! When He desires to reign within a soul, He calls it to Himself, and it then becomes profoundly recollected. While God is speaking, this soul listens to His words;

God's voice is easily distinguished from all earthly voices, from one's own thoughts, for this divine voice is inimitable and imposing. "*Hearken, O daughter, and see.*" The soul, on looking intently, beholds the sovereign beauty and the infinite goodness of God; on seeing God bending to speak to it, it offers Him its love. According as the soul sees God more distinctly, the world seems to it to grow dim and to gradually disappear. This world no longer possesses any attraction for such a soul; youth offers no seduction; fortune and pleasure, no enticement; it understands that the only thing necessary upon earth is to love God, to love Him alone: "*Hearken, O daughter, and see, incline thine ear: and forget thy people and thy father's house, and the King shall greatly desire thy beauty.*" In order to love God alone, it is necessary to leave one's friends and to forget them altogether. Already, at the time of the birth of the Jewish nation, God bidding Abraham, the father of all the faithful, to walk in His presence and to be perfect, had said: "Go forth out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and out of thy father's house, and come into the land which I shall show thee." (Gen. XII, 1.) In order to become perfect, even in the midst of the world, one must live as if he were in a strange land, seemingly doing without the things of this world, and regarding himself as a pilgrim on his way to the fatherland. But in order to love God above all things, to live for Him alone, one must dwell alone with Him. In the world there is too much noise and turmoil; the best people are too greatly preoccupied.

"O daughter, forget! Go forth!" These words, Bossuet declares, contain the whole Christian rule of life and all the perfection of the religious state. (*Panegyric of St. Benedict.*) These are the words God addressed to Mary. The turmoil of the world and countless other things tire this holy child: she desires the one thing necessary, the better part; she looks upon God as her All, her All upon whom her existence depends and the sole object of her love. But where is she to go, where is this beloved child of God to lead a hidden life? The dove spoken of in the Canticles seeks shelter in the cliffs of the rock and in the hollow places of the wall; Mary chooses the house of her God. Is there not at Jerusalem, in the midst of God's people, a dwelling, a temple? It is this spot which Mary chooses. She knows that God permits the daughters of Abraham to dwell in this temple, for St. Ann, her mother, has told her so. Mary longs for no other abode. With David her ancestor, she repeats: "How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord, Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, O Lord, they shall praise Thee for ever and ever. Blessed is the man whose help is from Thee: in his heart he has disposed to ascend by steps, in the vale of tears, in the place which he hath set. For the lawgiver shall give a blessing, they shall go from virtue to virtue: the God of gods shall be seen in Sion. For better is one day in Thy courts above thousands. I have chosen to be an abject in the house of my God, rather than to dwell in the tabernacles of sinners." (Psalm LXXXIII). While Mary is with her parents, such are her thoughts. She meditates on them and after pondering over them while in prayer, she opens her heart to her father and mother, humbly asking them to permit her to obey God's command. Joachim and Ann are not surprised on hearing of their daughter's resolution. They are too holy to think of resisting the adorable Will of God: they willingly give up their daughter, rendering to the Lord the precious gift He has entrusted to them.

And one must not think that Mary remains indifferent on this occasion. She tenderly loves her parents: she loves her father's house, where she has been so happy. She already understands the sacrifice God is asking of her, and it is because she realizes that it is a great one that she deems it worthy of Him and that she makes it so generously. God has strengthened her tender heart, for there are great sufferings in store for her. At the age of fifty, she must willingly accept the death of her Divine Son. When but three years of age, she has the courage to tear herself from her beloved parents. All her affection, however pure, will bear the stamp of sacrifice: while still a child she experiences some of the bitterness which will be hers, later on, on Mount Calvary.

Mary's journey from her father's home in Jerusalem is a holy one: every child of Mary should follow in her footsteps; all should ask the Most Blessed Virgin to give them the courage to conform themselves to the Holy Will of God, unmindful of the obstacles that the devil places in their way in order to hinder them from being faithful. And this journey is a most precious one for those called by God, as was Mary, to lead a holier

life. How many priests, how many maidens called to the religious life, have contemplated Mary giving up all family joys in order to consecrate her life to God. The Lord's chosen ones, those whom He calls to Himself, may gaze upon two eternal models: Mary leaving her parents in order to shut herself up in the Temple; later on, Jesus parting from His mother at Nazareth, in order to evangelize the people of Galilee. All are not asked to give themselves to God, but to those whom He calls, He will say as He did to Mary: "Hearken... O daughter; think no more of your father's house; come, O my beloved, come forth from Liban!" May they all, following the example set them by Mary, answer: "Behold, O my God, I come!" May they be willing to leave all in order to follow Christ!

Vie de la Ste Vierge, by Rev. Father Perdreau.

Prophecy of a Bishop

Thirty years ago, a poor forlorn missionary wrote to his sister, from the icy stretches of the Great Canadian North: "Take good care of little Martin because, later on, I want him to be my curate..." Doubtlessly, the missionary did not believe that he was able to prophesy so well... Seven years after, in 1910, he became Titular Bishop of Berenice, and first Vicar Apostolic of Keewatin, His Excellency Mgr. Ovide Charlesbois... and on June 29th, 1933, he consecrated as Titular Bishop of Bonusta his nephew, His Excellency Mgr. Martin Lajeunesse, who became his coadjutor with right to succeed.

The consecration ceremony took place at l'Assomption, P. Q., in the parish church where Mgr. Lajeunesse had received Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and Holy Orders. It was in this same church that his uncle had been consecrated bishop. The ceremony, at which eight bishops assisted, was presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec and Primate of the Church in Canada.

Foremost among those present was the mother of the new bishop, a sprightly old lady of eighty-one, surrounded by the numerous members of the Charlesbois and Lajeunesse families, two old French families which have distinguished themselves not only by giving to Keewatin its first two bishops, but also by giving to the Church seven Missionary Sisters and eleven priests: four secular priests and seven Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

All the ills suffered by humanity may be remedied in one way only: by the re-establishment of the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ. And We add that this reign will be firmly established here below only when the education of our youth is in accordance with the Church, its action and its zeal.

Pope Pius XI.

Departure of Missionaries

ON Sunday, September 17th, a ninth group of priests of "The Foreign Mission Society of the Province of Quebec" left for Manchuria.

Forty young apostles from this Seminary have sailed for the pagan lands since the first departure which took place in 1925.

The Missionaries who, this year, bade farewell to their relatives and friends were: the Reverend Fathers Eudore Gagnon, of St. Anne, Chicoutimi; Jean Marie Poitevin, of St. Ours; and Michel Bedard, of St. Stephen's Parish, Montreal. The ceremony which was presided over by His Excellency Mgr. Charles Lamarche, Bishop of Chicoutimi, was carried out with all customary pomp, at St. Stephen's Church, Montreal.



PRIESTS OF THE FOREIGN MISSION SEMINARY OF PONT VIAU, WHO LEFT FOR MANCHURIA, ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1933.

Two Sulpicians, leaving for Japan: the Reverend Fathers Charles Prevost and Paul Emile Leger, five Clerics of St. Viator, destined for the Vicariate Apostolic of Szepinghai: Reverend Father Roger C. Drolet, and the Reverend Brothers Geo. Coulombe, Oscar Lalonde, Real Bissonnette and J. J. Ryan; and fourteen Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, sailing for China and Japan, had joined the departing priests from the Foreign Mission Seminary, thus making the departure the biggest and the most impressive ever seen. For Manchuria: Sister St. Jacques le Majeur (Emma Labreche, of St. Jacques de l'Achigan); Sister Marie du Precieux Sang (Aurore Racette, of Limoges, Ont.); Sister St. Paule (Jeanne Nadeau, of St. Sophie d'Halifax); Sister Lazare de Bethanie (Josephine Couturier, of Quebec); Sister St. Pierre de la Croix (Sidonia Roussel, of

Montreal); Sister Marie Celine (Regina Beliveau, of St. Paul de Chester); Sister Marie Germaine (Germaine Gravel, of St. Prosper, Co. Champlain); Sister Marie de la St. Famille (Marie Rose St. Pierre, of Boucherville); Sister St. Angele de Foligno (Angela Benoit, of Three Rivers); Sister St. Alice (Jeanne Bastien, of Montreal).

For Hong Kong, China: Sister St. Stanislas de Kostka (Germaine Gonthier, of Montreal).

For Canton, China: Sister St. Expedit (Marie Anne Rompre, of St. Thecle, Co. Champlain).

For Kagoshima, Japan: Sister St. Aglae (Aurore Lusignan, of Beloeil).

For Vancouver: Sister St. Elise (Alphonsine Chenard, of Bic, Co. Rimouski).

St. Stephen's Church was filled to overflowing long before the hour appointed for the ceremony. At half-past two, the clergy and the departing Missionaries marched in, and, after all had taken their places in the sanctuary, the Reverend Pastor, Reverend Father T. G. Lessard, addressed a few words of welcome to His Excellency Bishop Lamarche and to all the valiant apostles about to leave for the distant missions, telling them how greatly he admired and revered them. "What a beautiful spectacle we are witnessing to-day," he said, "the young Missioners we have come to greet before their departure are not leaving their country in order to acquire earthly fame or to satisfy inordinate desires. Faithful to their divine calling, they do not heed the legitimate longings of their hearts, they turn a deaf ear to everything except their Saviour's voice. And before leaving, it is to the foot of the altar that they come to beg the Most Reverend Bishop to bless them for the last time.

"These Missionaries may perhaps never again see their native land or their parents; they will, perhaps, sleep their last sleep in a distant country. Little it matters. As God's labourers, they will, unmindful of all obstacles, announce at the cost of daily sacrifices, unceasing toil and endless trials, the Gospel of Peace to nations groaning in the darkness of paganism. But, at the same time, what great consolations will be theirs!"

The Reverend Pastor, in ending up his discourse, wished all these Missionaries who are going to labour, in our name, in foreign lands, a long and fruitful career, assuring them that they would be helped by fervent prayers and generous alms.

Bishop Lamarche then delivered a most touching sermon, during which many a silent tear was shed. "This departure," he said, "reminds me of a famous painting at the Vatican: The Departure of the Apostles. They have left their nets and their skiffs and are waiting only for their Master to bid them go forth to preach the Gospel to all nations. You also are about to leave," the Bishop went on to say, "like the Apostles, like Our Blessed Lord, the first Missionary of all."

His Excellency then evoked another vision, a most pleasant and peaceful one. Isaias, looking out over the mountains of Palestine, catches sight of the bearers of glad tidings. They come to announce that the people are about to be delivered from the Babylonian captivity. And the Prophet,



THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, WHO LEFT, ON SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1933,
FOR THE CHINESE AND JAPANESE MISSIONS.

his heart overflowing with joy, exclaims: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, and that preacheth peace: of him that showeth forth good, that preacheth salvation, that saith to Sion: Thy God shall reign!"

"Earthly captivities are not the most disastrous, in far greater danger are the souls over which Satan holds sway.

"Isaias, who describes the coming of the bearers of peace and who rejoices in seeing the deliverance of Israel, beholds as in a vision, all the future apostles going, throughout all ages, to preach the saving Gospel, in order to have Christ reign over every nation.

"Happy messengers," added Mgr. Lamarche, "you have lifted up your eyes and you have seen the ripening harvest. You are now hearkening to your Master's call, you are leaving all, parents, friends and country. You will soon, in a strange land, have to adapt yourselves to a new race, to a new life, you will speak a new tongue. You are leaving joyfully, God loves a spontaneous offering. We rejoice with you and we beseech Our Blessed Lord to strengthen you that you may be able to accomplish your daily tasks.

"The greatest blessing on earth is to possess the truth and to reveal it to others. This has been your lifelong desire, and it is about to be realized. Just de Breteniere, while playing with his little companions, used to dig holes in the ground. Bending down, he would listen attentively and, suddenly getting up, he would cry out: "The Chinese! the Chinese! I hear the Chinese calling me!" Fifteen years after, he was in China and, shortly after arriving there, he joyfully laid down his life for the salvation of that nation. St. Paul, one day, saw in a dream a man who said to him: "Come to Macedonia, and save us!" This Macedonian of olden days represents all the pagans of our times stretching out their hands to valiant apostles and imploring them to draw them out of darkness. Yes, the infidels are calling us, they are claiming us. We should, therefore, give them a share of the priceless treasures which Faith has procured us.

"Happy are you to carry the Faith to them. We admire your courage. Our Lord's wish was that there should be apostles, virgins and martyrs among the people of every generation, and there have been some in every age. It was necessary that there should be some, otherwise void would have been the benefits of the Redemption."

Then, turning to the parents of the departing Missionaries, His Excellency pointed out to them what a great honour God had conferred on them in choosing their children, telling them that they should, on that account, be entirely resigned, and even happy to see them leave, for God Himself would reward them.

He then asked that all the Catholics, each and every one of them, help the Missionaries and the Missions by their prayers, their sacrifices, their alms, and by fostering vocations.

The life of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus proves to us that one can be a very great Missionary without leaving his country. "Our vocation," the speaker said, "does not consist in going out to the fields of our Heavenly

Father to gather in the harvest, but in praying... Moreover, prayer is absolutely necessary to bring about conversions."

His Excellency Bishop Lamarche urged all the faithful to help by their alms the great Pontifical Works of the Propagation of the Faith, the Society of St. Peter the Apostle and of the Holy Childhood; he also put in a good word for our Canadian Foreign Mission Seminary. He exhorted the parents to foster missionary vocations among their children by getting them to form, in early life, habits of prayer and of self-denial and to acquire a firm unwavering faith, which could be done, he said, by having them read books and reviews treating of the Missions.

Finally, His Excellency, turning to the departing missionaries, bade them leave full of trust and of love of God. "No matter where you go, you will find Christ. He has promised to remain with His apostles until the end of the world. The apostles, in due time, die; Our Lord does not. When you are beset by trials, He will be there to assist you, to sustain you, to console you, and at the hour of death, He will Himself be your exceedingly great reward."

The sermon over, His Excellency blessed the crucifixes of the Missionaries and gave to each the one which he will henceforth carry with him; the priests and Brothers about to leave then recited an Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart, after which the Sisters consecrated themselves to the Blessed Virgin.

The choir, composed of the children of the parish, sang, immediately after, while a religious silence prevailed, an appropriate departure hymn. The touching ceremony of the kissing of the feet and of the veneration by the people of the crucifixes of the Missionaries followed, after which Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament took place. Bishop Lamarche officiated, while Reverend J. B. Martel, Pastor at St. Anne, Chicoutimi, the parish where Reverend Eudore Gagnon was born, acted as deacon and Reverend Father Gagnon, his brother, as subdeacon; Reverend Joseph Poitevin, professor at the Seminary of St. Hyacinthe, brother of Reverend J. M. Poitevin, had officiated during the first part of Benediction.

At half-past six, that evening, the twenty-four Missionaries assembled at Windsor Station, where a crowd of relatives and friends had gathered to bid them farewell. The sight of these happy and valiant apostles, singing the *Ave Maris Stella* as the train pulled out, caused a sensation among the spectators, whose hearts were filled with sentiments of joy and admiration intermingled with pain.

On the "Empress of Asia" on which they are to sail from Vancouver, twenty-four other Canadian Missionaries from different Institutes will also embark.

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Take your leave, ye native sons and daughters, go to all climes and to all latitudes to carry the Word of God, that illuminating and saving Word.

Pusillus grex, O little nation whose people are scattered along the shores of the St. Lawrence, thou hast been cherished by Divine Providence. The

Church has watched over thee from thy infancy, during days of anguish and of mourning, She has had for thee all the care and tenderness of a mother, thou hast been, in a word, the object of God's solicitude and bounty. Go, it is now thy turn to bring to those who hunger and thirst after light and truth, the eternal goods with which thy mind and heart are filled; bring to them Faith, Justice and Civilization. Thus, from thy heart will be wafted heavenward the hymn of love and gratitude which thou owest to God. Can we conceive anything which gives God more glory, and which is more profitable to ourselves than these numerous departures of our apostles and of our virgins who so joyfully leave in quest of souls.

May Divine Providence, touched by the sublimity of these apostolic deeds, preserve Canada from the calamities and plagues with which it is threatened, and keep the Faith ever alive in that land which gives its gold, its sons and its daughters so generously.

Clovis RONDEAU.

(Translated)

A Bishop, the Son of a Martyr

AMONG the Chinese priests who, on June 11th, 1933, received at Rome the Episcopal Consecration, is His Excellency Bishop Joseph Ts'oei, who for four years has been Prefect Apostolic of the district of Young-Nien, separated from the Mission of Sien-Hsien, in the province of Ho-peï. The Mission of Sien-Hsien is in charge of the Jesuits from France.

In order to form this new district, His Excellency Bishop Lecroart, S. J., readily cut off from his territory the part containing the greatest number of Christians. Thus it is that the new Prefecture — which is now a Vicariate — counts 40,000 Christians, under the jurisdiction of the new Bishop.

This Bishop has titles of nobility which courts of chancery cannot confer, for he is the son of one who has shed her blood for the Faith. His mother, Barbara Ts'oei, in the year 1900, when the entire Mission of Sien-Hsien (then known as South East Tche-li) was watered with the blood of martyrs, fell a victim to the Boxers.

She was then fifty-one years of age. She was born in the District of Jenn-Kiou, and had married a Christian by the name of Andrew Ts'oei, of the District of Ho-Kien. She had had six children, the first two being ordained to the priesthood: Joseph Ts'oei, the eldest, who has just been raised to the episcopate; Matthew Ts'oei, the second, who is to-day a Jesuit and Dean at Chenu-Tcheou.

Those who knew Barbara Ts'oei speak of her as a gentle and humble Christian who was well instructed in her religion and held in high esteem by her fellow-countrymen. She it was who had charge of the church and,

when decorating the different altars, she always had a preference for that of St. Joseph. She helped the poor, and sometimes even sheltered a beggar for several months, seizing the opportunity to instruct him in the Faith and to induce him to receive Holy Baptism.

When, at the time of the persecution, the Boxers spread throughout the country, massacring all the Christians whom they came across, Andrew Ts'oei, with his family, sought refuge at Sien-Hsien, the headquarters of the Missionaries, which was protected by ramparts against the attacks of the enemy. On June 15th, 1900, the entire family left Yan-Tien in rustic carts. But towards evening, before these good people had reached their destination, the Boxers, armed with spears, suddenly sprang upon them, near the village of Cheu-Tsoun, wounding and killing a few Christians. In the thick of the fight, Barbara Ts'oei and Andrew, her husband, under favour of darkness, succeeded in making their escape, fleeing towards the west. Around midnight, they reached the village of Liou-Choei-Tao, but the night-watchman, spying them, called to the Boxers, who hastened to the spot. Andrew Ts'oei immediately fled, but Barbara his wife, whose feet were mutilated after the fashion of the Chinese, was unable to keep up with him. "Why are you travelling thus in the middle of the night?" the defiant watchman cried out to her. A little too confidently, perhaps, Barbara Ts'oei replied: "Because I am a Christian and I want to get out of harm's way." On receiving this reply, the armed watchman struck her down and at once summoned the other Boxers, who put an end to her life. Some of the pagans who saw her fall are still alive and often speak of her courage. A few hours before being massacred she had said to a Christian who had been mortally wounded: "Ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph to help you." Could she have neglected doing what she advised others to do at the hour of death?

Thus it was that this Christian mother merited a martyr's crown. All the children, including young Joseph Ts'oei, the future bishop, succeeded in making their escape.

Beautiful indeed are the titles of Bishop and the Son of a Martyr. And is not the second even more glorious than the first? Will not those who won such a victory in the Boxer Revolution be one day canonized? In China, men, women and even children have followed the example set them by the early Christians. Piles of records of canonical processes prepared with the greatest care in that pagan land, have been sent to Rome. Let us hope that these documents may be the means of bringing about an act of beatification and that Bishop Ts'oei, the son of a martyr, may officially invoke his mother as Blessed Barbara Ts'oei.

Joseph Desmarquest, S. J.



The virtues of Mary are the flowers that perfume the Church.

St. Casimir.

The Miraculous Medal

Feast November 27th



The humble Daughter of Charity, Sister Catherine Laboure, to whom the Miraculous Medal was revealed, was beatified on Sunday, the 28th of May, 1933. She was born on the 2nd of May, 1806, at Fain-les-Moutiers, a hamlet of Cote d'Or. Her parents, industrious peasants, were good Christians who earned an honourable living by cultivating their own land and who enjoyed the ease which activity and a plain everyday life give to country people.

After overcoming several obstacles, she at last succeeded in entering the postulate of the Daughters of Charity at Chatillon, in April, 1830.

Sister Catherine, being an artless soul, longed to see the Blessed Virgin. This favour was finally granted her on the 18th of July, 1830, the eve of the feast of St. Vincent de Paul.

That night, at half-past eleven, she heard someone calling her by her name. On drawing back a curtain, what did she see? A beautiful fair-haired child, about four or five years old, dressed in white, and who shed a heavenly light which illuminated everything. Very sweetly, he said to Catherine: "Come to the Chapel, the Blessed Virgin is waiting for you." The child led her to the altar-rail, and she at once knelt down. Towards midnight, he said: "The Blessed Virgin is coming; here she is!..."

At the same moment she heard a slight noise and, a few minutes later, a lady of wondrous beauty came in and seated herself in the sanctuary. "My child," said the Virgin, "the times are very evil, misfortunes are going to overwhelm France; royalty will be overthrown; the entire world will be disturbed by all sorts of calamities."

On the 27th of November, 1830, at half-past five in the evening, while the young Sister was making her meditation, the Blessed Virgin appeared to her as in an oval frame, her feet resting on a globe. In her hands, which were held on a level with her waist, she carried another globe a little smaller, which she seemed to offer to Our Lord in an entreating way.

Suddenly her fingers became covered with rings and beautiful precious stones. Rays of dazzling light darted from them, and the whole of her

body was surrounded by such bright light that her feet and dress were no longer visible.

As Sister Laboure was intently gazing upon the Apparition, the Blessed Virgin fixed her eyes upon her, and she heard within herself a voice which said: "The globe which you see represents the entire world, especially France, and each person in particular." And the Blessed Virgin added: "Behold the symbol of the graces I bestow upon those who ask for them."

An oval frame then formed around the Blessed Virgin on which were written in letters of gold these words: *O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.* Then the Virgin, whose hands were filled with graces, symbolized by the rays of light, suddenly lowered them, stretching them out in the way so gracefully shown on the Medal. And at that moment, a voice was heard saying: "Have a medal struck after this model; persons who wear it devoutly will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around their neck; numerous favours will be granted to those who have confidence."

The oval frame then seemed to turn round and Sister Laboure saw, on the back of it, the letter M surmounted by a cross with a bar at its base, and below the monogram of Mary, two hearts, the first surrounded by a crown of thorns and the second transpierced with a sword.

The young Sister obeyed the commands of the Blessed Virgin and events soon proved the divine origin of her mission. Innumerable were the cures, conversions and other spiritual favours obtained through the medium of the Miraculous Medal, not to mention the extraordinary way in which the Blessed Virgin, in times of danger, watched over those who devoutly wore her blessed image.

By a Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites dated July 10th, 1894, and approved on the 23rd of the same month by the Sovereign Pontiff, a special feast known as the "Feast of the Apparition of the Immaculate Virgin of the Miraculous Medal" was instituted.

Indulgences which may be gained by reciting the prayer: **O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.**

By a rescript of March 5th, 1884, His Holiness Pope Leo XIII granted 100 days' indulgence, once a day, to all the faithful who recite the invocation: **O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.**

And by another of June 6th, 1904, Our Holy Father Pope Pius X granted 100 days' indulgence each time, to all those who, having been invested with the Miraculous Medal according to the special rite approved by Leo XIII on April 19th, 1895, recite the same invocation: **O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.**

Moreover, these same persons may gain a Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions on: 1. The day on which they are invested in the Medal; 2. Easter Sunday; 3. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

The Miraculous Medal is a gift from heaven, since it is Mary herself who has brought it down to earth. Let us wear this celestial livery and lovingly repeat the invocation engraved on it, feeling certain that it is under this title that the Queen of Angels and of men wishes to be invoked: **O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.**

A Few Roses Scattered

By the Little Sister of Missionaries...

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

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.



Please find enclosed a small offering which I am sending you in thanksgiving to St. Therese the Little Flower, through whose intercession I have obtained a favour. **R. L., Indian Orchard, Mass.**—I am enclosing a small donation in thanksgiving to the Little Flower of Jesus for a favour obtained. I am now asking for another special favour and promise to send a donation if it is granted. **Mrs. B. McD., Montreal.**—Please find enclosed a Money Order in favour of the Little Flower

Burse in thanksgiving for requests granted. **Mr. J. L., Montreal.**—Enclosed you will find my thank-offering for favours obtained through the intercession of the Little Flower of Jesus. **Mrs. J. L., Indian Orchard, Mass.**—I thank St. Teresa of the Child Jesus a thousand times over for the favour she has obtained me. **Mrs. A. L.**—I am fulfilling my promise by sending you an offering in thanksgiving to St. Therese for a great favour

granted me. I beg this dear Saint to obtain me still another. **Mrs. A. L., St. Albert, Ont.**—I have obtained a great favour through the intercession of the powerful Patroness of Missionaries and am again asking her to come to my assistance. **Mrs. C. G., Providence.**—I am enclosing the price of a novena

of lights to be burned in honour of St. Therese to thank her for a favour granted me. **Mrs. H. P., Montreal.**—Lively gratitude to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for a favour obtained. **E. B. C., Isle Verte.**—Please find enclosed an offering for a novena of lights, in thanksgiving for a favour received. **A. H., Granby.**—Grateful thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for a favour obtained after I promised to give an offering for the Burse

in her honour. **M. L., Outremont.**—I am sending you an offering in thanksgiving to St. Therese for a favour obtained. A Subscriber.—I am enclosing an alms for your missionary works. It is a thank-offering to the Little Flower, through whose intercession I have obtained a favour. **Mrs. J. D., Fall River.**—I am enclosing an offering for the Burse in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus to thank her for success in trade. I am now asking her to help my father,

brothers and sisters to find work. **Mrs. E. L., Montreal.**—Heartfelt thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for favours received. **Mrs. E. T., Hochelaga.**—Find enclosed an offering for the Missions in honour of the Little Flower. **Mrs. G., Outremont.**—I am sending you an offering for the Missions in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. I now desire to obtain some other favours. **Mr. J. A. R., St. Charles, N. B.**—I am gladly fulfilling part of a promise made St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, for I have obtained a favour through her intercession. I am now confidently asking for other spiritual and temporal favours. **Mrs. R. A. L., Granby.**—I am sending you an offering for a novena of lights in honour of St. Therese for a favour that has been granted me and that I may be restored to health. **Mrs. H. P., Montreal.**—The enclosed donation in favour of your missions is a thank-offering to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. **Mrs. G.**—With my subscription to THE PRECURSOR, I am sending you an offering to thank St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for having watched over my poor children and myself, asking her to continue to protect us during the year. A poor widow.

—St. Teresa of the Child Jesus continues to help me. I return her most heartfelt thanks and am enclosing the remainder of the sum I promised to send you two years ago. My daughter is about to enter the Convent and I confidently recommend her to St. Therese, in order that she may persevere. I am also asking for health for my aged mother, myself and little boy. **Mrs. A. M., Winooski, Vt.**—Lively gratitude to St. Therese for a cure obtained. Anonymous.—The alms enclosed is my thank-offering to the dear "Scatterer of Roses". **Miss E. P., St. Hubert.**—I have obtained a favour through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and it is with confidence that I am now asking for the cure of my husband and for success in selling my property. **Mrs. L. B., St. Eugene.**

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 therefore 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 January-February	1933.... 77.00
In July-August	" 12.25	In March-April	" 18.25
In September-October	" 85.00	In May-June	" 30.75
In November-December	" 38.40	In July-August	" 58.15
September-October 1933.....41.60			

I count fully on not remaining idle in Heaven. My longing is to labor even there for the Church and souls. I ask it of God and I am certain He will hear my prayer. Even now I know it. All my hopes will be realized. Yea, Our Lord will work wonders for me that will infinitely surpass my boundless desires.

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

Votive lights in honor of the Blessed Virgin

*In the chapel of the Missionary Sisters
of the Immaculate Conception*

To comply with the desire of several pious persons devoted to the Blessed Virgin, we are pleased to quote the prices of lamps and candles that may be burned at Mary's shrine in our modest chapel, in thanksgiving or to obtain some favor from this tender Mother.

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



Echoes from our Missions

SZEPINGKAI, CHINA

*Extract from a letter from the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception
of Szepingkai, Manchuria, to their Superior General.*

Szepingkai, August 26, 1933.

BELOVED MOTHER,

Not many events which are worth while relating have occurred during the last few months; each day resembles the preceding one and we are kept busy from morning till night accomplishing the absorbing tasks in our field of apostolate.

The following is the report of our Dispensary for the months of April, May, June and July 1933:

Baptisms.....	87
Patients.....	4,985
Treatments.....	8,598
Dressings.....	1,171
Teeth extracted...	11
Homes visited....	99
Children vaccinated	346

Besides the numerous Manchurians whom we see daily at the Dispensary, we often remark a few Koreans. On certain days, we received as many as six of them at a time and thus had the chance of baptizing some of their children who were seriously ill. We feel that we shall succeed in converting many of them in the future, when there will be a mission for them alone. We never fail to ask our divine Lord to grant that such a mission may be founded. We are also anxious to see a Japanese mission established; there are a number of Japanese in the city of Szepingkai, all living in the same ward, and His Excellency Bishop Lapierre is taking an active interest in them. The Japanese authorities are well disposed towards Catholicism, they have officially agreed to let the Missionaries found for their people a mission in the aim of propagating the Catholic religion. When we go with one of our Sisters who speaks Japanese, to do a little shopping in their section, they tell us how surprised they are to hear us speaking their own language and they never seem to grow tired of expressing their happiness.

In order to show how admirable are the designs of Divine Providence, we shall tell you all about the conversion of a young bonzess. Two poor

patients, one lame and the other blind, presented themselves at our Dispensary. Encouraged by the way we received them, they told us that a dying maiden had just been brought to the poor-house where they had been taken in. We immediately told Reverend Father Berichon about this patient and he lost no time in going to visit her. Her brother, after ill-treating her, had, in fact, brought her to that hovel, but not being satisfied with the sanitary conditions of her new home, she succeeded in getting someone to bring her back to a convent of bonzesses, where Reverend Father at last found her. He was at once made welcome. The young lady told him that the preceding night she had had a dream which had made a great impression on her. It seemed to her as though she were being lifted up to heaven by some powerful hands... Being a pagan, she did not at first realize the meaning of this mysterious ascension. She readily believed all that the priest told her and consented to be baptized and anointed. Shortly after, her beautiful dream came true; her soul, which had just been purified, left this pagan land for heaven. The dream of the sick maiden, which coincided with the priest's visit, and the happy death of this newly-made Christian, caused a sensation among the bonzesses and, doubtlessly, this conversion will be followed by many others. Four days later, two bonzesses, companions of the deceased, visited the Mission. They told us that they realized that ours was the best religion of all, since it was the source of such happiness at the hour of death and since its followers were so devoted and disinterested. We earnestly entreat Our Immaculate Mother to help us to lead them all into the true Fold.

One Sunday morning, after Mass, a man evidently under the influence of morphine, came telling us that he had just thrown a child alongside the wall of the Mission Compound. Without the least delay, someone went to the spot and, after baptizing the dying child, brought it to the Dispensary, where we gladly received it. The little one, which was about four years old, was covered over with an old shirt and wrapped up in a sack. On looking up at us, it called out for its grandmother; the poor sick child was shaking from head to foot, while its weak little limbs, covered with sores were being stung by mosquitoes. Such heart-rending spectacles fill one with the greatest sorrow, but they cannot be described... After thinking for a moment, we decided to keep the child at the Dispensary. Our Chinese helper gave it a bath and we dressed it in warm clothing sent us by our devoted benefactresses in Canada. The dear little creature no longer asked for its parents, perhaps because it was too weak to do so, or because it felt that it was being given a mother's care... After being warmly wrapped up, it quietly went to sleep, but towards evening, its little body began to shake in such a way that we at once realized that the angels were calling it; shortly after midnight, its little soul, cleansed of original sin, winged its flight to the heavenly abode.

We would like to have all the dear little children in Canada listen to us when we cry out to them: "Pray fervently for the pagan waifs, make little sacrifices for them, for it is they who pay up for the superstitious

practices of their parents!" Unfortunately, only a small number of them are lucky enough to be brought to the Catholic Mission before dying.

Speaking of superstitious practices, let us tell you of one that we have just witnessed. A woman who acted a little strangely, came to the Dispensary asking us to treat her baby which has been tied on its grandmother's back. While Sister was attending to the sick child, the mother began to walk around the room sprinkling water which she had brought with her in a bottle. Each time she swung round, she took a step towards the child, saying: "My child, bring your soul back home, bring it back home." Sister asked her why she was acting thus, reminding her that she was among Catholics. But she simply replied: "It is clean water." The child, which



MANCHURIAN MAIDENS.

we did not baptize as it was not sick enough, left for home, bringing back with it its soul, which, to our great regret, we had not cleansed in the Sacred Waters. Nevertheless, we are consoled to think that these pagans after paying a visit to our Dispensary, may, through the merciful designs of Almighty God, be finally led into the true Fold.

The first part of the month of July was very fruitful. On the very first day, we had the happiness of saving five little souls, for whom our divine Lord shed His Most Precious Blood. On the 11th, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre had the kindness to come to bless our new chapel and to celebrate the first Mass in it. That same day, in the afternoon, Reverend Father Masse came to erect therein the Stations of the Cross.

On August 4th, the anniversary of his episcopal consecration, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre came to our Convent to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice, during which we sent up to the Throne of God fervent prayers and hymns of thanksgiving. In the course of the forenoon, the native novices expressed their gratitude to His Excellency by putting on a little play in his honour.

Four days later, another anniversary very dear to us, that of your religious profession, beloved Mother, brought joy to our little convent. From early in the morning, hymns expressing the gladness which overflowed from our hearts were wafted heavenwards, and although we did not have time during the day to assemble for recreation, we were nevertheless very happy, and we did not fail to offer up to God our little acts of self-denial, our work and our prayers, thanking Him for having given us such a good Mother. During the morning, a little one to whom we gave the name of Mary Delia, came seeking her passport for heaven...

The native postulants, each in turn, come to the Dispensary in order to learn how to treat the sick. They are overjoyed every time they have the chance of pouring the Saving Waters and, as they are constantly in contact with the patients, they learn to appreciate all the more what God has done for them.

The plans for the development of the Mission at Szepingkai are being carried through with great success. Two beautiful crosses now tower above the new cathedral and are like beacon-lights in this big city, over which still hover the shadows of paganism. The Bishop's House, the new dispensary and the girls' school, which will be finished some time in the autumn, will, we hope and pray, attract the poor pagans and draw a great number of them to embrace our holy Faith.

All in the Mission were greatly alarmed on learning of the serious illness of Reverend Father Champagne. On August 22nd, finding him much worse, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre anointed him. The sad news was immediately cabled to Canada. On the 24th, however, the sick priest felt a little better and has been improving ever since. We attribute his recovery to the fervent prayers offered for him in his native land...

YOUR LOVING DAUGHTERS OF SZEPINGKAI.

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PA MIEN TCHENG, CHINA

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

Monday, July 3, 1933

Our Sister infirmarians were fortunate enough this morning to baptize nine children. Among these little ones is a baby to whom some morphine was given yesterday. "It coughs a lot," the mother tells us, "and we gave it a little morphine to relieve it." The drug has not failed to take effect; the poor child, which has been more than quieted, looks like a little idiot. It will probably soon fly to heaven with the angels.

Wednesday, July 5

We have not had so many patients at the Dispensary just lately, for nearly everyone is busy extracting the juice from poppies. Men, women



MANCHURIAN CHILDREN

and even children join in this work. While going to the station, this evening, to meet Sr. Julienne du St. Sacrement⁽¹⁾ who has just returned from Taonan, we cut across a few fields and see for ourselves how opium is obtained. In the same field, we notice as many as thirty persons; several of them are engaged in cutting, with a small knife, the stems of the poppies, the flowers of which have just dropped off, while the others, by means of the forefinger of their right hand, arrange to have the juice which will be transformed into opium, drip into a small pail hung on the little finger of their left hand. It is interesting to see how skilfully this work is carried on, not a drop is wasted. The same stem is cut thus twice daily and at the end of twenty days

the juice has all run out. For a few years past, poppies have been extensively cultivated, for the inhabitants find that it pays to raise them for opium. It is not forbidden, as it was in former days, to sell this product, and as a result, the evils caused by the drug cannot be enumerated. The Chinese Christians are forbidden to raise poppies and those who do so are excommunicated.

Friday, July 7

One of our little orphans who had been given out to be taken care of, is brought to us at half-past nine this evening. "She is dying," the woman who brings her back tells us, "and I have carried her to you because you told me not to throw her out to be devoured by the dogs if she grew very sick." According to a Chinese superstition, a person must not be left in one's home to die. Consequently, this pagan woman felt that she could not keep the little one with her and that is why, despite the fact that it is quite late and that the roads are unsafe, the poor little waif is brought to us this evening.

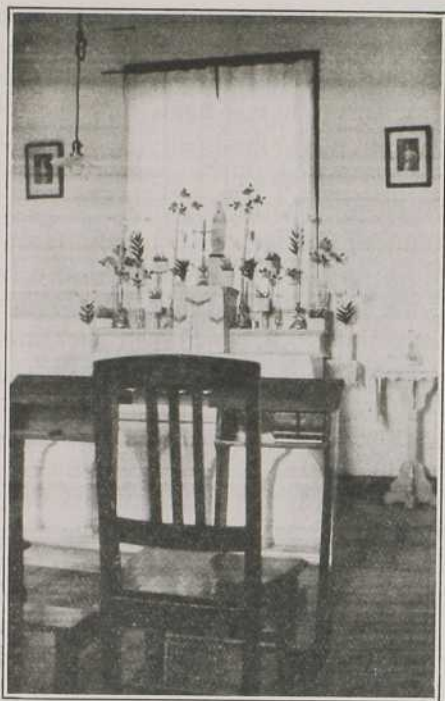
Saturday, July 8

The dying child we received yesterday evening is somewhat better this morning. It had a narrow escape, for if it had not belonged to the Mission, the dogs would now be fighting over its poor little body. A great many children which are believed to be dying, are thus thrown out, but very often they need only a little care in order to grow strong again. Oh, it is impossible to count the unhappy victims of superstition in this vast country!

Monday, July 10

We are having a very dry season; the gardeners are almost discouraged. This morning, in order to soften the hearts of their deities, the pagans

1. Beatrice LAREAU, of Chambly Bassin.



ALTAR IN THE CHAPEL OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
PAMIEN TCHENG

organize a procession. In front of each house has been placed an earthen barrel containing a little water in which a few willow branches are soaking. Just opposite the Mission, a rich proprietor has placed a post, on the top of which three incense-sticks are burning. Only the men take part in this procession, they go barefooted and wear a wreath of leaves woven together. A thousand times over do they cry out: "*Mi teou fouo, sia yu*" (*Mi teou, our god, send us rain*), while the loudest music is being played. Having reached the post on which the three sticks of incense are burning, they all get down on their knees, yelling still louder and making a greater racket with their musical instruments. After a quarter of an hour, they all stand up and begin marching again. A bonzess about sixty years of age, who is escorted by a squad of soldiers, carries, with the greatest respect, a dish of lighted incense.

Behind her walk a few men, carrying a stretcher on which an immense paper dragon has been placed. Oh, when shall we greet the dawn of that blessed day when the Chinese, having all been christianized, will implore the one true God to shower His blessings upon them!

Friday, July 21

We are asked to pay a visit to a young lady who lives twenty *li* (about seven miles) from the Dispensary. Last year, her sister came to the Mission to study and received Baptism just before dying. Our patient, realizing that she is seriously ill and desiring to share in her sister's happiness, asks to be admitted to the Catechumenate. We set out at once for the little village where she resides. The roads are in a good condition; we go past fields of sorgho, millet, barley and rice. Never do we grow tired of contemplating Nature, so beautiful at this season. As we continue on our way, our eyes are greeted by pretty verdant foliage; a chain of mountains to be seen in the distance, reminds us of the Laurentians: the landscape is really charming. It is while saying our beads that we admire, to our heart's content, the great works of Almighty God. We would like to thank Him in a fitting manner, in our own name and in the name of the multitudes of infidels who daily gaze upon these wonders of Nature without once thinking of their divine Author. Our hearts grow sad when we consider that among the numerous pagans surrounding us, there are none who ever offer their

heavenly Father the least praise... and we feel that we, His privileged children, His humble missionaries, must redouble our praises and our acts of thanksgiving, in order to make up, in a small measure, for the coldness of the people of that vast Republic where Satan still holds sway and where those who adore the one true God are so few in number.

On reaching our destination, we find that our patient is in danger of death. After giving her a few instructions, we comply with her request and baptize her, giving her the name of Mary Delia. We tie a miraculous medal around her neck and when we leave her, she is very happy and is anxious to die so as to see God.

Report of the Dispensary of Pa Mien Tcheng for the months of June and July 1933:

	Baptisms.....	87			
Patients.....	5,494	Treatments.....	7,210	Dressings.....	888
Teeth extracted...	69	Homes visited.....	50	Consultations.....	812

Monday, August 14

To-day, while out in the city, a young girl, a former catechumen, comes up to us. Noticing that she looks very sad, we discreetly ask her what is the matter. She tells us that she is returning home for good and that she greatly fears that she may never be allowed to be baptized. Her father is dead and, as she is the only girl, her mother wishes her to stay home with her. But the saddest part of it is that her brother, who is taking her father's place, does not want anyone in the house to speak of religion. We comfort the poor maiden as best we can and get her to promise that she will not fail to pray fervently to our dear heavenly Mother. She is somewhat consoled when she leaves us.

Every day, we witness scenes of the kind. A girl of eighteen who helps us at the Dispensary and who belongs to a Christian family, was betrothed to a Christian when she was but thirteen years of age. The poor child is to be married very soon against her will. Her one desire is to enter the Native Novitiate at Szepingkai, but her father will not allow her to do so.

Oh, how we pity the young Chinese girls who are obliged to comply with their parents' wishes, even when their eternal salvation is at stake. Let us hope that our neophytes may in time become so well acquainted with our holy religion that they will fully appreciate what a great favour our divine Lord deigns to bestow on them in choosing some of their children to be priests and Sisters.

Tuesday, August 15

On the glorious Feast of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, Ing tch'o'en, one of our orphans, makes her First Communion. This little one is now an altogether different child; when we received her last autumn, she was a wild youngster accustomed to be ill-treated and she would obey only when compelled to do so. The little one still bears a scar on her face,

the result of a blow given her by her step-mother. Living with such a cruel-hearted woman, the child learned to act in an underhand way, and when she first came to us we could not get the least truth out of her. Little by little, she changed her ways, and now we have no trouble in getting her to obey us, she is even one of the most obliging of our orphans.

Our little tots at the Orphanage are becoming more cunning every day. This summer, they are dressed in the clothing sent us from Canada and they imagine that they are little princesses when we put a pretty gingham dress on them. We now understand why every mother worries so over her little ones. The children confided to us are tenderly cared for and we would like them to be pious and good, so that, later on, they may be fervent Christians, zealous in propagating our holy Faith.

Mee kouï, a child of three, was given a new pillow just lately. The pillows here in Manchuria are not at all like ours. They are composed of a rectangular piece of cloth which has been filled with the husks of millet; the harder the pillow, the better it is to sleep on. The one Mee kouï has received is the shape of a little dog, whose four paws may be easily be distinguished, but this doggie has two heads. The first time the little one saw it, she grew afraid but, little by little, she got used to her pillow and she is so fond of it now that if we left her alone she would play with it all day long; she gravely walks up and down with this new kind of doll and rocks it with the greatest care.

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FAKOU, CHINA

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

Saturday, July 8, 1933

Towards seven o'clock this evening, we are asked to go to the home of an aged pagan who is in a dying condition. It is late, but as we are told that our patient is very low, we cannot think of putting off our visit until to-morrow. Leaving at once, in company with our catechist, we find at death's door, a very old man who, being naturally good, is only waiting to be baptized before leaving this earth.

Sunday, July 9

Some wealthy merchants to whom we gave treatment at the Dispensary testify their gratitude to us by presenting us with an immense sign proclaiming the skill of the "four doctors" of the Mission... The arrival of this sign, measuring two by five feet, is quite an event. A few musicians play their prettiest airs, while all the priests of the Mission, the leading Christians of the city and the happy patients who have been cured, have luncheon in the waiting-room of the Dispensary. We are then given a

reception and have to let ourselves be bowed to and to listen to all kinds of compliments, but all this does not wound our humility, for only the *wen hoa* (language of the men of letters) which we do not understand, is spoken on such occasions. Sister Assistant, feeling that she has been sufficiently honoured by having her name written on the sign, manages to slip out at the time of the reception, she who never complains of being tired, suddenly feels the need of going to her room to take a rest... Sister St. Denise⁽¹⁾ who had never before witnessed a Chinese ceremony of the kind, finds it quite amusing to be counted to-day as one of the "doctors"...

Tuesday, July 11

Yesterday, we poured the Sacred Waters of baptism on the brow of an adult. And to-day we have a like happiness, but we rejoice even more over the conversion of this second patient, who, up to now, has turned a deaf ear to our entreaties. For some time past, we had not gone to see her, for fear of exasperating her. We had not failed, however, to ask a Christian woman who lived near her home, to be sure to tell us in time if our patient took a turn for the worse. It is this good neighbour who comes to inform us, this morning, that the sick woman is in immediate danger of death. After reciting a fervent prayer to our Immaculate Mother, we make our way to the bedside of the poor moribund who is still fully conscious. "Perhaps you are surprised to see that we have come back to see you after having been sent away more than once," the virgin catechist says to her, "but what would you do for a person whom you could prevent from falling over a precipice?... Would you not hasten to rescue him even though, in the past, you had had a complaint against him?... It is for a like motive that we have returned to your home: seeing that you were about to be thrust into hell, we made up our minds to again offer you the means of saving your soul. At this moment, when you cannot doubt but that your death is close at hand, do you not wish to assure yourself everlasting happiness?... " The dying woman then looking at us closely, distinctly pronounces these words: "I believe... I want to be baptized..." And when we ask her a few questions to see if she is really sincere, she replies, a little sadly: "I said that I wanted to be baptized, I mean what I say, I really want to." Ah! what happiness do we not experience in saving an immortal soul! No earthly joy can be compared to it...

Wednesday, July 12

We have just received the gift sent us at Pentecost, the chronicles of the Mother House. Oh, how pleased we are and what good do these lines which enable us to live over again the happy days spent in that dear abode, do us! Our beloved Mother knows just how to please us. For her, the Ocean does not exist... Yes, indeed, we feel that here in a foreign land we are looked upon with the same affection and are the object of the same solicitude as when we were spending blessed moments in dear Outremont.

1. Odile MALBŒUF, of Sudbury, Ont.

Friday, July 21

Our Reverend Pastor who has just finished making out the report for the year (from July 1932 to July 1933) informs us of the results: 127 adult baptisms and 31 baptisms of children whose parents are Christians. In spite of the fact that there have been some deaths and that a few families were, last autumn, chased out of the city by the brigands and have since taken up their abode in other regions, the registers of the Mission show that there is an increase of 97 Christians. The Report also shows that on July 1st there were 207 catechumens registered. It greatly consoles us to see what progress is being made and it is not hard for us to overlook the fatigue and suffering which we are obliged to endure while labouring for the salvation of souls.

Monday, July 24

After having treated a young child, we were about to take our leave when the little one's father stopped us and supplicantly enquired: "Why didn't you baptize my child?" We told him that we thought that he was not yet in danger of death and that to-morrow we would see about it. But the poor man continued to entreat us saying, "Baptize him this very evening, do not be afraid to do so, for if he gets better, I will send him to the Catholic Mission when he has reached the age of reason..." Not being able to turn from such entreaties, we baptize the dear little lad and tie a medal of the Blessed Virgin around his neck while his good father expresses to us his heartfelt thanks. On our way to the convent, we wonderingly ask ourselves this question: "How is it that a pagan so greatly appreciates what a favour it is to receive Holy Baptism?..." But it is not long before our question is answered. We learn that this pagan gentleman is on friendly terms with the members of a very good Christian family who are, little by little, leading him into the True Fold.

Tuesday, July 25

Our little patient is somewhat better. His father who attributes his recovery to the efficacy of the Sacrament of Baptism, tells us that he has made up his mind to become a Catholic before very long.

Thursday, July 27

Some Christians bring us a baby girl a few months old, which a hard-hearted mother has just thrown out. After baptizing her, we give her a small quantity of food which seems to make her a little stronger.

Saturday, July 29

The Blessed Virgin has just taken to heaven the baby which was picked up two days ago.

Monday, July 31

Report of the Dispensary of Fakou for the month of July 1933:

Baptisms.....	34	Patients.....	2 586	Treatments.....	3,016
Dressings.....	405	Teeth extracted...	25	Homes visited....	41

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TUNG LEO, CHINA

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

Thursday, June 1, 1933

"My little boy knows how to make the Sign of the Cross," one of our patients tells us at the Dispensary. The Sister infirmarian who is surprised to hear a person whom she does not remember having seen at church, speaking thus, asks her if she is a Catholic. "I have not been to church for several years," she replies, "because 'his father' (a common expression here, a wife never says 'my husband') did not want me to go... But he no longer objects and has told me that I could have the children baptized if I wanted to, and to live up to the religion of the Lord of Heaven if such were my desire!..."

The little fellow, who is but five years of age, really makes the Sign of the Cross well. In this region, everyone before making the usual Sign of the Cross, forms a little cross upon his forehead, his lips and his breast, saying at the same time: "May I, by making this sign of the cross, be delivered from the snares of the Evil Spirit". At the word "Amen", the Chinese fold their hands and bow their heads. It is touching to see this pagan child making so piously the sign of our Redemption. There and then, we ask him to come to church on Whitsunday. His mother promises to bring him to Mass on that beautiful feast and sends some money to our Reverend Pastor for a catechism.

We are confident that this fallen-away Catholic who, by frequenting our Dispensary, has found her way back to the Church, will now live up to her religion and that she will not fail to lead back many other lost sheep to the True Fold.

Sunday, June 11

Reverend Fathers Larochelle, Gilles and Baron who have been given charge of the mission station of Lin Si Sien, left yesterday in little Chinese carts. The following is a short account of their trip given us to-day: The priests had intended to take an autobus to Kai Lou Sien, which is some one hundred and twenty *li* distant, for it is very tiresome to travel in a Chinese cart. However, just as they are about to get into the bus, the driver refuses to let them do so. A great disappointment for the Fathers! They send

someone to ask the drivers of the carts which are to transport their baggage, to come for them, but they have already set out on the trip. They finally succeed in getting the drivers of some vehicles to take them to Kai Lou. After they have travelled thus for about twenty *li*, they overtake the carts, which they hasten to get into. Before long, they learn from a few people who have succeeded in making their escape, that the autobus whose driver refused to receive them, had been battered by the brigands and that everything had been put to fire and to sword... Is this not a striking proof of the watchful protection of Divine Providence over the missionaries?...

Saturday, June 24

The holy Forerunner of our divine Lord does not let his feast day go by without procuring us a little consolation: two dying children are brought to us by their mother. Just before leaving this earth, both of these little ones receive their passports for heaven. May they, from their new home, along with their holy patron, help us to overcome all difficulties and to prepare the way for the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ in this pagan land.

Saturday, July 1

This morning was celebrated a Requiem High Mass for the repose of the soul of one of our helpers, Miss Mong, a virgin catechist.

Oh, what a privileged soul was this maiden who has just died! Those who came to her assistance and who had the occasion of becoming intimately acquainted with her, ask themselves this question: "How does it happen that such a delicate flower has blossomed forth in the midst of so many briars and thorns?" Doubtlessly, she has been thus favoured by Our Blessed Lord who has ever shown a preference for the lowly and humble. She had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart and to the Blessed Virgin. While in the greatest pain, when she was able to utter a few words, she would whisper an invocation to our loving Saviour or to our Blessed Lady: *Jesu Cheng Sin ko'lien oua pa!* (Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me!) *Cheng Mo Malea, ko'lien oua pa, lai kiou oua pa!* (Holy Mother Mary, take pity on me, come to take me to heaven!) On the last day of the month of June, God called this chosen soul to Himself. And



CHINESE SOLDIERS.

we do not doubt in the least but that this beloved child of our dear Lord has gone to swell the ranks of the virgins who follow after their Divine Spouse... While praying for the repose of her soul, we secretly invoke her aid, asking her to help us to spread the Faith in this country, wherein she laboured with such devotedness and zeal.

Sunday, July 2

Yesterday we told Tchras kin, a little pagan boy six years of age, that he must come to Mass to-day in order to thank God for the cure of his hand, which was mutilated not long ago when a shell exploded. But before letting him enter the house of the "Master of heaven" we must put clean clothes on him. A little Chinese costume sent us from Canada, fits him nicely. We at once see to washing him, it is necessary to use plenty of soap. The little fellow does not say a word and appears to be overjoyed. And he does not need to be told when it is time to put on his new suit. He puts it on all by himself and then, as proud as a prince, he examines it and is quite satisfied!... Before running to his mother, he makes a low bow to each of the three Sisters present and hastily picks up his old clothes. Oh! how pleased our kind benefactresses in Canada, who spend their spare time making clothing for the Chinese children, would be, if they could only see what happiness they give the most disinherited of God's creatures. The pagan mother, who comes to the church with her little one, assists at Mass for the first time in her life. She is very modest and kneels down beside the little lad, on the brick pavement. Neither of them makes the least movement until the Holy Sacrifice is over. When all the Christians have left the church, the mother and child get up and make three times a *keto* (low bow) to our Eucharistic King. May our loving Lord grant that the hearts of these two pagans may be touched by the rays of divine grace and that they may soon learn how infinitely perfect He is.

Monday, July 3

We had confided this poor woman to the watchful care of the Blessed Virgin, and to-day, we see for ourselves that a person who is protected by our Blessed Lady is well protected. The unfortunate woman has been suffering from paraplegia for already a month. Not receiving the necessary care, she has now on her hips two enormous wounds, and gangrene having set in, not one of the members of her family can stand the disagreeable odour which comes therefrom. The first few times we visited her, we attempted to speak to her of God and of the happiness in store for her if she were but willing to become a Catholic. She was a little hostile at first and received us coldly, but finally consented to accept a miraculous medal. Immediately taking a string, we hung the little medal on it and tied it around her neck. After that, we were not the least uneasy, for we felt that the Blessed Virgin would do the rest...

Yesterday, her relatives, thinking that she was dead, dressed her in her best clothes and laid her on the bare ground, according to a Chinese

custom, but after a while, she regained consciousness. To-day she is well disposed towards Christianity and after being given a brief instruction concerning the fundamental truths of our holy religion, she asks to be baptized. We pour the Sacred Waters on her brow and give her the beautiful name of Mary. Oh, how true it is that whoever is protected by the Blessed Virgin is well protected!

Wednesday, July 5

While visiting a pagan home, we are asked to treat a very sick man who all his life, has thought only of heaping up money for himself. The poor unfortunate is now a victim of a disease from which one seldom recovers. He has already been told that the Catholic religion is the only true one, but as he was always busy trying to make money, he never found time to study his catechism... The virgin catechist who accompanies us, tells him a little about our holy religion and says to him: "At your death, what will become of all the money that you are hoarding up?... A coffin will be bought for you, but what about your soul? Only your merits will count in the other life... etc. So you see, the great need of taking a resolution!" On leaving him, we feel confident that before very long he will be a fervent Catholic.

Friday, July 7

While visiting some Christian patients living at the other end of the city, we are surprised to see in one of the homes something which greatly resembles the ancestral tablets which are to be found in every pagan dwelling; but on drawing closer, we find that it is a picture of our Crucified Lord that has been set up therein. Red paper streamers on which are written, in black ink, different inscriptions in honour of the Sacred Heart, serve as a decoration. A few sticks of incense are burning before the image of our Blessed Saviour. This is perhaps a rather strange way of rendering homage to the King of Heaven, but as these disinherited creatures are so poor, we feel that there is doubtlessly a special reward in store for them.

Saturday, July 8

At noon, someone hastens to the Dispensary, asking us to go to see an eight-year-old child who is dying. On reaching the home of our little patient, we notice that there is a Chinese quack-doctor present along with the members of the family. But the mother is not there, for she has been told (doubtlessly by this quack-doctor) that her child has had a fright and that its soul has fled from its body... In order to bring back the spirit of the little one, the poor woman, taking off its coat, had gone outside and, after getting down on her knees, had sobbingly begun to call the wandering soul believed to be floating in the air. Ten minutes later, she comes in again, and after carefully unfolding the little coat, she gently places it on the shoulder of the child in much the same way as one places a warm flannel on a person who has a pain... Poor people, how sad it is to think that they are so superstitious! Oh, if we could only teach the Truth to all of them!

Thursday, July 13

When we hear the rain falling during the night, some of us begin to think of the good it will do our flowers, while the others think of the tomato plants. And on awakening we hasten to look out into the garden... but, to our surprise, we see that there is a pool of water inside the four walls of our grounds. The only foliage we see is that of two little trees and a few tufts of grass which emerge from the water... In spite of the damage done, the view is still pleasing to the eye. A few of the Sisters even imagine that they are on the seashore. But there is no way of stepping outside! Reverend Father Schetagne comes to the convent on horseback to say Mass!

While waiting for the water to subside, we shall have to remain in doors.

Friday, July 14

At last has arrived the day which was chosen quite a while ago for the awarding of prizes to the pupils, who have gotten up a concert for the occasion. A platform has been set up in the Mission Compound for those taking part in it. Some straw mats have been placed above this platform, while others, serving as screens, have been placed on either side, thus forming a fairly large room. While waiting for the curtain to go up, we are pleased to think that with the little the teachers had at their disposal: a few tables from the school, some trestles and mats from the Mission, they were able to arrange quite a suitable "stage". Everywhere, flags of many colours are waving. A well-filled programme, which is interrupted by a passing shower, begins in the morning and lasts until half-past four in the afternoon! Each pupil acts his part skilfully. The interesting programme, which is a great success, is much appreciated by the many parents, friends and curious onlookers who throng the Mission Compound. Let us hope that the many morals drawn from this performance may be very fruitful ones.

Saturday, July 15

A letter from Reverend Father Baron, conveys to us news of the three priests who left for Ta-Ing-Tze five weeks ago. This letter which is dated June 27th, is addressed to Sister Superior. It reads as follows:

"After travelling for thirteen days through the jungles of China, we have arrived safely in Ta-Ing-Tze. God in His Providence, hearkened to the prayers of the Sisters and to those of all who invoked Him in our behalf. We are now in the "Promised Land"; the mission station of Ta-Ing-Tze has been well organized. We are kept busy ministering to the spiritual needs of nearly two thousand Christians who belong to this mission, which is situated in a vast plain, surrounded by beautiful mountains covered over with verdure. We wish to thank you and your religious, for your appetizing cakes which were for us a "real tonic" after our Chinese meal; during our trip, we had the occasion of treating several persons, so we made use of our medicine-chest. Everywhere, we found sick people with no one to care for them or to bring them the least relief. We even attended to a "lama", in a Mongolian pagoda. As for us, a few phenacetine tablets

sufficed. *Deo Gratias!* The bed-bugs and fleas came to see us. They did not fail to pay a visit to such honourable people as we; however, they were very polite, for they did not bring us any microbes. We were spared, although we spent the night in a village where every family had typhus fever. We could not give the famous injection on account of the filthy condition of the houses.

I remain as ever, devotedly yours,

G. BARON, P. M. E. "

Monday, July 17

To-day, several mothers bring us their babies. Some of these women live near at hand, but the others have had to walk four, five and even ten *li*, over rough and, very often, muddy roads. We have the consolation of baptizing at the Dispensary of Tung Leao, five of the little ones brought to us, and another at Siao kai ki. These six privileged children will soon be contemplating the beauty of their Creator. How we wish that we could offer as many little souls to our Immaculate Mother every evening!

Thursday, July 20

One of our patients, Mr. Tsi, a poor consumptive, is so ill and so weak that we wonder how he manages to come to the Dispensary every day. Up to now, we have always encouraged him as well as we could, and to-day he seems to be a little disappointed because we tell him that there is no cure for him. He is so surprised that he reproachfully says to us: "I've told my relatives that I've a very good doctor, the best doctor to be had, and that I'm already much better. If I die, what will they say?" But it is not hard to convince our patient that we have given him the best of care and our best medicine, not in order to obtain money from him but that he might be happy for all eternity. He gratefully accepts the miraculous medal we offer him and ties it on the lapel of his coat. We entreat our dear heavenly Mother to help us to give him the necessary instructions and to prepare him for Holy Baptism.

Monday, July 24

Reverend Father Schetagne to-day administers the Sacrament of Baptism to our good patient, Mr. Tsi. It is really touching to see how fervently he answers the different questions put to him: "Do you believe that there is but one God?" — "*Oua sin*," (I believe) he replies with great conviction. "Do you believe that there are three persons in God?" — "*Oua sin*." "Do you believe in the holy Catholic Church?" — "*Oua sin*." "Do you believe that the good will be rewarded in heaven and that the wicked will be punished in hell?" — "*Oua sin! oua to sin!*" (I believe everything that has just been explained to me, I believe everything you tell me) he resolutely replies, as if he were afraid that we doubted his sincerity. "Right inside my heart", he continues, "yes, inside my heart... I believe everything!" After hearing him make this protestation of faith and renounce the different superstitions,

as well as Satan, his works and his pomps, the priest pours the Sacred Waters on his brow, saying: "Damasus, I baptize thee, etc." May our Immaculate Mother keep his beautiful soul free from the least stain until it takes its flight to the heavenly abode!

Thursday, July 27

Mr. Tsi, our new Christian, did not come for treatment yesterday. Late this afternoon, he comes to the Dispensary, leaning on the arm of a young man whom he says is his brother. Our poor patient who is very weak, heaves a sigh on arriving and says: "This is the last time I'll be able to come, my strength is all gone." While dressing his wound, we speak encouragingly to him, exhorting him to place all his trust in God. "I remember all you told me," he declares, "and I believe everything!" "Yes, the whole night long," his brother tells us, "he kept saying: '*Tien Tchou k'o lien oua pa!*' (Master of Heaven, have mercy on me)".

Monday, July 31

This evening, Reverend Father Schetagne, shortly after returning from the home of Mr. Damasus Tsi, is surprised to receive a visit from his brother. "Father", he says, while making a low bow, "my brother has just gone to heaven." How true are these words and how good it is to hear them falling from the lips of a pagan! The moment the priest had left, the poor man collapsed and surrendered his pure soul to God.

Report of the Dispensary of Tung Leao for the months of June and July 1933:

Baptisms.....	86	Patients.....	4,012	Treatments.....	6,073
Dressings.....	2,546	Homes visited....	90	Vaccinations.....	269

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TSUNG MING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

*Extract from a Letter of Sister Marie de l'Epiphanie⁽¹⁾,
Superior of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
at Tsung Ming, China, to her Superior General.*

Tsung Ming, March 26, 1933.

BELOVED MOTHER,

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The Teresian Congregation now counts seven newly-professed Sisters and ten novices. The next group of postulants will enter on September 8th. Most of the subjects come from our school, where they are, as it were, on probation. Our pupils are sixty-two in number, their ages ranging from

¹. May MoQUIN, of Eastman.

Tsung Ming Chine
Les sept premières professes du Noviciat
indigène: "Ste Thérèse de l'Enfant Jésus"



Une crèche de quinze petits enfants
tous reçus et baptisés à Tsung Ming le 3 octobre,
fête de Sainte Thérèse de l'Enf-Jésus.

1. THE FIRST SEVEN PROFESSED SISTERS OF THE NATIVE NOVITIATE
 DEDICATED TO ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS.
2. THE FIFTEEN BABIES RECEIVED AND BAPTIZED AT TSUNG MING ON OCTOBER 3RD,
 THE FEAST OF ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS.

thirteen to thirty; the school of prayer, separated from the ordinary school, is attended by some forty pupils.

The workroom in which Sister Marie de Sion ⁽¹⁾ spends her time, is frequented by thirty women. Their work consists chiefly in the making of lace and church vestments and embroidering. As all these workwomen are only apprentices, we cannot expect wonders from them right away but, nevertheless, we hope that this little mustard-seed may develop while procuring a livelihood for these poor creatures who are satisfied with the 15 cents (about 4 cents in Canadian money) given them each day. As yet, they have no dining-room nor recreation grounds. We hope to be soon able to procure them an enclosure and at least a small room where they may amuse themselves at noon and on Sundays. If money were to drop from the clouds sometimes, our poor works would benefit by it, I can assure you; our needs are so great that funds are unceasingly required. With time, these poor people will probably be able to find in their workroom adequate means of earning their livelihood; we must, however, be patient, for works that are just beginning develop but slowly. It is consoling to note the progress made by our workwomen as regards education. We hope to be able to continue to procure them the little they require to live on, that we may, at the same time, continue the important task of giving them a good moral training.

At the actual moment, the Orphanage counts 36 babies. As usual, many children are being adopted by Christian people, but the oldest orphans we keep with us. These little ones, who are being trained by Sister Marie d'Ephese, ⁽²⁾ will be our future helpers. This year's report will show that the number of little ones received at our Foundling-Home has increased. Since the last one sent you, more than a hundred babies have arrived here each month. At the post established at Paochen last year there were 300 children received during the first twelve months and, this year, we expect twice as many. Although we have great confidence in God whose Divine Providence has never failed us, we realize how important it is to reckon what it will cost to take care of them, so as not to undertake more than our means will allow us. It is impossible to think of raising all these little ones, more than 1,000 every year!... Those that are strong enough escape death after being given the same care as the others. I must admit that I am not yet accustomed to seeing so many little corpses, and yet such a sight should not cause one the least sorrow, since it means that heaven has been opened to an equal number of little souls who would never have known God, if He had not implanted in your heart the efficacious desire of becoming the beloved Mother of the humble Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception. I think that there is not one of us who would not be very sorry to be obliged to entrust to another the cherished mission confided to her, unless she were commanded to do so, and even then this sorrow would not be out of place. These poor children become attached to us. Oh, if you could only see them coming to be petted or to beg a smile from us!... Sr. Marie d'Ephese is often moved to tears on seeing them.

1. Florida RAVARY, of St. Clet, Co. Soulanges.

2. Jeannette LUNEAU, of Princeville.

A home for old men, of which I have already spoken, is to be built at last. On February 2nd, His Excellency Bishop Tsu being in Tsung Ming, Mr. Lo Pa Hong, an influential Christian gentleman of Shanghai who is respected even by his pagan countrymen, visited the Mission. Several months ago, he promised to erect in honour of St. Joseph, a small establishment for homeless old men. He has been to see the lot purchased by His Excellency and which is to be the site of the proposed structure. Mr. Lo has a big family to support and we are told that he is not rich. The funds for the works he is patronizing are to be solicited from pagans and Christians alike. Reverend Father Tsu, His Excellency's nephew, who is parish priest at Tsung Ming, will look after the construction; he has already purchased lumber and steel, but we are to see to furnishing it in such a way that it may be hygienic for the Sisters who will take charge of it. Paint will be required for the floors in order to facilitate frequent scrubbing, which is the only way that we shall be able to destroy the microbes and injurious insects; hot water for the wash-room, for the patients, for household purposes, etc.; a small wash-room in which to wash the old men's clothing, and at least one bath-tub into which the *lousy* patients may be plunged on their arrival. Two or three hundred dollars would supply us with all this. May St. Joseph send us this sum by the next "Empress"!

On March 19th, we celebrated the feast of our great Protector as solemnly as possible. Our little chapel, on this occasion, was prettily adorned with a few white lilies and an abundance of narcissi. Here, the latter bloom in the month of March and there are plenty of them this year. From all direc-

tions pagans, as well as Christians, came with bunches of them. The poor people who came to the Dispensary for treatment, proudly offered our Sister infirmarian a bouquet of these sweet-smelling flowers to place on the chapel altar or before the picture of St. Joseph. Once we become acquainted with these poor people, we find them to be loving and kind. It is very important for us to bear in mind that the same delicate sentiments which it is so pleasant to find in the good people of our native land, are not to be found in the hearts of the unfortunate creatures whom God has confided to our care. What we must continually strive to do is to discover and appreciate the good qualities of our poor charges and, in this way, lead them to



TWO MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF TSUNG MING, CHINA, LEAVING TO VISIT THEIR PATIENTS.



CHINESE CHILDREN
WHO ARE ALREADY BETROTHED.

God. A silver instrument is not treated in the same way as a tin one. A knowledge of the country and of the people greatly assists us in our apostolic work, which at first it seems impossible to carry through. On the missions more than anywhere else, no fruit is reaped without great patience; the more patient a missionary is the more good he is able to accomplish.

Yesterday, the 25th of March, we offered to the Blessed Virgin the homage of our affection. Great was our joy on entering our little chapel still filled with the sweet odour of the flowers brought to adorn the statue of the chaste Spouse of our glorious Mother.

We had the privilege of having Mass celebrated in the Convent, during which we sang the beautiful hymns sung on this Feast, at the Mother House. Oh! how much more courageous we feel after one of these blessed days on which we are reminded so much of our dear Convent in Outremont. Truly, we were fortunate in having spent such beautiful days during our religious childhood, for now, in spirit, we who are thousand of miles away, may live them all over again!

This same day, four pupils of the Elementary School were received into the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin and four others were received on probation. It is an honour to belong to this Congregation, which is affiliated with the Prima Maria in Rome. All the members, on account of being so honoured, are obliged to be model pupils. The eight privileged maidens prepared for their admission by a day of recollection. The Father Director did all in his power to make the ceremony as imposing as possible. It took place in the nave of the church, where the pupils assembled for the occasion; usually, they assist at the different services from the side chapel, where they are entirely separated from the public. The Sodality members were the only ones who were given a holiday on the Feast of the Annunciation, which is their special feast day, their Congregation being known in Chinese as: "The Sodality of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin."

In the course of the day, I went with the Teresian who has charge of the School to distribute some pictures to them and to give them a few words of advice. Dear Mother, I must acknowledge that I am always surprised when I find that I am able to speak the difficult language of Tsung Ming even a little. When I have succeeded in making myself understood, I am very grateful to God. It is only after spending much time learning a language that one realizes how valuable it is. Although I have been studying Chinese for five years, there is still room for improvement.....

Your most loving daughter,

SR. MARIE DE L'EPIPHANIE, M.I.C.

KORIYAMA, JAPAN

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Koriyama, Japan.

Thursday, May 25

While our little pupils are at home with their parents, we quietly celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. We plucked from our flower-beds numerous bouquets of phlox and white lilies, with which we were happy to decorate our humble little chapel for this beautiful solemnity. In the course of the afternoon, we go to the country for a walk. The fields of golden wheat form a striking contrast with the delicate green of the rice-fields. As this is the season for transplanting rice, numerous peasants are busy preparing the soil with their wooden ploughs. As we continue on our way, we notice a dilapidated country-house which shelters a large family. In different places on the thatched roof, there is an abundance of moss and grass; through the cracks of the yellow earthen walls, we catch a glimpse of the framework, which consists of bamboo lattices. A large opening in the back of this hovel seems to take the place of a window, while a tattered straw sack hanging over it inside, apparently serves as the glass and as a curtain. It is useless to look for a chimney for there is none; the smoke from a bundle of branches burning on the bare ground in the corner of one of the rooms, finds an outlet through the cracks of this miserable abode. Such a house may afford suitable shelter for the summer months, but how these poor people must suffer once the winter sets in!

Sunday, May 28

Very Reverend Father Bibeau, Provincial of the Dominican Fathers in Canada, who has been in Japan on a visit since the beginning of the month, arrived in Koriyama yesterday. This morning, he honours us by coming to say Mass in our humble chapel and by remaining to converse with us for a few minutes. Our distinguished visitor is accompanied by Reverend Father Reid, formerly parish priest at Koriyama, whom our Christians are overjoyed to see again.

Monday, May 29

All the members of a family of lepers went through the streets of Koriyama to-day. All their belonging were heaped on a cart drawn by big dogs. It was a real pity to see these poor unfortunates, yet, among the crowd of curious onlookers, very few there were who gave them alms.

Wednesday, May 31

At the close of her beautiful month, the Blessed Virgin helps us to do a little good to one of the women of this city. Framed pictures of the Sacred Heart and of the Blessed Virgin, in the parlour, as well as the statue of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, excite the curiosity of this pagan lady and we thus have the happiness of addressing her a few words regarding our

religion. All that we tell her about the beauty of our holy Faith seems to be quite a revelation to her.

Monday, June 5

To-day, on our way back to the Convent, we notice some forty young bonzes marching in procession. Each wears a black silk robe, a brocade collar and a large pointed hat, and in the wooden plates carried by all, pious Buddhists drop alms. Together they mumble, in a monotonous tone, a formula of prayers; numerous are the curious onlookers. Behind them marches an aged bonze, who appears to be their pastor. He wears a sort of mitre made of black canvas and carries a long decorated cane resembling a bishop's crosier.



MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KAGOSHIMA, JAPAN,
AND A FEW OF THEIR PUPILS.

Thursday, June 8

We bring our little pupils to the station to greet Very Reverend Father Bibeau, who will set sail for Canada the day after to-morrow. The station agents allow us to pass through the gate to the platform, where the Very Reverend Father gives us his blessing.

Friday, June 16

On this cherished date, we love to go back in spirit to the dear Dovecot of Pont Viau throughout which, we do not doubt, to-day re-echo the sweetest melodies. We join in the happiness of our dear little Sisters, the novices, who are celebrating the feast of their beloved mistress, and we in the distant land of Japan, waft heavenwards from our hearts a fervent



AT THE REPOSITORY WHICH WAS SET UP FOR THE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION, IN FRONT OF THE CONVENT
OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, KORIYAMA, JAPAN,

prayer for the one who so carefully watched over us in the days of our religious childhood. The memory of the blessed days spent at the Mother House and at the Novitiate is, as it were, a talisman which possesses the power of keeping our hearts from ever growing sad.

Sunday, June 18

This morning, our little convent was the scene of a touching ceremony which will go down in the history of the Mission as one of the most beautiful ones of the year: the first Corpus Christi procession in Koriyama. We had the signal privilege of seeing this procession take place on the convent grounds. Reverend Father Laporte had had the great kindness of bringing from the Mission everything necessary for the altar, as well as streamers, flags and escutcheons. Thanks to the generosity of the Christians, the altar and the repository were beautifully adorned with the fairest flowers of the season.

In the porch was erected a little altar, upon which the Lord of heaven and earth deigned to descend during the Holy Sacrifice. All the Christians and a goodly number of pagans knelt on mats spread out in the garden walks; Mass over, all present joined in the procession. Four little Christian girls, each wearing her prettiest kimona and a white veil, walked ahead of the priest, scattering flowers before the Blessed Sacrament. The procession wended its way along the wide garden path, into the pupils' playground, where the repository had been set up, close to a glycin trellis. Kurokawa San (an employee at the Mission) had succeeded in forming a pretty background of cedar branches adorned with ears of wheat, and around the altar, embanked with flowers, he had also arranged a like decoration. Lovingly did our Blessed Lord, from this flowery throne, bless all the Christians and pagans present. Forty of our pupils, along with their parents, assisted at this modest triumph of our Eucharistic King. Our little Christian girls, being but few in number, we had asked a few pagan parents to permit us to dress seven tiny pupils as flower-girls and a few others as angels whose duty it was to keep watch at the arches or at the repository. The angelic spirits must have smiled on seeing these pagan children thus paying homage to the God of the Christians.

Sunday, July 16

This morning, Reverend Father Laporte informed us of the death of Mr. Murakami, a good old man who practised our religion for twenty-five years before consenting to be baptized. He always said that Baptism was not absolutely necessary and that it was enough for him to fulfil the duties of a good Christian. He was very pious and, although he lived some distance from the church, he never missed Mass on Sunday. Last summer, God sent him a long sickness, during which his heart was finally touched by the rays of divine grace. After asking for and receiving Holy Baptism, the old man made his First Communion with the greatest fervour. On going to see him shortly after he had been baptized, we at once noticed how

very happy he was; he bore all his sufferings with perfect resignation, looking upon them as coming directly from God.

All his relatives being pagans, they refused to have the body brought to the church; immediately after Mass, complying with the Reverend Pastor's request, we went to his home with the Christians, to sing the *Libera*. It was something new for a few of us to see the way the Japanese are laid out. The poor man, who has been left just as he was when visited by death, has been placed on a mattress spread on the floor of the living room. He is covered over by a *futon* (a sort of quilt which is very thick) and on this quilt his sword lies crosswise. At his head, a long low table is decorated, in Japanese fashion, with bouquets of white lotus blossoms, different paper objects, rice-cakes, etc.; a basket containing tomatoes (the favourite vegetable of the deceased) is placed in the centre beside a large-sized package of Japanese vermicelli! To the left, on a little table, is spread everything necessary for a meal: a bowl of rice, soup, vegetables, a cup of tea, etc. In the midst of all these things which the pagans love to offer to the dead, a number of sticks of incense are burning. To the right, instead of the ancestral tablet and the little family temple, a beautiful crucifix and a statue of the Blessed Virgin are to be seen. These religious articles, being given the place of honour in this pagan home, loudly proclaim the unwavering faith which the good old man possessed. All the members of the family, assembled in an adjacent room, treat us with the greatest politeness. After singing the *Libera* and reciting a few prayers, we take our leave, pained to think that this child of Holy Mother Church will not be given a Christian burial.

On the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, we have the occasion of telling the young ladies who come for choir practice, of the spiritual advantages enjoyed by those who wear the holy Scapular and of the favours which the Blessed Virgin deigns to bestow upon all who faithfully cherish it.

Monday, July 24

Miss Inanuma, whose father has been a Protestant minister for forty-two years, to-day pays a visit to one of her friends who is spending the holidays here. This young lady does not find in Protestantism a doctrine complete enough for her and is anxious to settle down to study our holy religion. She is leaving for Sendai to take a university course in philosophy.

Sunday, August 27

On Thursday, the 24th, a Requiem High Mass was celebrated for the repose of the soul of Reverend Father Proulx, O. P., who died on Tuesday evening, the Octave day of the Assumption, after an illness of only ten days.

As dean, Reverend Father Proulx was revered by everyone and his death has left a great void in our little Mission to which he rendered invaluable service by his learning as well as by his virtue.

It was during our Annual Retreat which he himself preached, that he was stricken with his last illness. We shall never forget the instructions which he gave us, they were so persuasive and so full of unction, especially

the last one which was on fraternal charity; it will ever remain indelibly engraved on our hearts.

Sister St. Mark ⁽¹⁾ and Sister St. Hedwidge ⁽²⁾ had the happiness of taking care of the patient until his death. Mgr. Dumas and Reverend Father Bissonnette, his Superior, did their utmost to save his life, but God, whose designs are unfathomable, promptly called him to his eternal reward.

Although his illness deprived him of the power of speech, he unceasingly gave us examples of the greatest patience, expressing his gratitude for the least little thing we did for him by a smile.

The Last Sacraments were administered to Father Proulx by Mgr. Dumas on the beautiful feast of the Assumption. He surrendered his soul to God on the evening of the 22nd, surrounded by his Superior, the Pastor of the Mission and three other priests who, after reciting the beads and the Litany of the Blessed Virgin, sang the *Salve Regina*. We had the privilege of being with him during his last moments. While the sweet notes of the *Salve Regina* were being wafted heavenward, the dying priest, suddenly opened wide his eyes which up to that time had been nearly always closed and, for several minutes, gazed intently at some invisible object which seemed to plunge him in an ecstasy; his features took on an unearthly expression, and without the least agony, he quietly passed away, his countenance still beaming with a celestial light. Was it the Blessed Virgin who came to meet her Missionary or was it St. Dominic who invited him to take his flight to the Heavenly Courts?... His secret will never be known on this earth...

We deemed it our duty to prepare, ourselves, the white tunic of the regretted deceased, as well as the coffin which we covered over with a black drape, fastened carefully, here and there, to keep it in place. The carpenter was greatly surprised when asked to make the coffin of hardwood, covered over with a good quality of tin, and furnished with handles; a Japanese coffin is made of soft wood, left in its raw state, and is covered over with a white cloth and carried on the shoulders.

The remains of the Missionary priest were exposed at the Mission, where the Christians came to offer fervent prayers for the repose of his soul. All the Dominican Fathers of the Diocese were present at the funeral Mass which was celebrated at Koriyama on Thursday, the 24th. The corpse was then taken to Sendai, some of our Sisters accompanying it. Among those present at the service held on Friday, were: two priests of the Paris Foreign Missions, four Japanese priests, two Brothers of the Christian Schools, the Dominican Sisters and the Sisters of St. Paul de Chartres, who have Convents at Sendai, the Sisters of the Notre Dame Congregation, from Fukushima, and all the Christians from the Mission of Sendai and surrounding posts. We also attended the third service which took place on Saturday, in the little church formerly served by the revered deceased.

The remains of Reverend Father Proulx rest at Sendai, in the cemetery of the Dominican Fathers. May he, from the heavenly abode, continue to labour for the Mission on which he lavished, while on earth, so much devoted care!

1. Alida TALBOT, of Cacouna. 2. Blanche ROSS, of Fall River, Mass.

Extracts FROM THE Novitiate Chronicles

Dedicated to our dear Parents



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

St. Bernard.

Wednesday, July 26, 1933

The longed-for days of Profession and of the taking of the Holy Habit are close at hand. On this account, the novices' recreation hall has been transformed into a workroom which is very pleasing to the eye: the pieces of white and blue material which are being spread out, appear as so many dainty clouds in the midst of which the young seamstresses, while singing hymns to the Blessed Virgin, diligently ply their needles.

And as we are celebrating, to-day, the Feast of St. Ann, the venerated mother of the Blessed Virgin, we take pleasure in picturing to ourselves the sweet child Mary in her parents' peaceful home. We imagine that St. Ann, like us, used only white and blue material for the trousseau of the incomparable child, whom she was soon to offer to the Lord, in the temple... Oh, how pious must have been the hymns and the precious words which escaped the lips of such a holy mother and daughter during their work!...

If we could only imitate them in everything, how fruitful and holy would be our lives!

Thursday, July 27

The Annual Retreat is to open this evening. The whole day long, the Sisters from our different convents come in groups to the Novitiate. It is with great pleasure that we bid them welcome and take them through the new wing, which they find very attractive.

At four o'clock, the bell, which is the medium through which Our Divine Lord, at this moment, manifests to us His desires, invites us to keep silence and to retire within ourselves, so as to hear, in our hearts, the voice of our loving Master. Oh! how good it is to forget for a few days all worldly cares, to think only of God and of our soul and to acquire fresh strength, in order to walk more joyfully along the path of perfection.

Saturday, August 5

After placing themselves under the protection of our spotless Queen, who, to-day, is invoked under the title of Our Lady of the Snows, twenty-two postulants don the symbolical livery of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception and receive the names by which they will henceforth be called: Marcelle St. Arnaud, of Ahuntsic (Sr. St. Jean du Redempteur); Florence Dauphinais, of Fletcher, Ont. (Sr. St. Wilfrid); Cecile Champagne,

of Ottawa (Sr. Isabelle de France); Aline Breton, of Quebec (Sr. St. Michel des Saints); Gabrielle Bernard, of Carleton Centre (Sr. St. Francoise Romaine); Bernadette Leboeuf, of Beauharnois (Sr. Bernadette de Nevers); Marinette Masson, of St. Clothilde, Arthabaska (Sr. St. Eleonore); Juliette Hervieux, of L'Assomption (Sr. St. Bertrand); Therese Gagne, of St. Martine (Sr. St. Camille); Blanche de Launier, of Chambord, Lac St. Jean (Sr. St. Louis de Toulouse); Rita Gosselin, of Sherbrooke (Sr. Rita de Jesus); Antoinette Couvrette, of St. Dorothee (Sr. St. Alphonse du Redempteur); Emilienne Vezina, of Quebec (Sr. St. Amedee); Agnes Durocher, of Granby (Sr. St. Pierre de Galilee); Berthe Lapointe, of Three Rivers (Sr. St. Ludivine); Rita Boileau, of St. Pierre Baptiste (Sr. St. Pierre Chrysologue); Cecile Martel, of Joliette (Sr. St. Elzear); Anne Marie Lasalle, of Taftville; Conn. (Sr. Marie Basile); Marie Anna Mathieu, of L'Ange Gardien, Montmorency (Sr. Joseph Albert); Marie Paule Lacombe, of St. Paul, Joliette (Sr. St. Phileas); Jeanne Desrosiers, of Montreal (Sr. St. Jeanne d'Orleans); Marie Paule Sauve, of Montreal (Sr. St. Bernard).

Reverend Father Benoit, of Ahuntsic, presided at the ceremony, while Reverend Father Turcotte, O. P., delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Present in the sanctuary were: Reverend Fathers Derome, of St. Christophe; Deschenes, of St. Dorothee; Rondeau, M. E.; P. A. Granger, O. P.; Stanislas, O. F. M., of Quebec; Rene Poirier, S. M. M., of Dorval; Gustave Sauve, O. M. I., of Richelieu; L. Pauze, C. S. C.; Jean St. Arnaud, S. J.; Leon Lacroix, M. E.; Henri Garant, of Quebec; A. Duplessis, chaplain at our Mother House; Raymond McComber and Leonide Joinville.

Tuesday, August 8

Every year, on the anniversary of the religious profession of our beloved Mother Foundress, which is for us a day of joy and thanksgiving, the Blessed Virgin increases the number of her children by sending us some new little Sisters.

To-day, a considerable number arrive, but in the new wing we have plenty of room for them, as well as for all those whom the loving Queen will later choose as her own.

Sunday, August 13

We were far from thinking that the great annual Departure for the distant missions would, this year, call away from the Novitiate one of our dear Professed Sisters: our English teacher, Sr. Marie du Precieux Sang.

And as the last days she is to remain in her native land will be spent at the Mother House, this evening, we put on, in her honour, a little play, during which we express to her our affection and gratitude. We are deeply impressed by the programme which has been so thoughtfully prepared by our Mistress: a departure hymn, a little mission scene, a monologue, piano and violin selections, and lastly a pretty play, in which we thank her, offer her our best wishes, and tell her of our hope of going, some day, to labour in a foreign land with her.

Oh! joyfully take your leave, beloved Sister; your departure will sadden our hearts and will certainly bring tears to our eyes, but we shall all rejoice in your happiness and our prayers will accompany you to the distant pagan shores to which you will bear the light of Faith with all its consolations.

Sunday, August 27

We had a very good time this evening, thanks to the kindness of our little Sisters, the postulants, who put on a most comical performance. The play, which consisted of three acts, was entitled: "The Bright and the Dark Side of Life." It was something new, for each one had made up her own role; our eyes were greeted by a series of comical events, all very true to life and presented with such picturesqueness that we laughed heartily the whole time: a group of postulants on their way to the convent; their arrival at the Novitiate, and finally their impressions and temptations at the end of the first two weeks... Between the acts, there was music, singing, a recitation and a dialogue. At the close of the pleasant evening, our little Sisters expressed their gratitude in a most charming way for the thoughtful attention shown them in their new abode.

Our dear Mistress thanked them for the pleasure they had procured us and invited them to come back again, telling them that these joyous little performances result in much good, as many are the morals that may be drawn from them and that they, moreover, help to keep alive the family spirit, which we are so anxious to preserve in our dear Institute.

Tuesday, September 5

The elder novices who are preparing to pronounce their First Vows, spend their last days on probation, in silence and in prayer. The six Professed Sisters who are about to unite themselves forever to our Divine Lord come to join them. Every hour of these blessed days of recollection seems, at the same time, to be longsome and fleeting.

Oh! how we long for the arrival of the day of the mystical nuptials! But, for poor human beings such as we, what incessant labour is required in order to render ourselves less unworthy! This delicate task is entrusted to our Immaculate Mother who, better than anyone else, knows how to adorn a soul so that it may be pleasing to her Divine Son.

Friday, September 8

Kneeling in spirit close beside the cradle of the new-born Virgin, we offer her our hearts and our entire lives and entreat her to grant that our offering may be made with the same love and generosity as was her own when, at her birth, she gave herself unreservedly to God. We say special prayers for the Sisters who, in our different Convents, are renewing their Holy Vows this morning. These solemn promises placed in the tiny hands of the Child Mary will, we feel, be very acceptable to God.

This afternoon, sixteen novices make their First Vows, and six Professed Sisters renew their blessed promises *for ever*. Msgr. Piette, P. D., Pastor

of the Cathedral in Joliette, honours us by presiding at the ceremony and kindly consents to deliver a sermon. He speaks eloquently of our holy vocation as being, if faithfully followed, the most perfect realization of the prayer which Our Divine Lord Himself first taught us to say: "Thy Will be done!"

The new spouses of Christ are: Temporary Profession: Sr. St. Leopoldine (Benoite Labelle, of Montreal); Sr. Marie de Massabielle (Anne Marie Levesque, of Westmount); Sr. Imelda de l'Eucharistie (Simonne Boisclair, of Mont Carmel); Sr. Louis de Montfort (Alice Isabelle of Montreal); Sr. Louise de Marie (Amanda Roberge, of Charny); Sr. Marie Benigna (Eva Buteau, of St. Evariste, Co. Frontenac); Sr. St. Adrien (Florence Rouleau, of Coteau Landing); Sr. Ste. Colette (Lucienne Constantin, of Montreal); Sr. Ste. Angelique (Cecile Mathieu, of St. Evariste, Co. Frontenac); Sr. Marie Salomee (Flore Perron, of Rosemere); Sr. Madeleine Marie (Madeleine Loranger, of Westmount); Sr. Jean de Breboeuf (Alice Magnan, of Quebec); Sr. St. Claude (Laurette Roy, of Thetford Mines); Sr. Marie Therese (Marie Therese Roux, of Montreal); Sr. St. Albine (Therese Lemay, of St. Hyacinthe); Sr. Eustelle de l'Eucharistie (Eustelle Samson, of Lauzon).

For Perpetual Vows: Sr. Marie de la Merci (Marie Ange Pothier, of Three Rivers); Sr. Marie de l'Enfant Jesus (Fleur Ange Crevier, of Montreal); Sr. Marie Gertrude (Gertrude Paradis, of Levis); Sr. St. Alban (Marguerite Dionne, of Joliette); Sr. St. Basile (Jeanne Piche, of Quebec); Sr. St. Pierre aux Liens (Therese Dufresne, of Shawinigan Falls).

In the distant Missions: In Manchuria, Sr. Bernardin de Sienne (Antoinette Foisy, of Waterloo); Sr. Therese d'Avila (Therese Sauve, of Montreal); Sr. St. Ulric (Lea Gendron, of St. Ulric). At Tsungming, China: Sr. St. Germain (Imelda Laperriere, of Pont Rouge). In Manilla, P. I.: Sr. St. Christophe (Marie Alice Houde, of Arthabaskaville). At Koriyama, Japan: Sr. Agnes d'Assise (Lucienne Renaud, of Montreal). At Vancouver: Sr. St. Irene (Marthe Giguere, of Ste Marie de Beauce).

Present in the sanctuary were: Very Reverend Canon Avila Roch, Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau; Reverend Fathers A. Derome, of Pont Viau; Eugene Lagace, of Richelieu; Leon Verschelden, of St. Augustin; Emile Cloutier, of Three Rivers; A. Benoit, of St. Nicolas d'Ahuntsic; Ed. Laurin, C. S. C., of St. Laurent; G. de la Cotardiere, Eud.; E. Coquereau, Eud.; J. Belanger, S. J.; H. d'Orsonnens, S. J.; Chas. Chaput, S. J.; J. M. Cadieux, C. S. V.; Henri Ferland, of the Bishop's Palace, Joliette; Philippe Perrier, of Joliette; Charles Rodrigue, of Levis; Joseph Lemay, of the Seminary of St. Hyacinthe; A. Duplessis, chaplain at our Mother House; J. Gariepy, chaplain at our Novitiate; L. Borrel, chaplain at Mont Lasalle; J. Rancourt and Leonide Joinville.

Saturday, September 16

How glad we are to welcome to the Novitiate the group of happy Sisters who will leave, to-morrow, for the far-off Missions! Their happiness causes us to rejoice, inflames our zeal and heightens our apostolic desires.

Unfortunately, they are able to remain but a short time with us, but before leaving the Dovecot for good, they visit every part of it. We then promise to offer up little sacrifices and to pray for one another; our last words of farewell express the hope of meeting again in a foreign land.

Sunday, September 17

His Excellency Bishop Lamarche, of Chicoutimi, honours us with a visit during the forenoon, and tells us that it will be a pleasure for him to preside, this afternoon, at the departure ceremony of three priests of the Foreign Mission Seminary, of two Sulpicians, of six Clerics of St. Viator and of fourteen Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception. His Excellency, then pointing to Very Reverend Canon Roch who has come with him, adds: "As for us, we are not able to leave, Canon Roch must remain in the Seminary, and I, in my diocese but, with our whole hearts, we shall assist by our prayers the Missionaries across the seas, and if God so wills, we shall give them material help and shall prepare evangelical labourers who will represent us in distant pagan lands." Before taking his leave, His Excellency gives us his paternal blessing.

Monday, September 18

Our Mistress who has just returned from the Mother House, rightly believes that the best way to answer our innumerable questions is to give us a detailed account of the departure ceremony which was held in St. Stephen's Church, and of the departure which took place at Windsor Station.

We listen very attentively to the account of the impressive ceremony held yesterday afternoon and, with the greatest emotion, we go in spirit to the Mother House to spend with our dear Sisters their last moments in that cherished abode and are present at the last supper served them by our beloved Mother. How pleased we are to learn that our dear Sisters left with a smile on their lips and with faces beaming with happiness.

Thursday, September 21

At the beginning of recreation, our Mistress tells us that His Excellency Bishop Courchesne of Rimouski, who has been visiting the Foreign Mission Seminary, deigned to pay a short visit to the Novitiate. Unfortunately, owing to the little time he had at his disposal, His Excellency could not have the Sisters assemble to give them his blessing. However, we know that a visit from a Prince of the Church, even though it be a very short one, cannot but help us spiritually, and we do not fail to thank God for the favour bestowed on us.

And what is more, we ask for and obtain a longer recreation this evening in honour of this speedy but nevertheless greatly appreciated visit.

We are more promptly heard when we pray to Mary, for God can refuse her nothing. *St. Anselm.*

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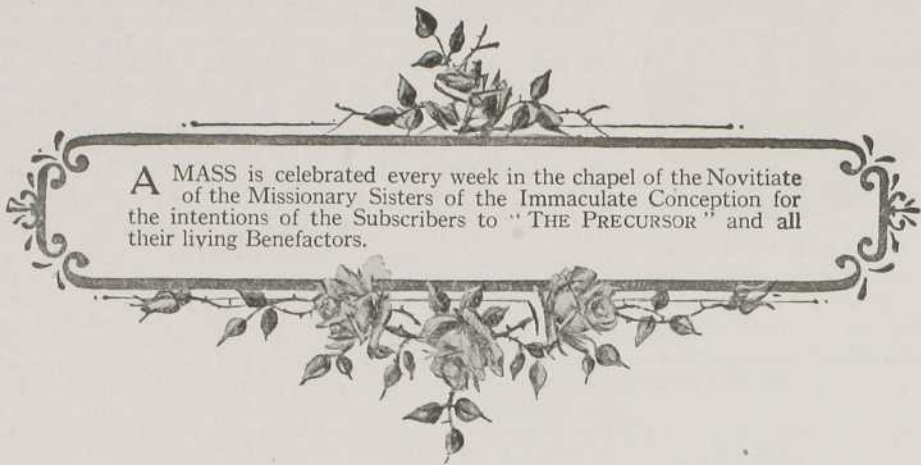


"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection."

BL. HENRY SUZO.

Please accept the enclosed offering for your mission work. It is a thank-offering for a special favour granted me. I am asking your help again for other intentions. Mrs. J. O'C., **Notre Dame de Grace**.—Enclosed please find a small donation offered in thanksgiving for two favours received. E. H. B.—I am renewing my subscription to **THE PRECURSOR** and would ask you to pray to Our Blessed Lady that my husband may get steady work. I will send you an offering if I obtain these favours. Mrs. E. L., **Windsor, Ont.**—The enclosed offering is for two Masses to be said in honour of the Blessed Virgin for the Holy Souls, in thanksgiving for a favour obtained. Mrs. J. S. S., **Whitinsville, Mass.**—I have received a favour and am enclosing a donation for your good work, as promised. Mrs. F. D., **Windsor, Ont.**—Favour obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Mrs. B., **Marlboro, Mass.**—True to my promise, I am sending you an offering in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady who has come to my assistance. Mrs. N. A., **New Bedford, Mass.**—Enclosed you will find an offering for a novena of lights to be burned in honour of Our Immaculate Mother to thank her for a favour granted me after promising to publish my thanksgiving. Mrs. J. A. L., **St. Scholastique**.—I wish to return thanks to the Blessed Virgin for the securing of a position after promising to subscribe to **THE PRECURSOR**. H. T.—I am enclosing my monthly offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby, in thanksgiving to our dear heavenly Mother who has helped me to keep my position. Anonymous, **Montreal**.—Grateful thanks for a favour obtained. A Subscriber, **St. Johnsbury**.—I have had a very successful trip and am gladly fulfilling my promise by sending you a small offering in thanksgiving. Mrs. A. D.—My most grateful thanks for a favour obtained. Mrs. H. R., **Fairfax, Vt.**—Kindly accept this offering in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for favours obtained. M. A. P., **Vimy Ridge**.—Find enclosed a small offering for the ransom of some dying Chinese babies, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. J. L., **Vaucluse**.—I am most grateful to our dear heavenly Mother who has protected me in a wonderful way. Mrs. J. B., **St. Johnsbury**.—Please find enclosed an alms for your missionaries, in thanksgiving for a favour obtained. Miss E. C., **New Bedford**.—I wish to return thanks to the Blessed Virgin who helped me in time of need. Mrs. P. H.—With my subscription I am enclosing the price of a novena of lights, in thanksgiving for favours received. A. G.—Kindly accept this offering which I am sending in thanksgiving for a favour granted me. A. G.—My most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for a favour obtained. P. C., **Montreal**.—My son found work this week. I am very grateful to the Blessed Virgin for this favour and am sending you a small thank-offering. Mrs. B., **Montreal**.—I am enclosing a small donation in favour of the Missions, in thanksgiving for a cure obtained. Mrs. G. L., **St. Prosper**.—Find enclosed an offering for the ransom of four dying Chinese babies, in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favour granted through her intercession. Mrs. A. B., **Hochelaga**.—I wish to thank God and His Holy Mother for all the favours I have received. I am now asking for some others, especially that my two sons may find work. Mrs. E. L.—Kindly accept this small donation for your missions, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. A. L., **Lachine**.—Heartfelt thanks to our Blessed Lady for the favours she has showered upon us. Please ask her to continue to help us. Mrs. J. C., **Verdun**.—My most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for the favours I have received through her intercession. R. R., **Holyoke**.—Find enclosed a Postal Note in favour of your missions, in thanksgiving for favours granted me and to obtain others. A Friend of the Missions.—Some time ago I promised to subscribe to **THE PRECURSOR** if I obtained two favours. My prayers have been answered and I am gladly fulfilling my promise. Mrs. N. T., **Shawinigan Falls**.—An offering for your works, in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for several favours obtained through her intercession. Anonymous.—I am most grateful for the favour I have been granted and am fulfilling my promise by sending you the enclosed donation. Mrs. E. H. D., **Providence, R. I.**—My son-in-law has had steady work ever since I subscribed to **THE PRECURSOR**. May our dear Immaculate Mother be thanked a thousand times over. Mrs. H. C., **St. John**.—I am sending you a subscription to **THE PRECURSOR** as a token of gratitude to Our Blessed Lady for the favours granted me through her intercession. I entreat this good Mother to continue to help us. Mrs. J. M., **Brousseau Station**.—I am enclosing an offering for your missions, in thanksgiving for favours obtained. H. M.—Heartfelt gratitude to our dear

heavenly Mother who has helped me to rent a flat. Please accept the enclosed thank-offering. Mrs. J. R., **Montreal**. — Grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for a cure obtained. Anonymous. — I am sending you a subscription to THE PRECURSOR, in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Lady who has helped us to get settled. Mrs. G. L. — Please find enclosed a thank-offering in honour of the Blessed Virgin and St. Teresa of the Child Jesus through whose intercession I have obtained a favour. Mrs. C. E. McK., **Prevel P. O., P. Q.** — Enclosed please find Money Order in gratitude to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Little Flower of Jesus for a very wonderful favour received. G. C.



Petitions

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

Please find enclosed an offering for a Mass for the Souls in Purgatory. Kindly make a novena to Our Blessed Mother that I may be restored to health. If my request is granted I shall send a donation and subscribe to THE PRECURSOR as long as I live. Mrs. G. M., **Verdun**. — Enclosed please find an offering for a novena of lights to be burned on the Blessed Virgin's altar. Please pray for a special intention. M. J. A., **Montreal**. — Please pray that I may obtain my request. H. C., **Westmount**. — Please include in your prayers several special intentions. I shall send a thank-offering if I obtain any of my requests. Mrs. C. S., **Montreal**. — Will you please say special prayers that my health may be restored. Mrs. A. Clapperton. — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and if I obtain the favour I am asking I shall send a donation. Mrs. K., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — Would you please pray to the Blessed Virgin for me. I promise to send an offering when I regain my health. L. B., **Montreal**. — I am writing to ask you to pray to our Blessed Mother, that through her intercession my sister may obtain employment. I am enclosing a Money Order for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby, and if I obtain this favour, I will send you something more for your wonderful works. H. McG., **Windsor, Ont.** — I am enclosing an offering for a novena of lights at Our Lady's altar, and I shall not forget to send a donation in thanksgiving when the favours I am asking are granted. T.M.F., **Montreal**. — Please pray for me, for I am in great trouble. Miss R.P., **Highgate Centre, Vt.** — I would ask you to pray that my wife may recover her health and that I may find work. Mr. S.C., **Timmins, Ont.** — If I regain my health, I shall subscribe to your review for one year. Mrs. M.L., **Blackstone, Mass.** — Find enclosed my renewal subscription. Please pray that my daughter may discover her

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T., **Montreal.** — I am asking for a number of favours, especially that my two sons who have been out of work for a long time, may find something to do and that one of them may give up going with bad companions who are causing him to lead a wicked life. Mrs. E. H. D., **Providence.** — I recommend to your prayers a little niece of mine who is a good-natured child but who is very hard to bring up. Anonymous, **Boucherville.** — If I am successful in selling my country property, I will send a substantial donation for your far-off missions. Mrs. W. A. B., **Woonsocket.** — I am asking for three spiritual and temporal favours and shall be very grateful if I receive an answer to my prayers. M. A. T., **Quebec.** — I am praying fervently that my daughter and myself may be restored to health, if such be the Holy Will of God. Mrs. O. L., **Earlton, Ont.** — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and would ask you to pray that my son who has been idle for two years may get work. 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Procure for the Missions.

(Founded in 1925)

Benefactors of the Society

of the

Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

1. — **Founders**, those who donate \$1,000.00 or more.

2. — **Protectors**, those who by the donation of \$500.00, provide the dowry and trousseau of a poor novice. By combining their alms, a parish, community or family may have a right to the title.

A Founder's or Protector's Diploma is awarded to persons making the above-mentioned donations.

3. — **Subscribers**, those who give an annual offering of \$2.00.

Associates, those who give the sum of \$2.00 per year.

The Society also considers as Benefactors, all persons who contribute to the maintenance of its works any offering whatever, in money or kind.

Privileges accorded to Benefactors

While commending their Benefactors to God, that He himself may reward them according to their generosity, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception assure them as large a share as possible in the merit of their apostolic labors, as also in the prayers and sufferings of all the poor unfortunates confided to their care.

Besides, Benefactors are entitled to the following spiritual advantages:

1. — A special intention in all the Masses heard and Communions received by the Sisters.

2. — A Mass offered every month for their intentions.

3. — Every Friday in the year, the Sisters offer, for their Benefactors' intentions, their hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the chapel of the Mother House. (The names of Founders and Protectors are deposited on the Altar of Exposition.

4. — For the same intentions, the member of the Community make, every day, the Guard of Honor to Mary, which consists in the continual recitation of the Rosary before the altar of the Blessed Virgin. The evening hours of Canada corresponding with the morning hours of China, as the Guard is closing here, it commences at the Lazaretto of Shek Lung, where the poor lepers, in succeeding groups of fifteen, continue the Perpetual Rosary for the intentions of the Society's Benefactors.

5. — A Requiem High Mass is sung every year for deceased Benefactors.

6. — A share in the merits of the Way of the Cross, made daily by the Sisters, is also accorded to deceased Benefactors.

7. — In the Noviate Chapel of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, two Masses are celebrated every week for all Subscribers to "The Precursor" and for all living and deceased Benefactors.