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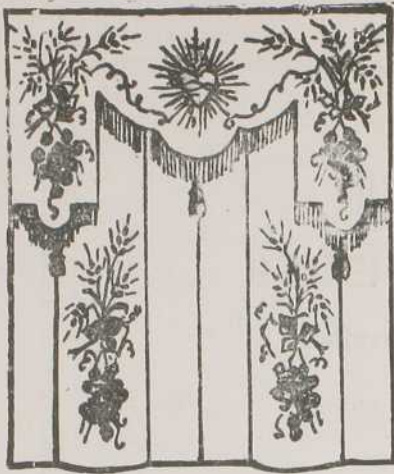
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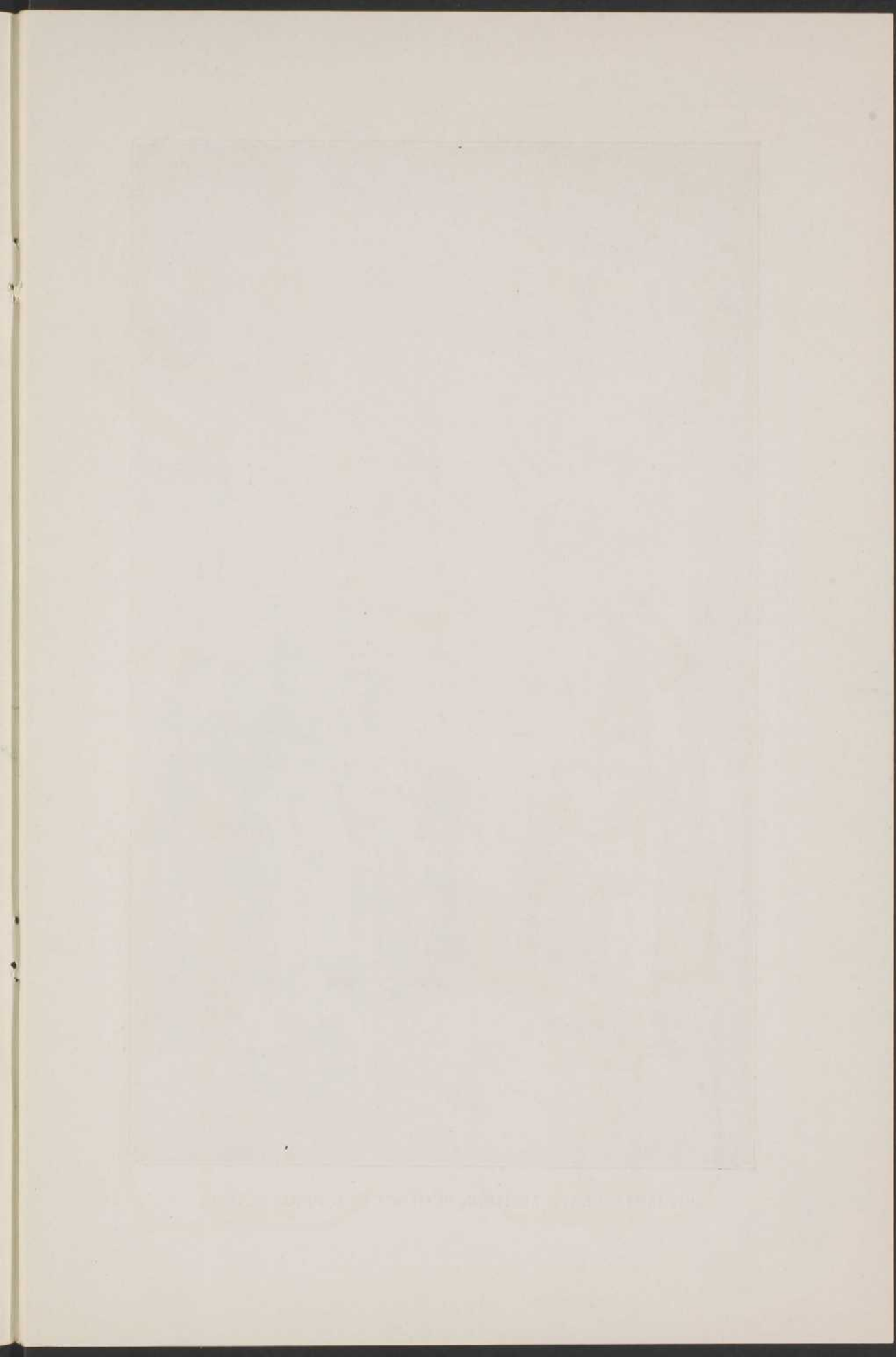
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*The Rosary is the mystic crown
which Christian people place every day
upon the royal head of the Mother of God.*

*It is certainly
the most beautiful flower of human piety
and the most fruitful source of heavenly graces.*

*This prayer is perfect,
because of the praise it offers,
because of the lesson it imparts,
because of the graces it obtains
and the triumph it prepares.*

Pope Benedict XV.





The Rosary

*Roses, roses red and white,
Glowing in the morning light,
Fresh and fragrant at the noon,
Silv'ry sweet beneath the moon;
Never fading, never old,
Blossoming a hundredfold;
Symbols of the heavenly land,
Wet with dew of God's own hand.*

*Roses red, that bring to me
Thoughts of Christ on Calvary,
Roses white, that long endure,
Emblems are of Mary pure,
Ever Virgin undefiled,
Mother of the sinless Child.
Mystery for ages told,
Truth my roses white enfold.*

*Roses, roses red and white,
Glowing in the morning light,
Fresh and fragrant at the noon,
Silv'ry sweet beneath the moon ;
Never fading, never old,
Blossoming a hundredfold.
Constant pledge bespeaking me
Faith and hope and victory.*

— Henry C. McLean.

The Holy Rosary Devotion

THE primordial duty of all Christians is to follow in the footsteps of the head of the Church, the Sovereign Pontiff, not only concerning what is to be believed, but also as regards their rule of life, for the Vicar of Christ has received divine light and is capable of teaching all the faithful what they should do as well as what they should believe. Ever since the Holy Rosary devotion was introduced, the Sovereign Pontiffs have never ceased to praise it highly. Pope Urban IV affirmed that all Christian nations were daily being benefitted by it; Pope Sixtus IV said that this way of praying gives glory to God and to the Blessed Virgin and that it is especially adapted to protect the world from the dangers threatening it; Pope Leo X declared that this devotion sprang into existence in order to combat the arch heretics and to serve as an antidote against all heresies, and Pope Julius III styled it the glory of the Church. St. Pius V, also, said that, by the spreading of the Rosary prayers, the faithful began to pray and to meditate with greater fervour and that all then began to lead better lives, the shadow of heresy was dispelled and the light of the true Faith shone forth brilliantly. Pope Gregory XIII, in turn, declared that St. Dominic established the Rosary Devotion in order to appease an angry God and to implore the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. But no pope laboured with so much zeal for the spread of this devotion as did His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. In 1883, he began, by the most stirring exhortations, to persuade all Catholics to take an interest in this form of prayer and to recite the Rosary either privately or in common. After the example of his glorious and holy predecessors, especially the great and immortal Pius V, he lifted up anew, among the Christians, Mary's standard and asked the bishops, priests and all the faithful to join in a spiritual crusade against the sworn enemies of God and of His Son Jesus Christ. Reminding them all that, when God so wills, the Blessed Virgin is as "terrible as an army in battle array," and mentioning numerous signal victories which are unquestionably due to her intercession, the Sovereign Pontiff urged them to have confidence, aroused their zeal and finally succeeded in having supplications wafted to Our Lady from all over the world! As there was no change for the better and the pride of God's enemies seemed to be ever increasing, Pope Leo XIII yearly repeated his entreaties, asking all to persevere instead of growing weary. After having set aside one month for the Holy Rosary Devotion, he declared, by a decree of September 11th, 1887, that the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary was to be a second-class feast with a double rite. In 1888, repeating and developing his holy entreaties, so as to persuade both the clergy and the laity to have an even greater devotion to the glorious Mother of God, he prescribed for the Feast, which was to be observed on the first Sunday of October, a special Mass and office. He also ordered that the invocation: *Regina sacratissimi Rosarii, ora pro nobis*, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us! be inserted in

the Litany of Loretto. In order to render the Rosary Devotion more solemn, he expressed the wish that the Litany of the Most Blessed Virgin be recited before the Blessed Sacrament exposed, during the October devotions, that a touching prayer to St. Joseph, the worthy and powerful spouse of Our Lady, be read and that Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament be given. And, in order that the faithful might be more zealous in performing these holy exercises, he opened for them the treasury of indulgences.

The highest authority upon earth earnestly recommends to us the Holy Rosary Devotion: this is a particular reason for prizing it.

— Extract from *La Reine du Paradis* by Rev. Chs. ROLLAND.

Departure for China



On Sunday, September 2nd, five priests of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau: Reverend Fathers Rene Bedard, of St. Clement's Parish, Viauville; Lucien Sarrazin, of St. Cecilia's Parish, Montreal; Philippe Lamothe, of St. Aime, Co. Richelieu; Armand Asselin, of St. Thomas, Co. Joliette, and Roland Boule, of Fall River, Mass.; and five Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception: Sister Blandine de Jesus (Blandine Simard, of Roberval); Sister Marie du Perpetuel Secours (Florine Morin, of Montreal); Sister St. Clement (Juliette Maltais, of Sacre Cœur, Co. Saguenay); Sister St. Alexandre (Alexandrine Surprenant, of St. Alexandre, Co. Iberville) and Sister St. Edmond (Irma De Ladurantaie, of Cap St. Ignace), left Montreal for the distant Vicariate Apostolic of Szeping kai, Manchuria.

The Departure Ceremony, which was presided over by His Excellency Mgr. A. Desmarais, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Hyacinthe, was carried out with all customary pomp at St. Cecilia's Church, Montreal.

A similar ceremony, presided over by His Excellency Mgr. J.A. Papineau, Bishop of Joliette, was held, the same day, at St. Viator's Church, Outremont, for two Clerics of St. Viator, Reverend Brothers Paquette of Montreal, and Bourgeault, of St. Lambert, are also leaving to labour for the salvation of the pagans in the Vicariate of Szeping kai.

That same evening, the twelve missionaries assembled at Windsor St. Station, where a crowd of relatives and friends had gathered to bid them farewell. At seven o'clock, the train pulled out, bearing away these new Messengers of the Gospel. May the sweet "Star of the Sea" guide them safely to their destination and grant them a fruitful apostolate among the heathen!



His Excellency Mgr. Anastase Forget

First Titular Bishop of St. John (Quebec)

Consecrated at St. John, June 29th, 1934.

At St. John, Quebec

ON the 28th and the 29th of June, some memorable events occurred in St. John, Quebec: this city witnessed the enthronement and the consecration of its first bishop, His Excellency Mgr. Forget, and had the honour of being raised to the rank of an episcopal city. *Habebitis hunc diem in monumentum: et celebrabitis eum solemnem Domino in generationibus vestris cultu sempiterno.* (1)

The city of St. John, owing to its advantageous position on the Richelieu River, was destined to become an important commercial centre. The railway systems actually existing, together with the transportation facilities which the river has always provided, have had much to do with its growth. The Indian tribes engaged in warfare, sailed on this river, which has been called, for this reason, Iroquois River; on it also sailed the New England troops which made a few attacks on New France. It is not surprising, therefore, that St. John, which was formerly known as Fort St. John, was, from the very beginning, an important post on the fertile and historical plain along the Richelieu River.

Near it passed our saintly missionaries: Father Isaac Jogues, in particular, began to suffer on the banks of this river the glorious and cruel martyrdom which was to procure him, in our own time, the honours of the altar.

St. John is a thriving city: it counts three parishes, a famous classical college, a hospital which has just been repaired and considerably enlarged; flourishing institutions and industries which ensure it a rapid commercial development. But, above all, its inhabitants are closely united and open-hearted; their characteristics, as stated in the address read to the new bishop, are a deep attachment to their faith and great charity.

And it was into this historical city and among these "responsive" people, that His Excellency Mgr. A. Forget made his way. His entry was a triumphal one.

Under a sky from which the rain has just fallen, the city of St. John, at the moment the sun goes down, is literally covered with flags and banners, and a little later, when the shadows gather, it will be lit up with thousands of lights which will sparkle like diamonds. Seldom has one seen such an artistic illumination. The citizens flock the streets in the neighbourhood of the old church, which seems to proudly proclaim that it has been a cathedral for three days past. On seeing such crowds, one would think that all the people in the city were there. But on entering the church, one notices that the immense congregation is made up of citizens of St. John. And it would be very interesting to know just how long these faithful souls have been awaiting their Chief Pastor's arrival. One thing is certain, and that is, that the spacious church is filled to overflowing.

1. *Brev. romanum*, 2 julii in comm. proec.

Out-of-doors, there is a procession. First, come several priests, all wearing surplices, after them march a number of bishops accompanied by chaplains, the bishop-elect himself under a canopy and, last of all, the Apostolic Delegate.

It is a most impressive sight.

Now that the clergy and the parishioners have filled both the sanctuary and the body of the church, the ceremony of enthronement takes place.

And, to-morrow morning, the solemn consecration ceremony will be held.

As the newspapers have given in detail the texts of the discourses and the names of those present, we shall not repeat them.

We desire but to respectfully offer, in closing, our good wishes to the new bishop and to the people of his beautiful diocese. On hearing quoted or on reading certain passages from sermons telling of the labours, the preoccupations, the sublimity and the consolations of the episcopal task, a text from the Psalms comes to our minds. The following is a paraphrase by Cardinal Touchet.

In the autumn, the sower, going up and down his long furrows, scatters therein handfuls of seed with an easy and rythmical gesture. He should, indeed, be happy, for he is sowing in view of the harvest, but, on the contrary, he feels very sad. Tired out and worried, he wonders whether his toil will be of any use: *Euntes ibant et flebant, mittentes semina sua*; Going they went and wept, casting their seeds. This may be accounted for, for is the sower certain that the seed is going to take root? Will it not be destroyed owing to the inclemency of the weather? Will it not be eaten up by the birds of the air?

Nevertheless, he goes on his way, urged on by the noblest love: a holy love for his people, a legitimate love for his fields and an inviolable love for his wheat. On he goes!

Go forth, O sower, Spring will soon come. and gay larks will sing proudly above thy sunlit furrows. Yes, go forth, O sower. As the result of thy love, wheat to nourish mankind will soon spring up.

Thou wilt be rewarded for thy love. *Venientes venient cum exultatione, portantes manipulos suos*. Coming they shall come with joyfulness, carrying their sheaves.

Our wish is that the sheaves of the new bishop of St. John may be magnificent ones.

A. HARBOUR.

(Translated.)



Let us do our share in spreading the true faith and true worship of God, that from all lands and all people the canticle of praise may swell ever stronger and mightier till it reaches the very throne of the Most High: "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost."

H. J. Fischer.



To the Holy Angels

*Michael, prince of highest Heaven!
Noblest of celestial ranks,
Lowly singing in thy honour,
Bring we now our meed of thanks;
Mighty victor, all-resplendent,
Next to Mary thou dost reign;
Come and bless us with thy presence,
Bring with thee thy heavenly train.*

*Gabriel, silver-tongued and glorious,
Raphael, healer of our woes,
Blessed Angels! gentle guardians!
Be our aid, repel our foes.
Breathe into our hearts your sweetness,
Fill them with sweet love divine;
May your gracious presence ever
Round your charge protecting shine.*


*We will honour, we will love you,
Blessed spirits! more and more,
Our devotion still increasing,
As your favours on us pour.
Till with you for ever singing,
In a glad, unending strain,
God, the Father, Son, and Spirit,
Where the blessed ever reign.*

— Selected.

The Progress of the Church

NECESSARY CO-OPERATION OF ALL CHRISTIANS

(Continued)

 HE converting of the pagans should be and is, indeed, the chief concern of Holy Mother Church. She regards this apostolic undertaking as her particular duty and She does all in Her power to see that it is promptly and well performed. But, before going any further, we should stop to ask ourselves upon what members of the Church this serious duty devolves *in concreto*?

Upon the Sovereign Pontiff, first of all. Far from wishing to be dispensed from this sacred obligation, Pius XI fulfils it with all the zeal with which his heart is inflamed. "As long as Divine Providence shall continue Us in life, this duty of Our apostolic office shall keep us always solicitous, because, after pondering on the fact that the pagans still number almost a billion, We have no rest in our spirit (II Cor. 2, 13) and We seem to hear sounding in Our ears: "Cry, cease not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet." (Isaias 58, 1).

The Sovereign Pontiff does not consider himself as being the only one who should take part in such a great enterprise; he immediately appeals to the Hierarchy in the following unequivocal terms: "Christ," he writes to them, "enjoined not only Peter, whose chair We occupy, but all the Apostles, whose successors you are: "Go ye into the whole world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." (Mark 16, 15). It is evident from this that the responsibility of propagating the Faith belongs to Us, on condition that you must unhesitatingly share the work with Us and help Us as much as your own particular pastoral duties will permit. Accordingly, do not consider it irksome, Venerable Brothers, to comply as good sons, with Our exhortations, for, from Us, God shall one day demand a strict accounting of this great obligation."

Here, we cannot refrain from mentioning once again how praiseworthy is the work of our Bishops, who have founded a Foreign Mission Seminary, who have never ceased to prove their devotedness and to show their sympathy to the missionary congregations, who have organized the great pontifical works on a more solid basis, and who have made it their duty to establish the Missionary Union of the Clergy in our country.

The Clergy should not imagine that they have performed their duty, and that nothing remains to be done after they have watched over the Christians to whose spiritual needs they minister and have fed the flock confided to their care. If they were to reason thus, the Sovereign Pontiff would soon convince them of their error. "If none of the faithful," continues Pope Pius XI, "can claim exemption from this duty, can the clergy who, by their moral election and vocation, participate in the priesthood and apostolate of Jesus Christ?"

To co-operate in the evangelization of the pagans is not exclusively the work of the Pope, Bishops and Clergy, it is a duty resting upon all

those who, admirably privileged by Divine Providence, have received the precious Gift of Faith and who enjoy the benefits which flow from it.

Who again reminds them of this truth? It is the illustrious Pope of the Missions, the born protector of all missionaries, who says: "There is no need to insist on how foreign it is to the virtue of charity, which embraces God and all men, for those who belong to the Fold of Christ, not to have a care for the rest who are unhappily straying without the Fold. Surely the duty of charity that binds us to God demands not only that we strive to increase with all our power the number of those who know and adore Him in spirit and in truth (John 4, 24), but also that we bring under the rule of the most amiable Saviour as many as possible, in order that from day to day we may render ourselves more acceptable to Him to whom nothing can be more acceptable than that men be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Since Jesus Christ proclaimed that the special mark of His disciples would be that they loved one another, can we vouchsafe to our neighbours a greater or a more signal charity, than that of having them withdrawn from the darkness of superstition, and instructed in the true faith of Christ? Nay, this surpasses any other works or testimonials of charity, as the mind surpasses the body; heaven, earth; eternity, time."

Before him, His Holiness Benedict XV, of holy memory, wrote: "It is gratifying to address all those who, by a special favour of the merciful God, are in possession of the true Faith and share in its innumerable benefits. They should first of all consider by what sacred obligations they are bound to lend their support to the missions among infidels, *for God gave to every one of them a commandment concerning his neighbour* (Eccl. XVII, 12), which commandment is all the more urgent, as our neighbour is under a greater necessity. Who, in fact, stands in greater need of our brotherly assistance than the Gentile races which, in ignorance of God, are enslaved to blind and unbridled instincts, and live under the awful servitude of the evil one? Whoever, therefore, contributes, as far as in him lies, to enlighten them, chiefly by helping the missionaries, performs his duty in the work of the greatest moment, and acquits himself, in a manner most acceptable, of the debt of gratitude he owes to God for the grace of his own Faith."

And why must Catholics be faithful to this sacred apostolic duty? Because of the gifts they have received in the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Stamped with the divine seal by the pouring of the Sacred Waters and marked by the Holy Spirit, Christians, in some way, participate in the priesthood of Christ, whose chief object was the giving of glory to His Father and the saving of mankind. Therefore, every Christian should deem it his duty to give glory to God while labouring for the salvation of his neighbour.

All Christians should deem it a personal duty to help the Missions as much as lies within their power. Not to do so when they have learned of this duty and have the necessary means (and who is not able to pray and to give a donation, when we see money being spent so frivolously all around us?) is a sin of omission. Sins of omission are remarked less and easily

go unnoticed. Such may not be said of sinful words and deeds which attract our attention and cause us to reflect. Some of these sins of omission weigh heavily upon the conscience of Catholics, and neglecting to help the Missions is one of them.

Every Christian should feel that it is his fault that some of the billion pagans are still ignorant and groping in darkness. If they were but courageous enough to stop and think, how many Catholics could say: "I could have helped to save these immortal souls created by God and redeemed by the Blood of Jesus Christ. Not only did I fail to help them of my own accord, but I even refused to co-operate financially or otherwise, when I was asked to do so." God will ask such Catholics to render an account for this sin of omission. Does not the one who refuses to give a poor man a piece of bread which will keep him alive, commit a grievous sin against charity and would he not be guilty before God if he sanctimoniously watched him breathing his last without seeking to relieve him? And would it not be, also, a grievous sin against charity not to bother about saving a paralytic who is being burned to death? Would not the blood of this poor unfortunate cry to heaven for vengeance?

But it is a far greater duty for us to lend the pagans a helping hand. It is not a question of saving a human life or of drawing a poor wretch out of the flames, but one of snatching souls from the devil and from hell's fire, in order to give them supernatural life and the eternal glory which crowns it.

If, through neglect or ill-will, we have never done anything for these souls, can we doubt but that God will one day ask us to render a strict account for such conduct. On Whit Sunday, 1922, His Holiness Pope Pius XI clearly explained the responsibility weighing upon everyone's conscience. He spoke as follows: "Let everyone hearken to our appeal and come to the aid of the souls which are groping in darkness, souls redeemed by Christ. Little have we thought, during our life, of the strict account we must render to God if but one soul is lost because we have hesitated or have not been generous, if but one missionary is obliged to stop owing to the lack of funds with which we could have supplied him and which we refused."

Therefore, all that is required of us is to co-operate in the work of the Redemption. For nearly two thousand years, Christ has been carrying on this divine work and has been calling labourers into His vineyard, but how many have refused and still refuse to listen to Him? Such a refusal is due to ignorance and neglect. And what is most painful to our divine Lord is to see that those who should be His co-workers sometimes take hold of a pickaxe in order to undermine, openly or in secret, the rock upon the Church is built.

Let us learn what our duty really is and take a firm resolution to perform it.

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The first thought which presents itself to the mind is that one must not think that he is being called upon only to give a small alms to the missionary

who asks his help, but he must realize that it is a contribution that he, in conscience, owes him.

A second reflection is that old newspapers, tinfoil and cancelled stamps do not bring in enough money to supply the funds required for the converting of the world. If the Missions are to receive the amount which His Holiness Pope Pius XI asks and which present-day needs call for, not only must the poor open their purses, but the rich, to whom God has given a great deal, must bravely do their share. Up to now, with but a few exceptions, aid has been given us by those in poor circumstances.

Why do we not notice among Catholics in general, especially among those who have been blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, that apostolic spirit and proselytism found among Protestants? Mgr. de Guebriant, Superior General of the Paris Foreign Mission Seminary, has made investigations and he gives us two of the chief reasons. The first is that Protestants look upon the command to spread Christianity among pagan nations, which is given in the Gospel, as a personal duty. On the contrary, when Catholics do something for the Missions, they believe that they are performing a real act of charity and that they are doing something over and above what is necessary and which neither their religion nor their conscience asks of them.

The Protestants, ever on the alert in order to discover apologetical proofs in favour of the sect to which they belong, are very glad to prove the value of their church by enumerating their thriving missions, they attribute their achievements to the Holy Spirit and they are for them a subject of legitimate and supernatural pride. Catholics, who profess a creed which they do not know how anyone can regard as a doubtful one, take no interest in the progress of the Catholic Church throughout the world and, very often attend solely to their own city and parish needs. It can easily be seen that this is astounding narrow-mindedness, which it would be well to do away with.

I should be very grateful to anyone who could tell me how to solve such a difficult problem.

Clovis RONDEAU, P. M. E.

(Translated.)

A Word of Thanks

We wish to express our lively gratitude to the pupils of St. Thomas Aquinas' School, directed by the Reverend Sisters of St. Ann, for their generosity in behalf of our mission in Hong Kong, China.

May Our Immaculate Lady, Queen of the Missions, bestow her choicest blessings upon the pupils of this school and their devoted teachers.

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

The First Saturday Devotion

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

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

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

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

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

Know that of all devotions the most pleasing to Mary is to have frequent recourse to her, asking for favours.

St. Alphonsus.



With the passing of Very Reverend Dean J. J. Gnam, Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Chatham, Ont., the Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception have lost one of their devoted benefactors.

As a token of their lively gratitude, these Sisters will keep the deceased in prayerful remembrance and they earnestly ask the prayers of their subscribers for the repose of his soul.

"The Charity of Christ Presseth Me"

THE great Apostle St. Paul, whose heart was enkindled with the fire of divine love, continually travelled over land and water, braving all kinds of perils and overcoming all obstacles, in order to preach the Gospel to every nation; he could take no rest: "The charity of Christ," he would exclaim, "presseth me."

Like this apostle, devout persons in the world sometimes hear, deep down in their hearts, the voice of Jesus, who is inviting them to do something worthwhile, to spend themselves for Him who has loved them so much, to bring souls to Him, but they wonder how they are to go about it... they are already doing their best to perform their duties as parents, they are charitable and give to local works according to their means and they even help the Missions, but what else is to be done?... Read the following and see for yourselves what zealous women may do in the world.

On June 20th, was displayed at the Mother House of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, 314 St. Catherine Road, Outremont, all the needlework done during the year as well as the gifts given by the Ladies of the Workroom dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Ghost and the girls of the St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Sewing Circle, benefactresses of the missions of these Missionary Sisters.

What was to be seen at this exhibition? Almost everything required for three poor chapels in mission lands: sacred vessels, missals, canons, candlesticks, crucifixes, votive light glasses, sanctuary lamps, a hand-painted tabernacle veil and ciborium covers, altar linens, vestments, etc. These beautiful altar linens, which are so well made, are due to the patient labour of two groups of active and zealous Workers. But where have these chasubles, burses, stoles, and maniples come from?... Here is the answer: old vestments, etc., were given to the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who, being poor, made them over after pressing them, and they will now be gratefully accepted by the Sisters on the Missions who have no vestimentary, owing to the lack of vestments.

There are also some very precious souvenirs... gifts from a generous benefactor, Reverend Father Boulais, who died in Outremont, on June 11th. Here are his two chalices, his alb, his vestments, etc., which he bequeathed to the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, whose works he always loved to help along. The Community, out of gratitude, will ever remember the revered deceased in their prayers.

This is not all... on one of the tables are displayed bedspreads, little dresses, sweaters, stockings, shoes, etc., which will be sent to the Sisters on the Missions, that they may clothe the unfortunate children they receive and whom they look after in their foundling-homes, orphanages and schools. The skilful workers have made most of these clothes out of samples and scraps of cloth.

This display means that much work has been done, much devotedness shown, and that many gifts have been donated, but, like the water which,



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EXHIBITION OF THE WORK DONE BY THE PUPILS OF DE LANAUDIÈRE SCHOOL, C. N. D.

drop by drop, finally fills up the basin into which it falls, little by little have these Workers, during their pleasant weekly meetings, fashioned the numerous articles which we have admired. The happiness which is theirs on account of doing such good would be doubled, if they could but see how happy are our Missionaries and all the little ones confided to their care, on receiving these goods, but their merit, which is still greater, has already been borne by the angels to the Throne of our loving God, who gives an apostle's reward to the one who helps the apostle.

The meetings of the members of the Workroom dedicated to Our Lady of the Holy Ghost and of the St. Teresa of the Child Jesus Sewing Circle, suspended during the summer holidays, will be held again in September. New members for either of these Circles will be made welcome.

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception wish to express their lively gratitude to the members of other Circles and to the different persons who have also helped them by sending them altar linens and children's clothing.

LITTLE HELPERS OF THE MISSIONARIES

Letter to the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception

De Lanaudiere School, C. N. D., Joliette, June 8th, 1934.

REVEREND SISTER SUPERIOR,

The pupils of the Third and Fifth Grades are happy to present to you the fruits of the sacrifices which they made in order to help the Missions.

This year, as you may see for yourself, Reverend Sister Superior, we saved up our money and devoted our spare time to the making of clothing. In order to save the souls of the pagan children we offered God every stitch.

We are pleased to send you :

<i>6 bedspreads</i>	<i>18 pillow-cases</i>
<i>35 towels</i>	<i>22 washcloths</i>
<i>35 little dresses</i>	<i>16 aprons</i>
<i>28 bibs</i>	<i>3 nightgowns</i>
<i>6 undervests</i>	<i>14 combinations</i>
<i>20 woollen sweaters</i>	<i>10 tams and woollen bonnets</i>
<i>4 capes</i>	<i>9 pair of mitts</i>
<i>25 pair of stockings</i>	<i>41 handkerchiefs</i>
<i>11 handles</i>	<i>27 bars of soap</i>
<i>5 tubes of tooth paste</i>	<i>5 tooth brushes</i>
<i>5 combs</i>	<i>6 Rosaries</i>
<i>1 white woollen shawl 2 boxes of prizes for good little Chinese children.</i>	

Reverend Sister Superior, we have a great favour to ask you. Will you allow us to send our package to Sister Mary of the Holy Family, a Missionary Sister labouring in Szepingkai, Manchuria.

We wish, by so doing, to repay our kind teacher, the sister of Sister Mary of the Holy Family. (1)

Allow us to offer you the last of our savings to cover part of the shipping charges.

Kindly accept, Reverend Sister Superior, the homage of our respect and rest assured that we are praying very fervently for the success of your Works.

Rolande RIVEST, pupil of the 5th Grade.

Commendation of a Catholic School

IN THE VICARIATE OF SZEPIINGKAI.

JUST lately, there appeared in the "*Ta T'oung Je Pao*," a newspaper published in Manchukouo, an article in which the "*Kouang Hoa Siao*" (2), the school of the Catholic Mission of Taonan, was highly praised. This article was signed by the members of the school board and the principals of the schools of Taonan. The following is a translation of it:

"Truly, the *Kouang Hoa Siao*, the school of the Catholic Mission of Taonan has had, ever since its establishment, the most competent and devoted principal and teachers. In fact, the *Kouang Hoa Siao*, whether its organization, its course of studies or its discipline be considered, is one of the best schools in the city of Taonan, and is, accordingly, of interest to visitors.

On January 1st, 1934, the pupils of this school acted a tragedy before the public. The chief officials of the city and the principals and teachers of all the other schools were present. The hall was filled to overflowing. After the principal had made a speech fitting to the occasion, the play began. No one would ever have thought that it could have been acted so well. It was the first performance in this school, and although children did the acting, we could truly say that it was the best we had ever seen. From a moral point of view, it was an excellent and very appropriate one. During the cold spell when many were suffering from want, all the good-living people were asked to be charitable and the wicked, to repent of the evil they had done and to do good. It is indeed a most beautiful ideal, one that should be possessed by every inhabitant of Manchukouo who wishes to see his country develop. All the spectators were able to see for themselves that the principal and the teachers of the *Kouang Hoa Siao* put their whole heart and soul into the beautiful work they are doing.

After the performance, the principal kindly took us through the girls' boarding-school, which is very pretty and in the best of order. In a large

1. Marie Rose ST. PIERRE, of Boucherville.

2. *Kouang Hoa Siao* means school of light. It is the name that has been given to the Catholic School of Taonan.

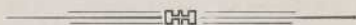


A GROUP OF GIRLS AT OUR WORKROOM, TAONAN, MANCHURIA.

room was artistically displayed the work done by the pupils: compositions, drawings, embroidered articles, etc. It was a real pleasure for the visitors to examine this work, for, at the same time, they could see what knowledge and good taste the teachers possessed as well as the encouraging progress the pupils had made.

We hope that the principal and the teachers of the *Kouang Hoa Siao* will continue to labour for it with the same clear-sightedness and zeal. Thus, it will ever be the best school in the city of Taonan and will always set the others an example."

The school of the Catholic Mission of Taonan was established in 1931, by Reverend Father Eugene Berger, P. M. E. It counts 750 pupils, seven classes in the Junior Grades, four, in the Senior Grades and a class preparing for the Normal School which will be opened this year. There are fifteen teachers including a missionary priest, two Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and a Japanese layman. Last year, there was a great exhibition of all the work done by the pupils of the different schools of the city. The Mission school headed them all and came second in the contest of Olympic games. There are altogether seventeen schools in Taonan, three of which are private ones.



Verily I know of no practice of devotion better calculated than the Rosary to rivet the attention, increase piety, promote fervor in prayer or to excite the mind to deep and salutary thought, and the heart to union with God.

Rohrbacher.

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 use the enclosed in connection with your Mission work in China, in honour of the Little Flower for favour received. A Friend, **Montreal**. — Please find enclosed a donation which I wish to go towards the Little Flower Burse. This is in acknowledgment of favours received. Mrs. H. H., **Montreal**. — In thanksgiving for a favour received through the intercession of St. Therese of the Child Jesus, I am sending an offering to ransom two dying Chinese babies. Miss K. M., **Vancouver, B. C.**

— I am enclosing an offering in honor of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who has obtained me a favour. Mrs. L., **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — In thanksgiving for a temporal favour received through the intercession of the Little Flower of Jesus, I am enclosing an offering for the ransom of some Chinese babies. J. J. — Enclosed is a small offering in honor of the Little Flower of Jesus, through whose intercession I have obtained some favours. A

Friend. — Kindly accept the enclosed donation for the Little Flower Burse. Please pray that my mother may be restored to health. E. C., **Montreal**. — I am enclosing an offering for the Little Flower Burse, in thanksgiving for success in business.

Mrs. E. L., **Montreal**. — Please find enclosed an offering for the Missions, in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. I am very grateful to this dear protectress. Mrs. G. — I wish to express my lively gratitude to the little Patroness of Missionaries, who has obtained me a favour. I am enclosing an offering for the Burse in her honour. H. L., **Outremont**. — I am sending you an offering in thanksgiving to the dear

"Scatterer of Roses", who has obtained me great relief. I hope to be completely restored to health, if such be the Holy Will of God. Mrs. E. L., **L'Orignal, Ont.** — I am truly thankful to the Little Flower for the favour she has granted me: for a while I had such sore eyes that I could neither read nor write and I was afraid that I was going to lose my sight. Before being operated on, I prayed to the dear Little Flower and my operation was a successful one. I am enclosing a thank-offering. Mrs. L. D., **Pawtucket**. — I have been successful in my examinations

and wish to return thanks to the Little Flower of Jesus for her assistance. I am sending you an offering, as promised. Please publish my thanksgiving in *THE PRECURSOR*. M. E., **Philipsburg**. — I am sending you a Postal Note in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, through whose intercession I have received a favour. S. M., **Aylmer East**. — Please accept this small donation towards the Little Flower Burse. It is a thank-offering from a sick lady. M. A. P., **Outremont**. — I return most heartfelt thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who has obtained me a favour. I trust that she will continue to watch over me. I am in need of help. Mrs. E. B., **Montreal**. — Some time ago, I promised St. Therese that I would send you a small offering in her honour, I am now fulfilling my promise. Please use this money for your missions. A Lover of the Missions. — I am most grateful to the Little Flower, who has hearkened to my prayers. Mrs. H. R. M., **Montreal**. — The enclosed offering is in thanksgiving to the dear Patroness of Missionaries, through whose intercession I have obtained a favour. M. E. P. — I have received a favour and to thank the Little Flower of Jesus I am enclosing an offering for her Burse. Anonymous, **Outremont**. — I have received a favour through the intercession of the little Patroness of Missionaries and I am most grateful to her. A. R. B., **Montreal**. — St. Teresa of the Child Jesus has obtained me a favour, for which I am truly thankful. I am enclosing a Postal Note in favour of your Works. Mrs. R. M., **Notre Dame de Grace**. — In fulfillment of a promise made but a short time ago, I am sending you an offering in honour of the Little Flower. I would like you to use it to ransom

a Chinese baby. Anonymous. — Please find enclosed an offering for the Little Flower Burse, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. F. G., **St. Joseph d'Alma**. — Please find enclosed an offering for your missions, in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for a favour granted me. A. T. L., **Ste. Agathe des Monts**. — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR in thanksgiving for a favour granted me through the intercession of the Little Flower of Jesus. Mrs. E. G., **Fauquier, Ont.**

In His burning thirst upon Calvary Jesus longs for the faith of those for whom He shed His Blood.

St. Augustine.

Let the servants of Mary perform every day, and especially on Saturday, some work of charity for her sake.

St. Alphonsus.

I feel within myself the vocation to be a warrior, a priest, an apostle, a doctor of the Church, a martyr. I wish to accomplish deeds of heroism. I feel within myself the courage of a crusader, and I long to die on the fields of battle in defence of the Church.

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

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

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

OFFERINGS FOR THE "LITTLE FLOWER" BURSE.

We shall 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 July-August	1933	\$58.15
In July-August	"	12.25	In September-October	"	41.60
In September-October	"	85.00	In November-December	"	60.75
In November-December	"	38.40	In January-February	1934	38.75
In January-February	1933	77.00	In March-April	"	15.00
In March-April	"	18.25	In May-June	"	17.50
In May-June	"	30.75	In July-August	"	26.45



Echoes from our Missions

SHEK LUNG LAZARETTO

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Missionary Sisters, Hospitaliers
at the Lazaretto of Shek Lung, China.*

Sunday, February 25, 1934

We have received a visit from two Dominican Fathers, who were accompanied by Reverend Father Marsigny, Director of the Lazaretto. These two priests, while visiting Canton, happened to hear of the Lazaretto on the Island of Shek Lung and decided to go to see it. One of them was greatly surprised when he learned that he was in the leper colony for which Reverend Father Conrardy had solicited alms in his parish in the United States, when he was but a lad. He had even served Mass for "the priest with long whiskers," as the children of that place called him. Father Conrardy won the sympathy of all the Americans, who became interested in his plans for the establishing of a leper settlement. These plans have been carried out and the altar boy of long ago, who has become a missionary, is able, to-day, to admire the work for which his countrymen contributed so generously. How unsearchable are the designs of Almighty God! May we not imagine that He wished, by such unexpected thoughtfulness, to repay this former altar boy for giving an alms to the priest labouring among the lepers or for doing him some favour. The Reverend Dominican Father knew that Father Conrardy was dead, but he was under the impression that he had been laid to rest in the leper settlement at Molokai, beside Father Damien, with whom he had laboured for several years and whom he had the happiness of preparing for death.

Monday, March 12

This morning, two of our young people who came to the Lazaretto very soon after it was established, left for Toung Koug, a neighbouring district, in order to get married. It is the first time since the opening of the Lazaretto that an event of the kind has occurred, but it will not be the last, for there is already another scheduled. Several of our children who arrived here with their leper parents, have not contracted the dread disease. Here,

these young people are known as the *Sam toy* — the children of the third generation, whom, it appears, leprosy never lays hold of. But there is nothing to assure one that their descendants will not be lepers.

While fireworks were being exploded all around her, the young lady, followed by all the leper women, embarked on the "Star of the Sea" along with her mother and a few companions, while the gentleman, accompanied by Reverend Father Marsigny, took another boat. After the marriage ceremony, the happy couple got on the train, their destination being the new leper colony which the Reverend Maryknoll Fathers have just opened and for which they asked our help.

Friday, March 16

We have taken in a young leper woman who has been working for a family in Hong Kong for the last eight years. Although she has had blotches for a long time past, her master probably unaware that they were the symptoms of leprosy, kept her until an attack of fever left him no longer in doubt. Then it was that he decided to send her to Canton. While there, she met one of our patients who, after being treated with chaulmoogra oil for several years, had begun to feel better and had asked to be allowed to return home. Since leaving us, this patient has not suffered from the

disease. She now highly praises our work and everywhere proclaims that we cure leprosy at Shek Lung.

Our new patient is a pagan. We may not succeed in curing the chronic disease of which she is a victim, but, at least, we hope to save her immortal soul.



LEPERS GETTING WATER FROM THE RIVER.

Wednesday, March 21

It is house-cleaning time. Everyone is getting ready for Easter. For several days past, the healthiest of our patients have been cleaning all the dwellings on the Island. Those unable to work have contributed a few cents to have someone replace them. If you were to visit Shek Lung to-day you would see, in all the lanes, beds, stoves, wood, hens, dogs, cats, not to mention the invalids basking in the sunlight, while buckets are being carried from the river to the dwellings and vice versa. While these buckets are being emptied

on the floor, the strongest lepers take their bamboo brooms and scrub with all their might. Every house is flooded. Fortunately, according as modern buildings are being erected, this method is being done away with.

Thursday, March 22

Three of our patients who were allowed to pay a visit home, return to the Lazaretto to-day. One of them, Awong, the pilot of the "Star of the Sea," relates to us the sad story of his life. "My father," he tells us, "had two wives. I am the eldest of the two sons of the second one. When I was but nine years old, my father left for America, in hopes of making a fortune there. On landing, he was found to have leprosy. His hopes shattered, and the fear of this dread disease weighing heavily upon his mind, my unhappy father committed suicide. On learning of what had happened, his first wife, who had always hated the second, gave vent to her anger. She made life so miserable for my mother that the latter decided that the best thing to do was to leave the house and to take with her my young brother and myself. Unfortunately, my uncle, learning of our flight, succeeded in taking me from my mother. He gave me back to his sister-in-law who treated me as though I were her own son for the simple reason that a son in China is considered as a fortune. But I never showed any affection for that woman, for I could never forget how harshly she had treated my poor mother. Oh! how I would love to see my mother and my little brother! I still hope to meet them again. When I was old enough to earn my living, I began to work for some Chinese people, with whom I stayed. My mistress believed that she had discovered symptoms of leprosy on my face and she never stopped talking about me to everyone willing to listen to her. Tired of being watched and blamed — here, leprosy is looked upon almost as a disgrace — I went to a health officer to be examined. What was my surprise when I learned that I was stricken with leprosy and that I was to be shut up until there were enough lepers to fill a boat, which would take us to the Lazaretto! After some time, the day arrived. I had but a slight attack, and the officers, fearing that I would make my escape, put chains on my hands and feet. When one leaves for the Lazaretto, he does not know what is to be his fate, for so many stories are told about this spot. My father's mother heard that I had been sent here and she came herself to find out the truth of the matter. She did all she could to have me released but, seeing that all her efforts were in vain, she hopelessly cried out, 'I had but one grandson and he is a leper, I wish to live no longer.' And she hanged herself."

Awong has been with us only two years. He is now a fervent Christian. The chaulmoogra injections have not yet cured him, but they have done him much good.

Easter Sunday, April 1st

Just lately, two babies were brought to us from villages near by. This afternoon, Sister Claire de Jesus⁽¹⁾ accompanies the woman who takes them

1. Exilda COTE, of Montreal.

to our Foundling-Home in Canton. At the station, a crowd of Chinese gather around the babies. The woman carrying them is asked all kinds of questions: "Where have these babies come from?" "Where are you taking them to?" "What do you give them to eat?" etc., etc. A few of the onlookers, having heard about our works, help her to answer. These inquisitive people soon express their admiration: "*Tin Tsu cou ho ho!*" (the Catholic religion is very good).

Tuesday, April 3

While visiting the patients this morning, our new Sister infirmarian is deeply touched on seeing a leper woman whose feet have fallen off, dragging herself along the cement pavement on her knees. "Poor creature," she says to her, "you have no feet and you have to drag yourself along like that?" "I am able," the poor patient replies, "to use my legs but once a week and I walk to Sunday Mass on them." What an example! Is it not of a nature to strike many a soul with the stings of remorse?

Friday, April 13

One of our leper women has just breathed her last. Having, we venture to say, imitated Mary Magdalen when she was a sinner, she followed her example after being converted. This woman came to the Lazaretto with two companions. The three of them had been in a non-Catholic leper colony, where they had led very wicked lives. One died shortly after arriving here. The two others, doubtlessly edified by those around them, soon expressed their desire of studying the Catholic doctrine, renounced the Protestant religion and were baptized on February 11th, along with thirty-one other patients. The one that has just died was of a gay disposition and it was she who always amused the others. Suffering from bronchitis, a common disease among the lepers, she seemed to feel that her death was near at hand. Up to the time when her beautiful soul, strengthened by the Last Sacraments and purified by suffering, left this earth, she never uttered a word of complaint. We love to think that our dear Lord said of her what He said of Mary Magdalen after her conversion: "Many sins are forgiven her, because she hath loved much."



A POOR LEPROUS WOMAN, SHEK LUNG, CHINA.

SZEPINGKAI, MANCHURIA

Extracts from Letters written by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of Szepingkai, Manchuria, to their Superior General.

*Catholic Mission, Szepingkai,
Manchuria, June 1934.*

BELOVED MOTHER,

Just lately we gave hospitality to a young lady, a Protestant missionary who has been labouring in Fakou. She is acquainted with our Sisters of that Mission and, before returning to Ireland, her native land, she wished to give us a token of her affection and to prove to us how highly she esteems the Catholic religion by coming to spend the night at our Convent.

The evening our guest arrived, she remained in the chapel while we were making our spiritual exercises and, the following morning, she assisted at Mass. A little later in the day, she paid a visit to our Eucharistic Lord and, when she returned, she seemed to be deeply impressed. Tears streamed from her eyes as she told us that never before had she so vividly felt God's presence. "I have never seen people as happy as the Sisters," she frankly admitted, "I have only read of them in fairy tales." This young lady, accompanied by a Protestant Chinese friend, had paid us a visit early in the Spring.

Some Japanese women also come, now and again, to visit the Mission. They seem to be very much in favour of our works. One day, a Catholic lady brought a few of her pagan friends to see us; we were surprised to see one of them looking all around the room trying to find the picture of the *Mother of the Lord*. As soon as she spied an image of Our Lady, she gazed admiringly at it.

In the beginning of April, the Japanese authorities gave to His Excellency Mgr. Lapiere a piece of land which is to be the site of a hall for the Japanese Catholics of Szepingkai, whose section is known as Shi Hei Gai. This gift has filled the hearts of all the missionaries with the greatest apostolic joy, and we earnestly ask the Blessed Virgin to bless the new Christian settlement on which great hopes are being built.

Lately, an act of charity performed by His Excellency Mgr. Lapiere caused the pagans to look more favourably upon the Catholic religion.

A few years ago, when the Mission was opened, a mason was hired by the Fathers; he soon fell sick and commenced to take morphine in order to ease his pain. After a while, he could not do without it and as he did not earn enough money to procure the quantity he wanted, he began to steal from the Bishop's House, as well as from other places. After patiently trying to persuade this employee to lead a better life, His Excellency, seeing that he had no notion of mending his ways, gave him an ample sum of money and sent him away. The poor man, after spending his last cent, took up his abode in a hovel, where his health soon broke down. He begged his com-

panions to take him to the Catholic Mission, telling them that it was there that he wished to die. He was so persistent that they finally decided to carry him to the Mission Compound. When he was found the following morning, he was taken in just as he had expected, and was treated with great kindness. When our Sisters went to see him, he was in great pain and he kept asking the Blessed Virgin to help him. He was baptized after being given a few instructions and he breathed his last at the Catholic Mission, as he had desired. When the people who knew all about the poor man learned that His Excellency had received him with such kindness and had even given him a coffin (the giving of a coffin to anyone is regarded by the Chinese as a sign of friendship), they were astonished and they all cried out, "His Excellency is a great man!" Very likely, a few pagans will be won over to the Faith by this kind of preaching.

We are sometimes terror-stricken... On the first of May, towards half-past eight in the evening, two shots were fired and these were followed by horrible cries. At the Bishop's House also, much anxiety was felt, for one of the priests, Reverend Father Masse, who had gone to Mukden, was expected home about that time. What had happened?... Climbing to the roof of the house, the priests noticed an empty cart on the road. The driver was nowhere to be seen. After a few moments, they were greatly



CANADIAN MISSIONARIES OF MANCHURIA SETTING OUT ON AN APOSTOLIC TRIP.

relieved on finding out that it was not Father Masse who had been attacked. Two men who had asked to be taken to the Mission, had fired at their driver. They had missed their aim, but had succeeded in escaping with the horses which they were after. In China, might is right. On such occasions, we feel more than ever that the Blessed Virgin is protecting her humble children in the midst of the many dangers threatening them.

On May 12th, in the afternoon, Mgr. Marin, S. J., Prefect Apostolic of Suchow, China, arrived at Szepingkai on the five o'clock train. The following



HIS EXCELLENCY MGR. LAPIERRE, M. E., VICAR APOSTOLIC OF SZEPINGKAI, MANCHURIA
MGR. MARIN, S. J., PREFECT APOSTOLIC OF SUCHOW, CHINA
AND THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, SZEPINGKAI.

day, he visited our Convent, the Native Novitiate and the Apostolic School, being accompanied by His Excellency and Reverend Fathers Quenneville and Desrochers. As the dialect spoken by the Chinese in the district confided to Mgr. Marin does not differ greatly from that spoken by the Manchurians, our distinguished visitor had no difficulty in making himself understood. The knowledge of the Chinese language which our Sisters have acquired here will be very useful to them in the Mission of Suchow. The following evening, at six o'clock, Mgr. Marin, Sister Marie de la Protection⁽¹⁾ and Sister St. Alice⁽²⁾ bade us farewell. Before our dear Sisters took their leave, we sang the pious hymn to our Blessed Mother which is sung at the Mother House on like occasions. Our best wishes and our most fervent prayers follow them.

A few days afterwards, another missionary left his mission station, probably for good. Reverend Father Berger sailed for his native land, where he hopes to recover his health. He will be greatly missed for he was such a zealous labourer. All the missionaries are sorry that he is gone and confidently hope that he will one day return.

A year ago to-day, our dear companion, Sr. St. Dominique, was laid to rest; she is still remembered by us all and we feel that in heaven she takes an interest in our works. On the anniversary of her death, six little children were baptized at the Dispensary.

The following is the report of the Dispensary of Szepingkai for the months of March, April and May 1934:

Baptisms.....69		Patients.....4,927	
Treatments.....9,457	Dressings.....505	Teeth extracted.....	6
Homes visited.....116	Injections.....165	Vaccinations.....	232

Kindly accept, dear Mother, the expression of our gratitude and filial love.

YOUR LOVING DAUGHTERS OF SZEPINGKAI.

1. Cecile ROBERGE, of Quebec.

2. Jeanne BASTIEN, of Montreal.

LEAO YUAN SIEN, MANCHURIA

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

Thursday, March 1st, 1934

Our Sisters at the Dispensary have a three days' vacation in honour of the coronation of the emperor; all the schools of the city have reopened and patriotic demonstrations are going on in different sections.

The racket does not bother us very much; in our humble convent, we spend our time studying or doing the housework, and from our hearts are wafted heavenward fervent prayers for our dear land of adoption. We are anxious to see this country develop, but our first thought is to labour and to make sacrifices for the salvation of souls.

Friday, March 2

Tsao Elizabeth, who formerly helped us at the Dispensary, came back to us yesterday after being home for a visit. To-day, she leaves for Sze-ping-kai, where she will attend the apostolic school. This Chinese maiden has been at the Mission of Leao Yuan for over a year and is greatly attached to us. We are pleased to see that her most cherished hopes are being fulfilled and we wish her courage, health and perseverance in her holy vocation.

Saturday, March 17

On this beautiful day in spring we receive a goodly number of patients and have the privilege of making four little ones children of Holy Mother Church.

Saturday, March 24

We have not the occasion of administering even one baptism until four o'clock in the afternoon, when a catechumen brings us a baby but a month old, which she has just adopted. As the infant is sickly, the poor woman is afraid that it is going to die, and that is why she hastens to bring it to be baptized.

This little one, whom we name Mary Martha, is a privileged child, for, had not it been adopted, it would have been cast away by its parents who, being poor and having already a number of children to provide for, could not think of keeping it.

Wednesday, April 4

To-day, we visit a family which is greatly to be pitied. The mother comes for us and we go back with her. On the way she tells us that three of her children have died and ends up by declaring that their father, finding that he had too many mouths to feed, had cruelly beaten them to death.

Apparently, the wretched man is sorry for having done away with these little ones. It is because he wished to save the three eldest that he decided to send for us. Our young patients appear to have diphtheria but, as the disease has made no great headway, we hope to save them. We tell the different members of this family about God, trusting that the seeds of truth thus implanted will, in time, bear fruit, and bring comfort to the poor heart-broken mother.

Wednesday, April 11

We pay a visit to Mrs. Tchao, the mother of one of the teachers at the boys' school. She has a bad attack of pneumonia and although her son was baptized a few months ago, she has not yet given up her superstitious practices. We tell her about our all-merciful God and about the bliss in store for the good. The poor dying woman listens attentively to all that we tell her and says: "Yes, it's quite true, no one can be happy on earth." She expresses the desire of embracing the Faith and appears to be entirely resigned to the Holy Will of the Master of heaven and earth. He may now come for her if He wishes.

Saturday, April 14

Mrs. Tchao is not any better; she is so seriously ill and so weak that we feel that her death is near at hand. She is well disposed towards our holy religion, and, towards noon, Reverend Father Berichon, M. E., administers to her the Sacrament of Baptism. Even though she is prepared for the long journey, we do all we can to ease her pain and to encourage her during the rest of the time she has to live.

Sunday, April 15

At nine o'clock, Mrs. Tchao fervently receives Holy Viaticum and the Sacrament of Extreme Unction. An hour later, she is enjoying the Beatific Vision.

Tuesday, April 24

While visiting seven pagan homes, we have the happiness of baptizing four dying babies. At the Dispensary, medicine is given to a hundred and twenty patients who have come for treatment.

Wednesday, April 26

A few days ago, the parents of our language teacher, Miss Leou, told her that she might become a Catholic, but Reverend Father Berichon, was not willing to baptize the young lady at once. "If your parents would only become Catholics, also," he told her, "I would immediately comply with your request." To-day, her mother, who lives in Pa Mien Tcheng, comes to ask to be allowed to study the Catholic doctrine at the Mission, so as to remain with her daughter. Needless to say, she receives a hearty welcome. Miss Leou is overjoyed. There is no longer anything to hinder her desire from being fulfilled.

Tuesday, May 1st

At the very opening of the month of May, our Blessed Mother gives us an inestimable gift: the soul of a pagan woman seventy-seven years of age. It was while treating her that we had the happiness of pouring the Saving Waters on her brow. Her beautiful soul, adorned with the life-giving grace of Holy Baptism will shortly be released from its prison-house of flesh and will wing its flight to the heavenly abode.

At four o'clock this afternoon, there were May devotions in the church. When they were over, our pupils sang in Chinese the hymn which is always new to us: "'Tis the month of our Mother." The words of this pious hymn carry us back to the beautiful days of our childhood, but circumstances have changed, and, to-day, we are among people of whom only a few know that they have a Mother in heaven. During this month, we shall earnestly ask our Blessed Lady to make herself known to a great number of souls. We shall entreat her to send us many sincere and willing-hearted catechumens.

Monday, May 7

Sister Bernardin de Sienne⁽¹⁾ has the happiness of baptizing a dying baby in a pagan home. This little one, on beginning to take convulsions, had been stripped of its clothing and thrown out on the bare ground by its parents, who thought that it was dying. But, on hearing it crying shortly after, their hearts were touched and, remembering about the Catholic Mission, they came, asking us to try to save the little one's life. Our Sister infirmarian cannot but admire the wonderful designs of our all-merciful God and it is with a heart truly grateful that she pours the Sacred Waters which transform wretched pagans into children of God.

While visiting another home, we baptize a seven-year-old child who is dying.

Monday, May 14

To-day, we treat a hundred and ninety patients at the Dispensary and go to a pagan home to baptize a baby but five days old.

Pentecost Sunday, May 20

Yesterday, eight catechumens were baptized by Reverend Father Berichon, and to-day, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre confirms some fifty neophytes. It was with the greatest fervour that they prepared for Confirmation which will make them strong and perfect Christians, capable in spite of Satan's efforts, of conquering all the enemies who seek the ruin of souls.

Report of the Dispensary of Leao Yuan Sien from January 1934 to May 1934, inclusive: —

Baptisms.....	118	Patients.....	10,842	
Treatments.....	13,419	Dressings.....	1,665	Teeth extracted.....80
Homes visited....	239	Injections.....	195	Vaccinations.....72

1. Antoinette Foisv, of Waterloo.

PA MIEN TCHENG, MANCHURIA

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

Tuesday, February 20, 1934

Our dear little orphans are enjoying the "Kouo nien" holidays. They wear warm coats, lined shoes and thick mitts, gifts from their Canadian benefactresses. While they are amusing themselves in a sunny spot, their little two-year-old companions look out of the window. These tiny tots would like to go outside also, but they are unable as yet to walk alone.

Saturday, February 24

A poor pagan woman comes to the Dispensary to be treated. For over a year, she has had a piece of glass in her hand. Sr. St. Jean d'Ephese⁽¹⁾ anaesthetizes the infected part, that her patient may not feel too much pain, and then makes an incision. The operation is a successful one. The poor woman who has been suffering for such a long time, is overjoyed when she sees that her hand is cured; she congratulates the skilful *taefou* (doctor) and thanks her over and over again.

Ah! if we could only procure this good woman something still more precious, the wonderful gift of Faith!

Sunday, February 25

We receive another orphan who, although only five years of age, is very mischievous. We can tell by her sparkling little almond-shaped eyes, that she is a bright child. She appears to be quite happy in her new home and seems to have forgotten all about her parents. Her father, an opium fiend, had willingly sold her so as to be able to purchase more of the deadly drug. The Christian lady who brings her to the Orphanage to-day has been looking after her for over a month.

What a number of unbaptized children die daily in this immense pagan land! We missionaries would like to save them all; being unable to do so, we beseech the Lord of the harvest, to send more workers to the mission fields.

Monday, February 26

This evening, Tchang Agnes, a virgin, takes recreation with us. We happen to speak of the way Our Immaculate Mother watches over her loving children. Our catechist tells us of how, during the Boxer Revolution, in 1900, Our Lady protected all the Christians of Lou teu chan, a village north of Mukden. A statue of our Blessed Lady in the parish church, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, was the object of great veneration.

1. Laurette MORAN, of St. Boniface, Manitoba.

When the Mission was besieged by the Boxers, the Christians who had taken refuge therein fought valiantly, but they soon saw that with the small number of men at their disposal, it was useless to try to contend against the combined forces of the enemy. In their distress, they turned to God, fervently and confidently imploring His aid. The pastor of the parish, a missionary from France who had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother of God, asked the children to take turns in going to pray at the foot of her altar. Mary soon hearkened to such earnest entreaties by working a miracle. The shells hurled by the enemy failed to explode. The Christians picked up these shells which were really a godsend, for they did not have much ammunition. After a three months' siege, the Boxers took their leave. They afterwards admitted that they had seen a tall lady, dressed in white, walking on the top of the wall of the Mission Compound. This lady, they declared, did not mind being fired at, she rose into the air while the missiles were being hurled and came down again as soon as the danger was over. This extraordinary occurrence greatly puzzled the besiegers. Thinking that the spirits were in favour of their adversaries, they finally decided to leave the place. The Christians did not doubt in the least but that Mary herself had come down from heaven in order to assist them and it was in loving accents that they expressed their gratitude to their powerful protectress.

The miraculous event is ever fresh in the minds of the descendants of these privileged clients of Mary.

Thursday, March 1st

It is with grateful hearts that we come to St. Joseph at the opening of his blessed month. We fervently ask him to lead many children to our Dispensary so that we may open heaven to them. Listening to our earnest prayers, our great Protector procures us the happiness of baptizing a little one this morning. It is Sister St. Pierre de la Croix⁽¹⁾ who pours the Sacred Waters; she calls her godchild "Joseph Peter".

Friday, March 2

The coronation of the Emperor took place yesterday and flags and banners are to be seen everywhere. The Japanese and Manchurian flags have been placed side by side. In the heart of the city, a triumphal arch has been erected; the most prominent citizens have rivalled with one another in decorating their houses.

Whatever we may do, God's Church will live; but if we do nothing, or only little, victories and glories which might have come will be wanting to her, and we ourselves shall bear the stigma of cowardice and of indolence in presence of God's call to the fields of honour and of duty.

Archbishop Ireland.

1. Sidonia ROUSSEL, of Montreal.

TAONAN, MANCHURIA

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

Thursday, April 5, 1934

Only a few patients come to the Dispensary, for to-day is the day that has been set aside by the pagans to weep over the dead. The inhabitants make their way to the cemetery to bewail the loss of their dear ones and to offer them incense and food. If they but knew that their offerings bring them no relief, that they cannot procure them peace and happiness, they would give up such foolish superstitious practices. We long for the day when they will all be brought to the light of the true Faith.

Mr. Souen, the chairman of the School Board, who was not in favour of the Catholic Mission last year, seems to have changed his mind. He spends part of the day at the Mission giving lessons in pedagogy to the different teachers.

Monday, April 16

A hundred and forty-six persons are treated at the Dispensary to-day. Among them are eight dying babies, to whom we open heaven. The happiness we experience in saving these souls makes us forget much of our fatigue. At the end of a busy day, when we think of all the good we have done to the souls as well as to the bodies of the poor unfortunates all around us, we are indeed very happy. Daily do we thank God for having called us to labour in His far-off vineyard.

Saturday, April 21

Headed by the flag, five hundred pupils from the boys' and girls' school leave with their musical instruments for a certain section of the city to be present at the Arbor Day celebrations, which take place every year. The boys put on their black uniforms for the first time and the girls wear blue costumes, white stockings and black shoes. Reverend Father Berger is invited to take part in the celebrations and is asked to plant a tree.

The farmers are asking for rain, for they wish to begin to sow, but these poor pagans pray to a god that does not listen to them. Last night, the bell of the pagoda situated near the Catholic Mission was rung. Prayers were offered up to the god of rain while incense was being burned, but all in vain, the weather kept fine. Ah! why do the supplicants not turn to Him who rules over heaven, earth and all things, to the one true God, the Creator and Father of the human race? But how are they to pray to a God whom they know not. Ah! how we would like to have a thousand voices, in order to tell all these poor unfortunates about our holy religion.

Saturday, April 25

This morning, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre, who arrived in Taonan a few days ago, leaves with Father Berger. The latter, after taking a rest in Szepingkai, will sail for Canada in order to regain his health. He is very sorry to leave his mission station, wherein he has laboured for four years. We ask all the souls he has saved to intercede for him, that he may soon be well again and be able to return to Manchuria to continue to labour for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Reverend Father Guilbault, Parish Priest of T'ong Tang, will replace Father Berger until he comes back.

Monday, May 7

While visiting a pagan home, Sr. Marie de l'Assomption⁽¹⁾ has the happiness of baptizing a dying man thirty-four years of age.

* There are always many patients at the Dispensary. We often have the consolation of opening heaven to little children who become our intercessors before the Throne of God.

Thursday, May 31

Report of the Dispensaries of Taonan for the months of April and May 1934:

Baptisms.....	239	Patients.....	8,243	Treatments.....	12,141
Dressings.....	2,813	Homes visited...	230	Injections.....	230
Teeth extracted...	47	Consultations...	2,081	Vaccinations.....	120

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TUNG LEAO, MANCHURIA

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

Tuesday, March 6, 1934

A Chinese girl who attended our school last year, requests us to pay a visit to a relative of hers who is dying. On reaching our destination, a sight to which we have not yet grown accustomed meets our gaze. Thinking that the sick woman was about to breathe her last, her superstitious relatives have hung, on the inside door, the effigy of a cow waiting to conduct the soul to its abode. The patient has been taken away from her *kang* and is lying on a sorghum straw mattress. Opposite the ancestral tablet behind her, the old grandfather has lit some yellow paper placed in an earthen vase. It is believed that the smoke which escapes therefrom will greatly help the departing soul. The poor woman chokes up and gasps for breath, but

1. Alice LAROCHE, of Sweetsburg, Que.

*Sœurs Missionnaires de
l'Immaculée-Conception
et quelques-unes de leurs élèves*

*Cours
de
musique*



*Cours de
Couture*

*À
l'École
de
Tung Leao*



Manchourie

instead of trying to relieve her, her husband and her mother strive with all their might to keep her in an aristocratic position. Her feet have been tied together, and she is compelled to lie on her back with her arms stretched out. Her garters, wrist bands and girdle are simply red strings.

The dying woman is no stranger to us. We taught her Catechism last year when we were visiting our patients in their homes. The members of this family of peasants intuitively believe that there is a Supreme Being who rewards the just and punishes the wicked and they are all good-living people. They feel that we have come to save them. Once freed from the bonds which prevented her from breathing freely, the patient coughs up the phlegm which is choking her, and answers our questions in a sensible manner. She is again placed on the *kang* and, after briefly explaining to her the principal truths of our holy religion and obtaining her relatives' consent, we comply with her request by pouring upon her brow the Saving Waters which make her an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. May Our Immaculate Mother, to whom we confide this patient, conduct her soul to the Heavenly Mansions and help us to convert all these good people!

Wednesday, March 7

Despite the fact that there is a wind storm and that sand is being blown in all directions, a number of people come to the Dispensary. Among them is the eldest daughter of the woman we baptized yesterday. As she invites us to pay another visit to her mother, we comply with her request as soon as we are through treating our patients. We find the sick woman in the same lethargic state, such drowsiness will be followed by death. Her aged parents and her seven children are grief-stricken. The grandmother keeps praising her daughter-in-law, who was always kind to her aged parents. If, for instance, there was something good to eat, she was careful to keep this food for her parents. She thought of her parents before anyone else and, afterwards, of her children, never of herself. And, what is more, for a number of years she had not eaten meat and had fasted, in order to pay homage to the Supreme Being, "Lao Tien Te," etc. While listening to the old lady, we cannot help thinking of the happiness in store for the new Christian. It will not be long before she receives the rich reward which Our Lord has promised to willing souls.

Saturday, March 10

Wung Tu King, one of our pupils, invites us to pay a visit to her tiny niece, a baby two months old. The child is so ill that we immediately baptize it. Little Mary, go quickly to join your dear brothers who are now angels in heaven. May you obtain us numerous conversions from Almighty God!

Tuesday, March 20

The schools which opened on March 1st have definitively been organized; they are filled to overflowing. Sr. St. Vincent de Paul⁽¹⁾ and Sr. Marie

1. Eva DUMAIS, of St. Joseph de Lepage.

Celine⁽¹⁾ also give some lessons. As we have a special task to perform every hour of the day, we find that the time goes by very quickly, we must be careful not to lose a minute, otherwise some of our work will be left undone.

Saturday, March 24

Six dying children are baptized at the Dispensary. One of them is a frail little creature but a few days old. Its mother could not make up her mind to take it to us, thinking that we would be insulted, but a neighbour who had seen how well sick children were cared for at the Dispensary, persuaded her to bring it along. "Don't you worry," she said to the poor mother, "this "doctor" loves little children... and will cure your child." If we are unable to cure it, we can at least give it a very good remedy: Baptism, which makes one a child of God and an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday, or the "Sunday of the Holy Branches," as it is called in this part of the country, is a very solemn feast in Tung Leao. All the Christians assist at Mass, in order to bring back to their homes these precious "talismans" which will protect them. Like last year, the branches we receive are decorated with small paper flowers; many people look wistfully at them as we leave the altar-railing. Some of us find that it takes a long time to get back to our places and can hardly keep from smiling...

Monday, March 26

This morning, we pay a visit to a dying woman, whom we have the happiness of baptizing. She has been sick for the past five years and has spent all the money she had on medicine which has brought her relief but has not cured her. During a previous visit, we had tried to tell her about the consoling truths of our holy Faith, but she had cleverly refused to listen to us, telling us that she wished to follow her mother's religion. To-day, we begin by offering her a miraculous medal; after looking at it for a long time, she finally accepts it. She then listens attentively to the instructions given her by the virgin catechist and, as there is no time to be lost, the Sacred Waters are poured upon her brow after she has openly declared that she wishes to become a Catholic.

Tuesday, March 27

While we are visiting one of our patients, a Christian maiden tells us of a sorcerer by the name of *Tiao ta chen*, who causes himself to be possessed by the devil, through whose medium he foretells future events. As we are asked to go to see this wizard, we make our way to his home. A kind welcome is extended us. The *Tiao ta chen* is sitting on a low stool on which

1. Regina BELIVEAU, of St. Paul de Chester.

is a quilt which has been folded twice so as to serve as a cushion. He is in the middle of the room, his back turned towards the door. He shivers continually, makes many gestures, and keeps puffing at a long pipe which, every little while, a tiny girl fills and lights anew. On seeing us, he appears to be disturbed, but he soon gets over his surprise and asks that a cup of hot water be brought to him. He takes a mouthful and immediately recommences to breathe loudly. Incense sticks are burning before him. At the far end of the room, a woman is holding a baby seven months old. It has been sick for the past few days and its parents have come to consult the sorcerer. "Why is it sick?" the father anxiously enquires. The sorcerer, in a powerful voice, exclaims: "It is because its mother once made a solemn promise which she has not kept that the spirits are angry." The mother tries to recall making a promise of the kind. At last, she remembers having told the children such and such a thing, but she had no intention of binding herself. After singing a song, different parts of which are not at all distinct, the sorcerer gives an explanation in his own words. He sometimes forgets to shiver or to breathe loudly, but the people do not seem to notice anything out of the way, so blinded are they by the faith they have in this impostor. It is the child who is really to be pitied; if it is obliged to take all the medicine prescribed, it will certainly not live long. We are heart-broken as we leave this house. How we pity these unfortunate people who are still groping in the darkness of paganism! May our all-merciful Mother help us to conquer our hellish foe, who must be put to flight at all costs.

Monday, April 2

To-day, at the Dispensary, we treat a hundred and thirteen persons and baptize five dying persons.

Monday, April 9

The Reverend Pastor comes to tell us that all the girls in the Mission school are crying. As there is not room enough for all of them, we shall be obliged to send some away, and it is because our pupils are afraid that they will have to discontinue their studies that they are grieved. We are perplexed, we do not know which ones to keep. We must let the children whose parents are Christians stay, and we cannot send away the pupils who are poor, since the Catholic Mission has made it its special duty to provide for the needy. As the parents of the other children have just gone to the expense of buying them special costumes, it is very hard for us not to keep them. Apart from these three categories, there are but six or seven pupils who arrived just lately. We shall, therefore, have to try to find room for the others. There are a hundred and forty pupils in two rooms, we may well say that the harvest has ripened. Let us entreat our divine Lord to supply His harvesters with good implements.

Thursday, April 19

To-day, a woman brings us a tiny baby. Hanging from the little one's neck are two skeins of yarn, one white and the other blue. One would

think that the mother has put them on her child in order to amuse it, but no, this is but another superstitious practice. The Chinese believe that they will procure the child a long life. When a woman pays her first visit a month after the birth of a child, she hangs two skeins called "*tchang ming sien*" (threads of long life), on its neck. As the little one which is brought to us to-day is very sick, we baptize it, that it may not only live a long time but also that it may one day enjoy everlasting life.

Saturday, April 21

"It was only a little girl," is an expression full of significance when uttered by the pagans, but it is one that makes our hearts bleed. How often do we not hear such an expression when treating the sick. "What did you do with your child?" "I threw it away, it was only a girl!" "And you did not even ask us to go to see it?" "It wasn't worth while, we've so many children... And we didn't want to have "the doctor" go to any trouble over a little girl..." And just to think how happy we are to go miles and miles in order to save a soul!

Monday, April 23

Our new Christians often have to go through bitter trials when there is sickness in the home. Just lately, a little girl whose parents are good Christians, was scared by a dog and came home from school crying. The following morning, the child had a high fever and the neighbours concluded that as she had been frightened, her soul had flown away and that it had to be recalled by some superstitious practice. The mother, who was not of the same opinion, said: "We're Catholics and we shouldn't be superstitious." "But," they argued, "that doesn't matter, you don't need to tell the priest and the Sisters, they'll never know." "But God, who knows everything, will He not see us?" rejoined the young woman. This settled the matter. No superstitious ceremony was performed; instead, the parents came for the priest, who went to give his blessing to the child. We were also asked to go to see her. She is now feeling much better.

Saturday, April 28

Eleven little ones are baptized to-day and very soon they will fly to heaven, where they will forever praise our triune God.

What a reason for confidence! My salvation depends on Jesus, Who is the gentlest of Brothers, and on Mary, who is the most merciful of Mothers.

St. Alphonsus Liguori.

The world can be converted by an army of those who pray and sacrifice. And there is at hand an occasion to strike a telling blow at the strongholds of paganism.

KOUNG TCHOU LING, MANCHURIA

*Extracts from Letters written by the Missionary Sisters
of the Immaculate Conception of Koung Tchou Ling, Manchuria,
to their Superior General.*

BELOVED MOTHER,

Your daughters of Koung Tchou Ling are always very happy. This new mission station is already very promising and here, in our humble convent, we are always closely united and experience the holiest joy while leading a life of poverty.

We spend the greater part of our time studying the language of the country. Our teacher, a very refined Chinese maiden, is learning about our religion. She wishes to become a Sister and we have decided to take her with us the next time we go to Szepingkai, that she may become acquainted with the native Sisters of Our Lady of the Rosary. The other members of the family, following her example, wish to become Christians, also. They are preparing for Baptism at the Catechumenate. One day, when our teacher was giving us a lesson in Chinese, she stopped all of a sudden and said to one of us: "You will never see your parents any more?" Our Sister told her that she did not expect to see them again upon earth, but that she hoped to meet them in heaven. "Alas!" she exclaimed, "I lost my mother eight years ago, when I was but fourteen years old, and I still weep to think that she died a pagan. Do you think I shall ever see her again?" We encourage her by telling her of the infinite mercy of our all-bountiful God. Although she has not been baptized and knows but little about the Catholic religion, she is a true Christian at heart.

Sister Marie de la Sainte Famille⁽¹⁾ has had the privilege of baptizing an unfortunate pagan, to whom she gave the name of Stanislaus. The poor man, after losing his only son and two of his grandsons, had grown so angry that he had taken sick and, on learning that he had lost all his money, he had been driven to despair. He would yell the whole night long as well as during the day. Chinese doctors had endeavoured to give him treatment, but he could not bear to have them near him, and had tried to strike them. His wife was quite surprised, to see that he calmly answered all our questions and that he consented to take the medicine we offered him.

A few days later, we treated another infuriated patient. Cases of the kind are often found among the pagans, who are not accustomed to keeping their angry passions from rising. The latter had an attack of apoplexy in front of our convent. Some thirty persons gathered around him. He was taken home and we went with him in order to give him treatment. Before leaving his house, we succeeded in getting him to accept a medal of the Blessed Virgin. When we went to see him the following day, he told us that as he had not felt well the day before, he had lost his temper and had grown

1. Marie Rose St. PIERRE, of Boucherville.



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Partant
pour une
visite aux
malades



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worse as a result. We are convinced that it was the Blessed Virgin herself who had this poor unfortunate come our way; this tender Mother, whose medal he is wearing, will surely help us to save his soul.

Sometimes we have the occasion of taking down idols. Ah! how glad we are when we can play such a trick on the devil... On getting ready to leave a pagan home where we had treated a little boy, we noticed the statue of Buddha set up on a shelf in one corner of the room. Four vases in front of the deity were still full of incense that had been burned as a mark of respect. We told the different members of the family about our holy religion and tried to persuade them how useless and foolish it is to worship the devil in such a way. "Doctor," these good people said to us, "never again will we adore this idol, and to show you that we mean what we say, we want you to take it along with you..." There and then, the idol, the niche and the vases of incense were given to us. The hideous statue was replaced by a beautiful picture of the Sacred Heart. Another day, on entering a pagan home to treat a patient, the odour of the incense burning before a false god nearly suffocated us. As soon as we began to tell the sick man about our holy religion, his wife interrupted us, telling us that it was not the time to speak to him of such things. But we had succeeded in giving our patient a miraculous medal, and the Blessed Virgin, who is so powerful, had already brought about his conversion. "If you don't want to become a Catholic," he said to his wife, "keep to your religion, as for me, I want to be baptized." The evening of the same day, his desire was fulfilled: Holy Mother Church received another child.

Through our school, also, numerous pagans are converted. The pupils repeat all they have learned in class to their parents, who always listen attentively to them. One day, while we were visiting a pagan home, a sick woman began to speak about our religion. "My little boy, who is attending the Mission school," she said, "tells me every evening what he has learned during the day. When I grow impatient, he says to me: 'Don't get angry, Mama, for you will displease God.'"

How many touching stories could we not tell you of the good people of Manchuria; the harvest, indeed, is great.

On May 27th, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre, while visiting the different mission stations, confirmed some sixty new converts. The great feasts of the Church tend to keep the piety of the Christians from declining and the devoted priests of the Mission spare no pains to render them as solemn as possible. On seeing the church filled to overflowing during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday, we were reminded of the Jewish Passover. Each Christian brought home with him a gallon of Holy Water, if not two or three, and a few, perhaps, took even a greater quantity of it. Fortunately, the Reverend Pastor knew that the weak side of the Chinese is to get all they can for nothing... the vessels in which the Holy Water had been put were very large ones... In China, there are so many devils to chase away!

We had the happiness of spending Whit Sunday with our Sisters of Szepingkai; the day went by very quickly. Early the following morning,

we were obliged to begin anew our daily tasks, which we really like very much, but which we feel we shall like still more once we are able to speak Chinese fluently, for then it will be easier for us to perform our apostolic duties.

The following is the Report of the Dispensary of Koung Tchou Ling, from January 1st, 1934 to the month of May, inclusive:—

Baptisms.....	38	Patients.....	2,657	Treatments.....	3,853
Dressings.....	566	Homes visited...	121	Injections.....	113
Consultations.....	243	Vaccinations....	96	Teeth extracted...	6

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Your loving and grateful daughters of Koung Tchou Ling.

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TSUNG MING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries
to Tsung Ming, China.*

Thursday, March 15, 1934

On returning from the Dispensary of Paochen, this evening, our Sister infirmarian tells us something which causes us to admire anew the work of Divine Providence. During the day, she was asked to go to see a Chinese maiden who was too sick to come to the Dispensary. Our Sister left immediately, but when she was but one *li* (ten acres) distant from the Mission, her vehicle broke down and she had to wait until it was repaired before proceeding on her way. During this time, a woman carrying a baby happened to pass by. The Chinese, on meeting anyone, quite naturally ask him where he is going. "I'm going to the city," the woman responded to Sister's query. "What for?" "I'm bringing my baby to the doctor." "Let me see the child. At the Dispensary of Paochen, I also treat the sick." The woman at once consented. As the little one was very sick, our happy Sister, after giving it some medicine, poured the Sacred Waters on its brow. Before long, it will wing its flight to the heavenly abode.

Sunday, April 1st

As one of the men who help us at the Foundling-Home has been sick for the past two weeks, two Sisters pay him a visit. The poor man has spent everything he had on Chinese medicine and now turns to us. Being feverish and very weak, he has no appetite and is unable to sleep. When we reach his home, or rather his dark hovel, which has no opening save the door, we must feel our way along. The housekeeper, noticing that we are embarrassed, lights a candle and we are able to get a glimpse of the sick man. Our Sister infirmarian, after giving him a febrifuge, wishes to place the candle on the table, but cannot find a candlestick. A four-year-old lad

comes to her assistance... He takes the candle from her, lets a little melted wax drop on the table and sticks the taper in it... Why go to any more trouble?...

Friday, April 13

Among the children whom God sends to our Foundling-Home, there are some very interesting ones. Guen Sieu, aged four, is a great little worker, but she is also very domineering. Woe betide the one who touches the children's bibs at dinner-time, it is she who must see to them and no one else. Ying Vong, a blind child five years of age, scolds her. "You're a naughty and proud little girl," she says, "and people like you go to hell!..."



AT THE ORPHANAGE, TSUNG MING, CHINA.

The Sister who has charge of the orphans, meets eight-year-old Tae Lai in a corridor, at half-past five in the morning. "Why did you get up so early?" she asks the child. "I'm not sure if I can go to Communion this morning, I committed a sin... I stole a plum from your drawer." "Make a sincere Act of Contrition to ask God, whom you have offended, to forgive you, receive Holy Communion and never steal again, it is so mean to take what does not belong to you!..."

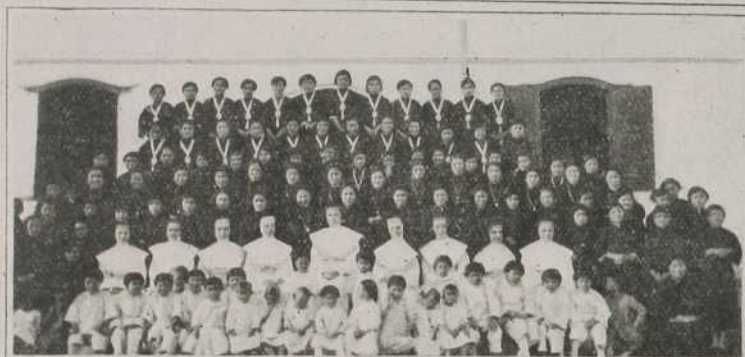
Sunday, April 15

We pay a visit, this morning, to some pagans living in the country and have the happiness of baptizing a child who is very sick with the measles.

Complying with the request of some relatives of a pagan woman seventy-four years of age, our Sister infirmarian, accompanied by a catechist, travels eight *li* in a Chinese wheelbarrow. The old lady, who is seriously ill, is

*Chez les Soeurs Missionnaires de
l'Immaculée-Conception
Tsungming, Chine*

*Quelques
patients
du
dispensaire*



*Novices
et
Professes
Thérésiennes*

Quelques enfants de l'orphelinat

*Orphelines
s'exerçant
à la vie
pratique*



lying on a wretched pallet. Our Sister, after carefully attending to her, picks up her little medicine-chest and pretends to be leaving. All the neighbours and relatives who have gathered in the sick room follow her... She is overjoyed, for the catechist can now talk of our holy religion to her patient. After a brief instruction, the poor woman consents to be baptized. However, as she has made up her mind so suddenly, we decide to wait until to-morrow before pouring on her brow the Sacred Waters. On taking our leave, we offer her a Miraculous Medal, she willingly accepts it and kisses the crucifix which we present to her.

Monday, April 16

Very early this morning, we are again taken to the home of the patient we visited yesterday. The Sister infirmarian, after treating her gets ready to leave, but on her way out purposely stops to attend to two persons, one of whom has a sore foot and the other, a sore ear. While all the members of the family are following Sister, our neophyte is baptized. O God! how wonderful are Thy ways!

Tuesday, April 17

A Sister who happens to go to the Foundling-Home just as the bell is ringing for the *Angelus*, finds it charming to see all the little tots folding their hands and closing their eyes to recite the *Regina Cæli*...

Five little ones at the Orphanage are afterwards seen playing Mass in a corner. The "preacher" gets up on a chair and says: "When we pray to God, we should close our eyes and fold our hands. If you don't mind Momo (Sister), you'll not go to heaven, that's a sure thing. Don't forget that the biggest sin of all is to tell lies!"

Ya Tsen says to a little tot: "You're always crying, when you die, you'll not go to heaven, for God doesn't like cry-babies."

Thursday, April 19

A Sister, on going to lock the door this evening, hears someone talking in the porch. Who can be there at such a late hour?... On looking out, she finds that it is her Chinese teacher who, while waiting for her, is looking at the pictures on the wall. "What are you doing?" "I'm speaking to St. Petolo (St. Peter), I'm telling him what I want him to do with me, for I may be unable to do so when I'm dying..." How touching is her simplicity! These pictures are very instructive, we often hear men and women explaining to one another what they represent: the death of a sinner, judgment, heaven, etc.

Sunday, April 22

Someone comes in after Mass and excitedly asks for a piece of red satin. What is to be done with it?... It is to be boiled and afterwards burned. The ashes, together with the red water, will be given to a sick man who has lung trouble. As one may well suppose, the patient is unable to keep down such

a remedy... But the Chinese doctor is not at all confused and orders that the treatment be continued... We tell him that our medicine is better than his, but he does not believe us... Poor Chinese!...

Tuesday, April 24

To-day, we have the happiness of baptizing eight babies and are most grateful to our dear heavenly Mother.

Wednesday, April 25

Fifteen new babies are brought to the Foundling-Home. It will be very hard for us to save the lives of these poor little castaways, all of whom are but two months old, for we have not much room for them and we lack funds. Even a Canadian who is used to hardships would be surprised if he were to visit the Foundling-Home and the Orphanage of Tsung Ming. It grieves us to think that we have not the means necessary for the spreading of God's Kingdom, but we are happy just the same in this far-off land. Although one cannot change mountains into gold mines by simply wishing to do so, we, with very slender means, sometimes obtain consoling results.

Friday, April 27

At seven o'clock this morning, Sr. Marie de Sion⁽¹⁾ leaves for the Dispensary of Paochen. When she returns this evening, she is very tired for she has been driven over muddy roads, but how happy she is! "All day long I laboured like a real missionary," she tells us. "I baptized a very sick three-year-old child, prepared an adult for death, visited four pagan homes and treated more than fifty patients."

Saturday, April 28

Often, this afternoon, we go to the *tower*... not to see if there is a cloud of dust, for it is pouring rain, but to see if Sister Superior and Sister Marie de l'Epiphanie⁽²⁾ are in sight. They left for Shanghai on Monday and we are anxious to see them back.

Towards five o'clock, we descry in the distance, five rickshaws, but why *five* instead of *two*? We soon find out: the Sisters destined for the new Mission of Suchow are coming to pay us a visit. How happy we are to greet our dear companions, who come directly from the Mother House!...

Suunday, April 29

Our dear Sisters who are to spend two days with us, are shown through the different rooms. The virgins and orphans welcome them as best as they can. Knowing that our companions cannot speak Chinese, they ask us to teach them how to say "Good-afternoon." They are quite proud to be able to speak even one word of our language.

1. Florida RAVARY, of St. Clet, Que.

2. May MOQUIN, of Eastman, Que.

Monday, April 30

Our visiting Sisters have the happiness of baptizing some children who will soon take their flight to heaven. One of the Sisters makes use of a sponge, for she knows that if the pagan parents happen to notice what she is doing, they will think that she has bewitched their little one and that that is why it is dying.

Tuesday, May 1st

Earthly joys soon end... Our three Sisters leave us this morning. They will be our nearest neighbours and when we say "Good-bye" to them, we



A MISSIONARY SISTER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TSUNG MING, CHINA, PAYING A VISIT TO A CHINESE FAMILY.

feel that we shall see them again. The novices and professed Sisters at the Native Novitiate are surprised to see us all looking so happy. "It is strange," they tell us, "you Sisters are told to leave for some other place, then you are told to stay... you come and go and you do not seem to mind!..." This is something that they cannot understand.

Monday, May 7

"Let us go to see the mother-in-law of Tchong Lang, one of our helpers," says Sister Superior, "she is sick and there is much good to be done in her home, for her husband has not yet made his Easter duty."

We would like some of our Canadian friends to see the hovel into which we enter. It measures ten feet by six, and the floor is made of damp sticky sod. Our patient, who is blind, is lying on a wretched pallet, and heaped up around her are dried herbs and bundles of straw. A fire has been lit in a smoky stove which gives but little heat. Nearly all our barns in Canada would be more comfortable to live in than this hut.

When we arrive, the woman gets up, she sits down on a bench and she and her husband begin to tell us their story. The poor old man makes shoes and goes to Paochen, every morning, to sell them. "If I didn't go," he says, "we'd have nothing to eat. The two of us used to work together, we made more money... but now I'm the only one able to work." Both are eighty-seven years of age. We almost feel like saying to God: "Can it be that Thou hast forgotten these poor people? They must have suffered enough already, do not wait any longer before taking them to heaven..." But the ways of God are not our ways, this loving Father wishes to give these poor unfortunates a proof of His great mercy. When Sister Superior begins to speak of Jesus and Mary, the eyes of the poor blind woman fill up with tears and the good old man promises that he will confess his sins on Wednesday and that on the following day he will receive into his heart our loving Lord who ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us but who, nevertheless, ever remains in the sweet Sacrament of the altar in order to strengthen us. The object which Sister Superior had in view is attained... Two Sisters will go daily to treat their patient and will at the same time strive to implant a little peace and happiness in the hearts of the poor old couple.

In order to fittingly celebrate the month of Mary, the biggest orphans, with the help of a Teresian, put a pretty decoration around a picture of Our Lady of Lourdes. When the little ones have been naughty, their companions, pointing to the picture, say to them: "*Sing Mo* doesn't like you to-day," or "You mustn't do that, you will displease the Blessed Virgin." One realizes how dearly they love our Immaculate Mother on seeing all the things they lay at her feet: scraps of bright-coloured paper, little pieces of coloured glass, etc. As these poor children love everything that is showy, they really make a sacrifice when they give up such trifles.



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

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.

Whit Sunday, May 20, 1934

Whit Sunday, this year, dawns bright and beautiful, and the bell which awakens us seems to ring out more loudly and more merrily than ever before, to tell us that this lovely Feast has again come round.

We confidently hope that the Holy Ghost will shed an abundance of divine light upon our Novitiate and upon all who dwell therein. At the opening of the day's recreation, we all begin to chatter so gayly that we wonder if we have not received the *gift of tongues*...

This evening, we are invited to assist at the rehearsal of the concert prepared for our beloved Mother, whose feast day it is.

As a prelude, a pretty duet is played. The leading act is entitled: "A Sublime Mother." Touching incidents in the lives of St. Monica and St. Augustine are portrayed. First is depicted the pride of St. Augustine, a genius who has been led astray by false doctrines, then, his drawing back before the Truth and the practice of the austere virtues, the difficulty he has in giving up worldly pleasures in order to serve God and to please his mother, the sorrow experienced by St. Monica who, in order to remain faithful to duty, must act as though she were heartless and drive her beloved son away from home, and, last of all, the triumph of grace, which transforms this gifted son into one of the most brilliant doctors of the Church. It is because St. Monica prays with such perseverance that God listens to her and so wonderfully rewards her.

During this interesting drama, we think of many other mothers... of our own mothers, of whose lives but little is known but which are, none the less, lives filled with the greatest devotedness, sacrifice and unselfish love.

When the play is over, it is time to go to thank God and the Blessed Virgin for the pleasant hours we have spent together.

Monday, May 28

This morning, the bell calls us to the conference hall, where Reverend Father Chaumont, Assistant Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary, introduces us to Reverend Father Barbeau, who has just returned from Manchuria.

This valiant missionary speaks to us of his mission station, whose prosperity he declares is due to the assistance of Almighty God and the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. With delicate thoughtfulness, he

also tells us of the energetic co-operation of our Sisters, who have helped on his works. These missionary narratives hold all spellbound, but it is getting late and our kind speaker takes his leave after inviting us to come to his cherished mission field, to which he intends to return in September. But we sincerely hope that, before leaving Canada, Reverend Father will come back to speak to us about Manchuria.

Tuesday, May 29

This morning, our hearts overflow with gladness, for we have been told that if the day is fine, our Mother will probably come to the Novitiate. And, indeed, we could not wish for more beautiful weather. Before long, our desires are fulfilled, our beloved Mother, whom we have not seen since her illness, is in our midst. We are all overjoyed and deeply touched, for we have been looking forward to this visit for such a long time. We group around her and while she gives each of us two precious leaflets, we rejoice to think that she is in our midst. Our dear Mother, after spending the entire day in the open air, leaves us, but we entertain the hope that it will not be long before she comes back to see us again.

Saturday, June 2

This year, the repository for the Corpus Christi procession in St. Christopher's Parish is to be at the Novitiate. We begin to set it up to-day. The Reverend Pastor invites us to come to his church to select whatever we need and he himself brings us all that we desire. In the evening, the work is almost finished but we are, nevertheless, rather uneasy, we look at the setting sun and wonder if the weather will be fine to-morrow.

Sunday, June 3

It is a beautiful bright day, so the procession will be held. We procure verdant foliage and flowers and finish decorating the repository, wherein the Lord of heaven and earth will ere long take up His abode, and which will soon be surrounded by fifteen little adoring angels.

At nine o'clock, we make our way to St. Christopher's Church for the procession. The processionalists are soon in their places behind the cross-bearer, the banners are unfurled and the march begins.

The faithful have hung flags and pennants of various colours all along the way; they have scattered flowers on the road over which our Eucharistic King is to be carried and now they sing their sweetest hymns. How beautiful it is to see the recollected throngs singing, praying and bowing low in adoration before Him whom they recognize as their Sovereign Lord. As long as the faithful thus publicly prove their loyalty to God, the Faith will always be triumphant in our country.

As to-day is also the anniversary of the founding of our dear Institute, we do not fail, while we are rendering homage to our Blessed Lord, to thank Him for the great gift He bestowed on us on this day and for all the favours He has showered upon our Community during the past thirty-two years.

Thursday, June 7

On this, the octave-day of Corpus Christi, the missionaries of Pont Viau, as in former years, hold a procession in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. Everything tends to increase the piety of all present. One feels that from the hearts of these future apostles fervent prayers are being wafted heavenward and that the Master of the harvest must be gazing tenderly upon those to whom He points out the immense plains, where numberless sheaves for the celestial granaries are ripening.

Sunday, June 10

After an all night's rain, the weather clears up and the members of our different sewing circles in Montreal who, for a few days past, have been thinking of making a pilgrimage to our Novitiate, are able to carry out their plans. Over sixty come to our chapel to assist at Holy Mass. It is the solemnity of the Sacred Heart, and our chaplain, Reverend Father Gariépy, delivers a sermon fitting to the occasion. The Holy Sacrifice over, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, after which we conduct our guests to our large parlour, where tables have been arranged for a modest repast, for it is too damp to have them take their breakfast in the garden as in former years. But all are just as joyous as ever and soon engage in lively and pleasant conversation. Our one desire is that these active friends of our works to whom we have given the name of "Mission Purveyors", may experience a little of the happiness which has been ours in welcoming them to our abode. Late in the forenoon, our visitors recite the Little Office of the Immaculate Conception and then leave in groups. We hope that they will all come back again next year.

Wednesday, June 13

This evening, during recreation, Sister Marie Eugenie⁽¹⁾ invites our Mistress to come to the Community room, where the Professed Sisters, anticipating her patronal feast, have prepared a little play in her honour. All downstairs hear a few echoes of the performance and rejoice along with their elder Sisters. And how delighted we are when our Mistress herself comes to our recreation hall, telling us to go up to admire the tableau at the end of the play. The Community room being small, we leave in groups to contemplate the rustic workshop of Nazareth. Plane in hand, St. Joseph patiently goes on with his work, while the Virgin Mary who, for a moment, has left her spindle, holds up the Baby Jesus. Some doves have gathered at the feet of the Divine Child. One of them has even ventured to perch on His hand. We find that this little bird is very fortunate... But why should we be envious? Do we not share the same happiness? Yes, Jesus has called us to His side, He presses us to His Heart and we may remain with Him always, if we only wish to do so.

1. Octavie ROBERGE, of Sanford, Maine.

Friday, June 15

As a prelude to the feast of our dear Mistress, we spend a pleasant evening together. There is much mirth in the Dovecot, but it is in our hearts that happiness reigns supreme. We do our best to play our respective parts well. The programme consists of two little plays, between the acts of which there are songs and musical selections. With heart and soul, we proclaim the great kindness of our Mistress, who is a real mother to us. As affectionate children, we would like to express to her the gratitude which fills our hearts. We feel that our efforts are of little avail, but we have not failed to entreat the Blessed Virgin to help us to fulfil our desire and we have great faith in this heavenly advocate.

Saturday, June 16

This morning, we sing the praises of St. John Francis Regis and ask him to obtain for our dear Mistress an abundance of blessings and the greatest happiness.

The day, which is a very fleeting one, has been made pleasant by the sweetest family joys: friendly conversation, walks taken in the open air, interesting games, etc. And, to crown our happiness, our Mistress, kindly complying with our request, tells us of the happy bygone days when, shortly after making religious profession, she taught at St. Bruno. We find her narratives captivating and with her we live over again the pleasant days of long ago.

Sunday, June 24

As missionaries, we feel that it is our duty to celebrate in the most solemn manner possible, the feast of the glorious Forerunner of the Messiah. Our mission, as his was, is to make our dear Lord known to the poor people who are sitting in darkness and to win their hearts, that they may turn to this loving Master. Oh! may we ever faithfully perform our noble task! We entreat St. John the Baptist to obtain us this favour and to inspire numerous young people in our country with the thought of devoting their lives to the service of God for the salvation of souls. After we have sung his praises during Holy Mass, there is great family rejoicing. When we assemble in the recreation room in the evening, we find that busy workers are there, decorating the platform with maple leaves and verdant foliage. Our thoughtful little Sisters have placed rows of chairs in front of the stage and, when everything is ready, all present are invited to be seated. Needless to say, all immediately take their places without waiting for a second invitation. The programme is of a nature to please every true Canadian.

Monday, June 25

To our great surprise and joy, we are given another lovely holiday in honour of our beloved Patron, and we take delight in preparing a pageant for this evening. To decorate the rustic carts, there is need of much planning

but those who have set to the task meet with great success and our vehicles, after being covered over with paper of various shades, look very pretty. The personages, nearly all postulants, — as they may disguise themselves and put on fancy dresses — go off by themselves in order to prepare their costumes. Bending over a Canadian History, they laugh heartily while studying the appearance and the pose of those they are to represent. Those who will only be spectators at the celebration are very anxious for it to begin. Towards seven o'clock, when the processionalists appear, but one exclamation is to be heard everywhere: "How pretty it is!" Truly, it is a charming sight to behold. Just see for yourself. First comes "His Lordship the Mayor," wearing the insignia of his office. As a medley of Canadian tunes is being played by the band behind him, he keeps time by diligently beating the ground with his staff and is not at all disconcerted when the airs and the rhythm suddenly change.

Behind the musicians are a number of choristers who, from time to time, sing to the accompaniment of the musical instruments. Then the first float appears. What does it represent? Doubtlessly, something very gay, for it makes everyone laugh. Two little pages wearing tricoloured costumes immediately halt just in front of us and we read the inscription they are carrying: "Picking Raspberries." Each float is preceded by an inscription. It is early for raspberries, but there is a good crop of them and the kind old grandfather and grandmother seem to be quite pleased with the amount they have picked. The onlookers are especially delighted on seeing the happy countenances of the old couple, as well as their old-fashioned costumes. We are tempted to ask to be allowed to join them, but along come two other pages. What inscription do they carry?... Let us stay for the rest of the procession... Alone and in a recollected mood, the Iroquois heroine, Catherine Tekakwitha comes walking along. Yes, indeed, it is she, a real little Indian maid, with her long plaited hair drawn to the front. She seems to be lost in the midst of so many little white sisters, but she is not afraid, for we are kind to her and we all love her: may we not look up to her as a model and a protectress? After her comes another heroine, Madeleine de Vercheres. She carries a rifle and proudly assumes the attitude of a warrior. Little Madeleine, would your domineering look not disappear if, from the bushes in our little grove, a band of Indians were to leap forth? And could you quietly set off the cannon against which you are gently leaning and which, judging by its appearance, must not be hard to manage... Oh! no, along the banks of the Des Prairies River, wildmen are no longer hiding, and everyone who is gazing upon you is full of pardonable pride and enthusiasm at the thought of your warlike feat two and a half centuries ago... Now come the pupils of the little country school. The teacher, assuming an air of importance, endeavours, but without much success, to maintain order. It is interesting to see her tight-fitting dress, her boots with pointed toes, her hair done up and held in place by two enormous combs, her collar reaching to her ears, in a word, our attention is attracted by her whole attire as well as by the comical outfits of the children, which seem to have been copied from an old tin print.

A little farther off, appears another vision of the past: Father Nicholas Viel and his Indian guide, Ahuntsic. They do not look at all like frightful ghosts, but peacefully do they gaze upon the banks of the river in whose waters they met their death. At last is to be seen the float on which is represented the saint whose feast we are celebrating, St. John the Baptist as a child accompanied by the symbolical lamb. Truly, this float is a triumphal one, it is surmounted by a dome from which hang a number of tri-coloured ribbons, gracefully held by six little pages. But this is not the last one in the procession. Another, the most imposing of all, one with white and blue decorations, comes behind. It represents the queen of all our celebrations, our own beloved Queen: Our Lady of Canada. She it is whom we loudly praise and heartily cheer.

Monday, July 2

As it is the Feast of the Visitation, we sing the different mysteries of the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament exposed; during this time, we are able to meditate as much as we like on the beautiful example of fraternal charity given us on this day by our Blessed Lady.

On going out for recreation this evening, we are pleased to see that a pretty lawn swing, another gift from Mgr. Dubuc, has been placed in a shady spot near the Dovecot. We are most grateful to our kind benefactor, who has deigned to prove to us once again the interest he takes in us.

Tuesday, July 3

A few ladies devoted to the works of our Mother House come to spend the day in our little grove. How pleased we are to see them on our grounds! They remind us of our dear mothers, And are they not, in some way, mothers to us and, especially, mothers to the poor pagan children whom they help to send to Heaven by the discreet but fruitful assistance they give us. We hope that they will come back again next year to take a rest.

Thursday, July 5

Does the sun wish to play a trick on us? This morning, no bright rays are to be seen dancing on the blue curtains of our cells, and it looks like rain... And yet, we are all ready for our joyous picnic... Is God going to let us be disappointed?... We confidently ask Him to grant us a bright day and we receive an answer to our prayers... At nine o'clock, when we start out for "The Point", the sun is shining brightly and its rays are but the symbol of the unalloyed joy which we experience the whole day long. After hastily putting away our things, the games of Perfection, Chess, etc., begin. Our joyous laughter is intermingled with the gay warbling of the little birds.

As the open air gives us all a good appetite, we are glad when it is time for dinner. We say the Angelus while a tiny bell which certainly has never before been used for such a purpose, is being rung, and, as tables are quickly set at a picnic, everyone is soon seated on the grass. One of the novices is disturbed during her meal... At the foot of a tree near which she had put

her plate, a rat, as formerly the hare spoken of by Lafontaine, yes, a rat, in its hole was musing. And what was Mr. Rat thinking of? He was simply planning how he was going to partake of the feast, but his efforts were all in vain and, being too mannerly to approach without having been invited to do so, he was already quite resigned when the novice suddenly left her place. As "opportunity makes the thief," the gnawer crept out of his hiding-place and unceremoniously began to nibble at the dainties spread out before him. Just imagine how amused our Sister was on seeing this noble visitor eating what was on her plate.

After making our spiritual exercises, we assemble beneath the "Souvenir Tree" and there sing a song in which we express our gratitude to our Mistress for the pleasure she has procured us; in the last verse, we even venture to ask to have another picnic during the summer months... On hearing our request, our Mistress smiles and quietly assents. Then, interesting letters from our Sisters on the Missions are read to us.

On coming back from the distant Orient, we make our meditation as prescribed by our Rule and then, settling ourselves quite close to the rippling blue waters, we sing different patriotic songs. We find the song book so interesting that we hurriedly take our supper in order to continue our concert until it is time to leave. But the sun does not stop to listen to our singing... It goes down only too quickly for us.

Last of all, we sing a hymn to our dear heavenly Mother and thank her for the pleasant day we have had. Before starting back home, we wish to obtain the Holy Souls a little relief and so we say six *Paters*, *Aves* and *Glorias* for them.

On the way, we finish the Rosary prayers, which are echoed throughout our little grove. We end up our happy day in prayer before our divine Lord who, during Benediction, comes out of the Tabernacle to bless us: it is heaven on earth, a shadowless heaven like the one into which we shall enter when life's day is done.

Sunday, August 5

The Immaculate Virgin, invoked as Our Lady of the Snows, a title which bespeaks whiteness and purity, to-day receives nineteen of our postulants into the Novitiate, gayly and resolutely do they cross the threshold of this blessed abode after having donned the novices' white habit and having promised to be faithful to our divine Lord, to whom they are betrothed.

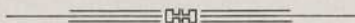
As they are setting out on a new career, they each receive a new name:

Miss Claire Fontaine, of Quebec, will henceforth be called Sr. Claire de l'Eucharistie; Miss Marguerite Julien, of St. Augustin, Portneuf, Sr. St. Julien; Miss Madeleine Bertrand, of Mont Laurier, Labelle, Sr. Ste. Lucie; Miss Anne Marie Breton, of Quebec, Sr. Elisabeth du Portugal; Miss Jeanne Bouchard, of St. Eloi, Temiscouata, Sr. St. Charles de Milan; Miss Juliette Chouinard, of Montreal, Sr. Marie Philippe; Miss Jeannette Papillon, of Quebec, Sr. Mechtilde du Sacre Cœur; Miss Memee Martel, of Quebec, Sr. Monique d'Ostie; Miss Annonciade Gauthier, of St. Theodore d'Acton,

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Very Reverend Canon J.B.O. Archambault, Superior of the Seminary of St. Hyacinthe, presided at the ceremony, and Reverend Father A. Guillot, C.S.S.R., preached the sermon.

Present in the sanctuary were: Reverend Fathers Clovis Rondeau, of the Foreign Mission Seminary; Derome, Pastor of St. Christopher's Parish; E. Cyr, P.P., of Coderre, Sask.; Duplessis, chaplain at the Mother House; Ernest Leonard, of Mont Laurier; Geo. Rondeau, of Maisonneuve, and J. A. Derome.



The devoted zeal we have for our brethren and the solicitude we evince for their salvation are the most certain signs that we are the followers of Jesus Christ, and that we love Him.

St. Chrysostom

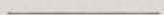


In my opinion the Lord sets a higher value on a soul which we gain by our zeal and prayers, aided by His mercy, than on all the other services we are able to render Him.

St. Teresa.



The Passing of a Venerable Prelate



His Excellency Most Reverend Daniel F. Feehan, second Bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, passed away on July 19th, at his summer home in Pocasset, Mass., following a long illness.

Bishop Feehan was born at Athol, Mass., on September 24th, 1853, and was educated at St. Mary's College, Montreal, and at St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, N. Y. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1879 and, on September 9th, 1907, was consecrated Bishop of Fall River.

The impressive funeral services at St. Mary's Cathedral, on July 24th, were presided over by Most Reverend James E. Cassidy, who, a week previous, had been named Coadjutor Bishop of Fall River with the right of succession.

Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin

for favours obtained



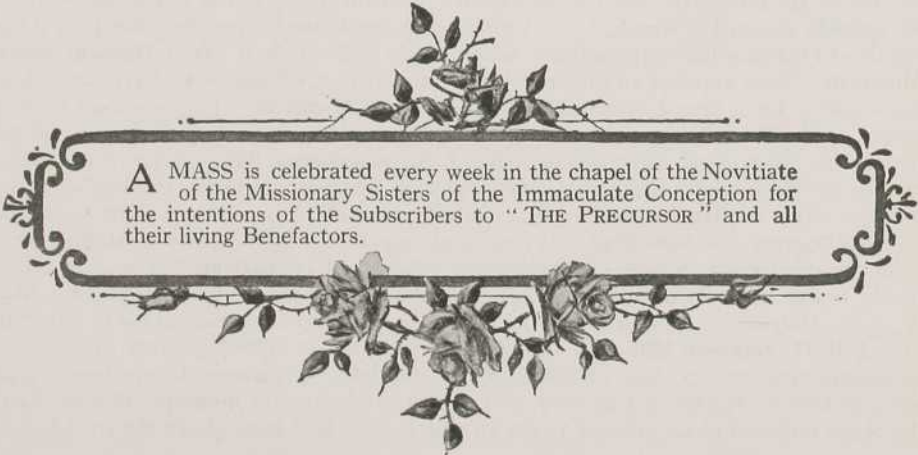
"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection."

BL. HENRY SUZO.

Please find enclosed cheque for the ransom of sixteen dying babies. I promised to send this if my husband secured a position. Before your novena was finished he was called to work. I am more than grateful and I know that you will continue to pray for us all. Mrs. C., **Town of Mount Royal**. — Enclosed please find Postal Note for my first subscription to **THE PRECURSOR**. I thank our dear Heavenly Mother for having helped my husband to find work. Within the next two weeks I shall send an offering for four dying Chinese babies, as I promised. Please remember us in your prayers. Mrs. R. L., **Rosemount, Que.** — I am enclosing a Money Order in thanksgiving to Our Lady, who has heard our prayers. My husband has secured a position and I would ask you to pray that it may be a permanent one. Mrs. E. W., **Central Falls, R. I.** — Some time ago, I promised Our Blessed Lady that I would send you an offering if I received a special favour. I have been granted this favour and am now fulfilling my promise. Mrs. L. F., **New York**. — Enclosed you will find a small donation in thanksgiving for a favour received. Last Fall I was out of work and I promised a donation if I secured a position. Now I have a steady job. Please pray that I may get my health back. M. A., **Timmins, Ont.** — Please find enclosed a small donation. I wish to thank our Immaculate

Mother for a favour she has granted me. Please pray for me. J. Carey, **Schenectady, N. Y.** — Enclosed is an offering for the ransom of two Chinese babies, as I have promised. Since my request has been partly granted, I send this with pleasure. If my husband's work increases this next week, I will again send you the same amount. Mrs. C. M., **Montreal**. — I promised I would send you a donation if I obtained the favour that I wanted. God has hearkened to my entreaties and so I am fulfilling my promise. Mrs. M. B., **Schenectady, N. Y.** — Enclosed you will find an offering for four dying Chinese babies. I am most grateful to Our Lady of the Missions, who has come to my aid. Mrs. L., **Rosemount, Que.** — I have received a favour from the Blessed Virgin and am subscribing to **THE PRECURSOR**, as promised. Please publish. Mrs. J. M., **Montreal**. — Enclosed you will find an offering which I promised to send you for a favour I have been granted. Mrs. J. W., **Montreal**. — Kindly accept this small offering for the ransom of some Chinese children, in thanksgiving to our Immaculate Mother for a favour received. Miss E. G. — A young man has secured a position after having had recourse to our dear heavenly Mother. Many thanks! Mrs. J. A. B., **Notre Dame de Grace, Montreal**. — Find enclosed an offering for the ransom of a Chinese baby likely to live, in thanksgiving for a favour obtained. Miss M. A. F., **Montreal**. — I return most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin for a favour granted me through her intercession. Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. Mrs. J. J., **Shawinigan Bay**. — I am enclosing an offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby, in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favour received after making a novena of the three Hail Marys and promising to publish my thanksgiving. A Subscriber. — Lively gratitude to our dear heavenly Mother for a great favour received through her intercession. A Subscriber, **Lachine**. — I wish to return thanks to our Immaculate Mother for a favour granted me through her intercession. Mrs. W. A. A., **Holyoke**. — I am most grateful to the Blessed Virgin, who helped me to let a flat. Mrs. J. R. H., **Gatineau Mills**. — I am sending you the rest of my subscription, as promised, in thanksgiving for a position obtained. G. P., **St. John**. — Although I have been out of work for thirteen months and am very poor, I have not lacked the necessities of life. I feel that I am indebted to the Blessed Virgin for this favour, for I have placed my trust in her.

J. C. — I am enclosing a Postal Note to help your missions, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. D. P., **Timmins**. — I return most grateful thanks to our Immaculate Mother, who helped me to secure a position. A Subscriber, **Bedford**. — Grateful thanks to our dear heavenly Mother for having watched over me. Mrs. J. C., **Verdun**. — The enclosed offering is in thanksgiving to our Immaculate Mother, through whose intercession I have received a favour. D. A., **Waterbury**. — I am sending you an offering for the ransom of four dying Chinese babies, in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for a favour granted me. Mrs. G. B., **Montreal**. — Heartfelt thanks to Mary Immaculate who brought me through three operations. Mrs. F. J. D., **Ferland, Sask.** — I wish to return most grateful thanks to the Most Blessed Virgin for a favour received. Mrs. H. D., **Willimantic**. — I am truly thankful to our dear heavenly Mother for the favour she has obtained me. Mrs. G. O., **Pawtucket**. — I have received a favour and am enclosing an offering for your missionaries, in thanksgiving. Mrs. E. G., **Henryburg**. — Please accept this small offering which I am sending you in thanksgiving to Almighty God and the Blessed Virgin for favours received. I am still praying for the conversion of a pagan. Mrs. E. R. — Grateful thanks to our Immaculate Mother for a position secured. Mrs. O. C., **Putnamville**. — I am most grateful to our Immaculate Lady, who has watched over me with a motherly love. Mrs. B., **Montreal**. — Grateful thanks for favours received. May I ask you to continue to pray for the conversion of my wife. A. L. — I am happy to inform you that the young man whom I recommended to your prayers is now living up to his religion. Kindly unite with me in thanking the Blessed Virgin for obtaining me this favour and ask her to continue to watch over us. Anonymous. — Thanks to the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, I have secured a position. Although it is not a permanent one, I trust that our dear Lady will never forsake me. J. C. — I am enclosing an offering for the Missions, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Miss J. L. — My husband has found work for the summer months. I return heartfelt thanks to the Blessed Mother of God for this favour and am enclosing my renewal subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. W. B., **St. John**. — In thanksgiving for my dear father's prompt recovery, I am enclosing an offering in honour of our Blessed Lady, as promised. Miss R. B., **Barrington**. — Those who invoke the Blessed Virgin are never left unaided: I had been praying for a year and just when I was about to give up all hopes of being answered, I unexpectedly received a sum of money, with which I was able to pay my bills. Our Blessed Lady also sent me someone to help me and I have been able to make both ends meet. I thank this loving Mother over and over again. Anonymous. — My husband has secured a position and I am enclosing a thank-offering. Mrs. L. M., **Cohoes, N. Y.** — Enclosed you will find a small donation for your missions. I promised to send this amount if my husband obtained work. He has now a position. Please publish my thanksgiving. Mrs. M., **Rosemount, Que.** — I have received a favour and am enclosing a small offering as promised. Mrs. M. — I return most grateful thanks to the Blessed Virgin, through whose intercession I have received a favour. Miss O. D. **McGregor, Ont.** — Please accept the enclosed offering for a favour received from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A. P., **Westmount**.



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Petitions

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

I am going to ask you to keep on praying that I may be granted a special favour. When I receive it I shall send you a thank-offering. Mrs. J. K., **Montreal**. — I am writing to ask you to make a novena to Our Lady for my intentions. If I receive the favours I am asking, I will send you a substantial donation. Mrs. J. McD., **Dorval, Que.** — Will you please continue to pray for the conversion of my son. Mrs. W., **Montreal**. — My husband and myself are in failing health. Kindly remember us in your prayers. Mrs. B., **Schenectady, N. Y.** — I am sending you a subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Please pray for my intentions. Mrs. M. M., **Farrellton P. O., Que.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Would you please make a novena for my husband, asking our Blessed Mother to cure him of the liquor habit, also that he may find employment real soon. When these favours are granted I will send an offering for the ransom of eight Chinese babies. Mrs. J., **Sandwich, Ont.** — Please pray that a friend of mine may be restored to health. R. McA. — I am very weak and I cannot sleep. Please make a novena for me. If I am cured, I will not forget you. Mrs. H. D., **New Erin, Que.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Please pray for me. M. P., **Vankleek Hill, Ont.** — You will find enclosed an offering for the ransom of four dying Chinese babies. Kindly pray for several special intentions. If I obtain the favours I am asking I will send an offering for the ransom of a Chinese baby likely to live, renew my subscription and publish my thanksgiving. Miss I. A., **Westmount**. — I am enclosing an offering and wish you would make a novena for my intention. I wish to secure another position very soon, as the one I now hold has become very undesirable in many ways. A Subscriber, **Walkerville, Ont.** — I would ask you to pray for my intentions. I am enclosing a donation for your good works and will send you a more substantial one if I obtain the favours I am asking. Miss McA., **Montreal**. — Please pray that I may secure a position and obtain a special favour. Miss D. D. — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and would ask you to pray for a very special intention. If God hearkens to my entreaties I will send you an offering to help along your works. Mrs. P. S., **Tecumseh, Ont.** — Will you please make a novena in honour of Our Blessed Mother that I may be relieved of stomach trouble, nervousness and sleeplessness, that I may sell two houses very soon, that a very dear friend may return to his religious duties, give up drinking, win lawsuits and not lose his property. If my requests are granted, I will send you a donation for the Missions, renew my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and publish my thanksgiving. A Subscriber. — I would ask you to pray for my son who is out of work. I will send you a donation as soon as he finds something to do. Mrs. M., **Staffa, Ont.** — Please find enclosed my renewal subscription to THE PRECURSOR. May I ask you to pray that I may obtain the position I have in view. If my request is granted I will send you a donation. J. V., **Hearst, Ont.** — My husband is addicted to drink. Please ask our Blessed Lady to intercede for him that he may lead a better life. Anonymous. — If I regain my health I shall subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for one year. B. M., **Montreal**. — I am writing to ask you to make a novena to the Blessed Virgin for my intentions. If I obtain three very special favours, I will send you a donation for the Missions. Miss L. S., **Albany, N. Y.** — My sister has been sick for over a month. Please pray for her. Mrs. E. S., **Montreal**. — Kindly pray for my three sons, for they are all out of work. Mrs. D. C., — Please pray that my daughter may recover her health and that my son may find work. Anonymous. — Find enclosed my renewal subscription. I wish to obtain some very special favours. Please pray for me. F. E., **Rosemount**. — My husband has been sick for the past ten years. Please pray that he may regain his health, if such be the Holy Will of God. Mrs. J. M. — I wish to obtain two temporal favours. If I receive an answer to my prayers, I will send you a donation for the Missions. Mrs. T. L. — I trust that our Immaculate Mother will help us to rent our flats. Anonymous. — I am enclosing an offering for the ransom of four dying babies. Please re-

member me in your prayers. Miss M. S., **Granville, N. Y.** — If I receive an answer to my prayers I will send you a donation and have a novena of lights burned. Please pray along with me. M. P., **Windsor, Ont.** — I am enclosing an offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby. Kindly remember me in your prayers. Miss P., **High Gate Center, Vt.** — Will you please continue to pray for a very special intention. Mrs. J. W., **Montreal.** — Please ask our Blessed Lady to come to my aid. If I obtain the favour I am asking I shall write and let you know. Miss G. W., **Montreal.** — I wish you would make a novena to our dear Heavenly Mother and the Little Flower of Jesus, asking them to obtain me a very great favour. I am enclosing a small donation. Mr. L., **Verdun, Que.** — I want to put in a petition to our Blessed Lady and St. Joseph that my husband may secure a permanent position. When my prayers are answered, I will renew my subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. Scullion, **Montreal.** — Please ask the Little Flower of Jesus to help me to find a good position, I will send an offering when my request is granted. Miss D. V., **Westfield, Vt.**



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