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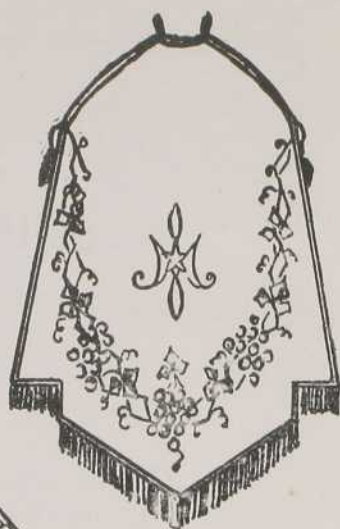
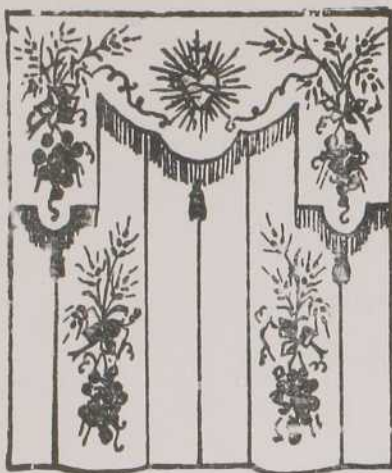
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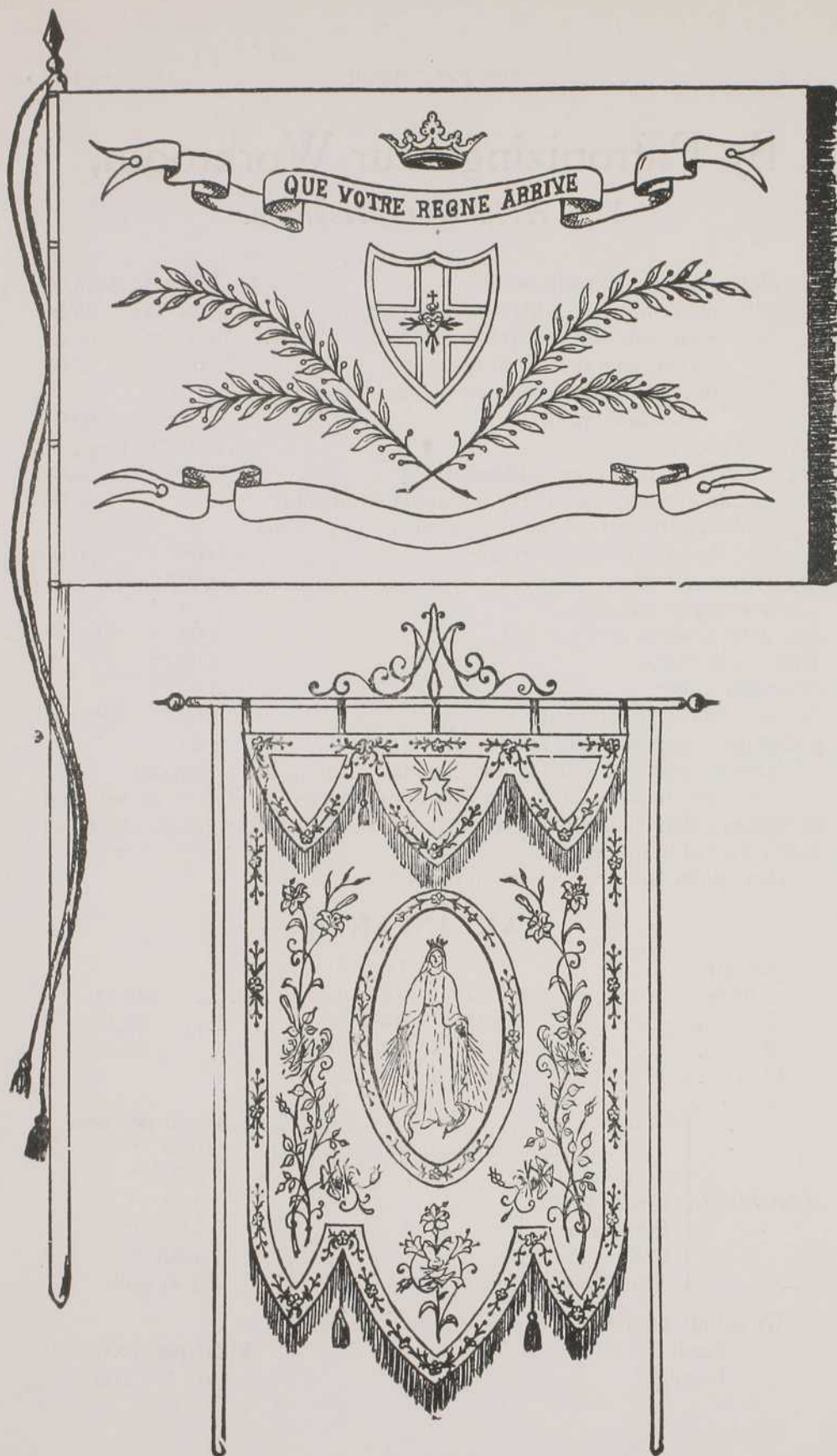
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*Next after God in our love is Mary ;
infinitely below God, because He alone is the uncreated ;
immensely above all other creatures,
because she is the Mother of God.
Being the Mother of Jesus, our Brother,
she is our Mother also.
Jesus loved her above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

Cardinal Manning.



May Flowers

*Trooping fair
Through the fields this morn in May, —
All the silver daisies there,
With the buttercups so gay,
Seem to whisper, sweet and airy,
“Love our Queen! love Mary!”*

*All the lilies of the lea,
Shake and shake their snowy bells;
And the violets with glee,
Murmur through the dewy dells:
“Be not of your service chary, —
Love our Queen! love Mary!”*

*Till the crocus, full of light,
And the golden dandelion,
Seem to turn their faces bright
(Like the stars of old Orion), —
Breathing from their blossoms fairy:
“Love our Queen! love Mary!”*

*Down the field and past the brook,
Through the woods the whisper runs, —
Sweetest words in Nature's book!
Ever chant them, ye, her sons!
Ever swell that chorus airy:
“Love our Queen! love Mary!”*

— Eleanor D. Connelly.

The Passing of His Excellency Mgr. De Guebriant

SUPERIOR OF THE PARIS FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY

His Excellency Mgr. Jean Baptiste de Guebriant, Titular Archbishop of Marcianopolis and Superior General of the Paris Foreign Mission Society passed away on March 7th last, at the age of seventy-five.

Born in Paris on December 11th, 1860, Mgr. de Guebriant was ordained to the priesthood on July 5th, 1885. Soon after his ordination, he did missionary work in a number of places, chiefly in India, in Burma, in Siam and in Cambodia.

On August 12th, 1910, he was named Titular Bishop of Euroea and the first Vicar Apostolic of Kientchang, and on April 28th, 1916, Vicar Apostolic of Canton. In 1919, he was designated Delegate Apostolic to China and Delegate Apostolic to Siberia, in 1921.

On March 21st, 1921, he was appointed Superior General of the Foreign Mission Society. He immediately left his Vicariate Apostolic and, after visiting Siberia, returned to Paris. On December 10th of the same year, he was named Titular Archbishop of Marcianopolis and, on January 15th, 1922, Assistant at the Pontifical Throne.

On August 1st, 1932, Mgr. de Guebriant was again



HIS EXCELLENCY MGR. J. B. M. DE GUEBRIANT

*Titular Archbishop of Marcianopolis,
Superior General of the Paris
Foreign Mission Society,
who died on March 6th, 1935.*

chosen as Superior General of the Foreign Mission Society.

In December 1932, the Paris Foreign Mission Society counted 1,107 missionaries, 47 of whom were bishops ministering to the needs of thirty-nine missions (dioceses or vicariates apostolic). These missionaries are assisted by 1,492 native priests.

MGR. DE GUEBRIANT IN CANADA

On October 2nd, 1920, His Excellency Mgr. de Guebriant, shortly after being designated Apostolic Delegate to China and the neighbouring countries, arrived in Montreal. After paying a visit to our beloved Chief Pastor, His Excellency Mgr. Bruchesi, he made his way to the Mother House of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, in Outremont, where he was to stay while in the city. Mgr. de Guebriant had become acquainted with our Sisters in the year 1916, when he was named Vicar Apostolic of Canton. It was in 1909 that the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception established their first mission in this vicariate.

The day following his arrival being Sunday, our distinguished visitor preached a sermon in the Basilica at ten o'clock and, at eleven, celebrated Pontifical High Mass. Present in the sanctuary were our own Archbishop, Mgr. Larocque, Bishop of Sherbrooke, and Mgr. Brunault, Bishop of Nicolet.

After Mass, Mgr. de Guebriant, accompanied by the other prelates, made his way to the Chinese Hospital, where a banquet had been prepared for them by the members of the Chinese Social Benefit Society. Their Excellencies Mgr. Bruchesi, Mgr. de Guebriant, Mgr. Larocque, Mgr. Brunault and Mgr. Forbes, Bishop of Joliette, accompanied by several members of the Clergy, visited the different patients and then left for Plateau Academy, where all the Catholic Chinese of Montreal had assembled.

After this visit, Mgr. de Guebriant left for the Grand Seminary, where he was expected.

In the evening, he spoke of his missions to eight hundred theological and philosophical students and to the students of the Montreal College.

On Monday, October 4th, after celebrating Holy Mass in the chapel of the Mother House of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, the great missionary left for Joliette, where His Excellency Bishop Forbes had prepared a reception in his honour. On October 5th, he visited Quebec, and was there given a cordial welcome by His Eminence Cardinal Begin. The following day, he returned to Montreal and took a night train for the United States, whence he was to set sail for China on October 13th. The revered prelate bore away with him the greatest affection for the people of Canada and especially for our beloved Bishops and the members of the different Communities he had visited.



When you desire to obtain something from God have recourse to Mary and you will then have the assurance of obtaining all.

St. Alphonsus Rodriguez.

First Step Towards the Beatification of Pauline Marie Jaricot

FOUNDRESS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH



PAULINE MARIE JARICOT
FOUNDRESS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH.

On February 13th, in St. Nizier's Church, the body of Pauline Marie Jaricot, Foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, was examined in the presence of Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyons, a number of prelates, among whom was Mgr. Boucher, the members of the Council of the Propagation of the Faith, Paris, and several of the leading Catholics of Lyons.

It is a well-known fact that such an examination is the first step towards beatification. Very early in life, Pauline Marie Jaricot, the daughter of a wealthy silk-mercator of Lyons, gave up all the trifling things of this earth in order to consecrate her time to the pushing forward

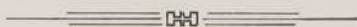
of a movement which she had set on foot and which was to spread throughout the world. She began to hold intercourse with the priests of the Paris Foreign Mission Society through her brother, who was attending the Sulpician Fathers' Seminary. It was while she was corresponding with the numerous members of the Foreign Mission Society that she thought of founding the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. The first members she secured were workwomen living in St. Polycarpe.

The first year, the new Association brought in 87 francs; the second year, 300 francs; the third year, 1,800 francs; and everyone knows the wonderful progress it has made since then.

It was in the family plot in the cemetery of Loyasse, the last resting-place of all the people who inhabited Lyons during the 19th century, that

the body of Pauline Jaricot had lain since the year 1862 until it was borne to the crypt of St. Nizier's Church.

When the coffin was opened in the presence of two doctors, it was found to contain but a few bones. These bones were placed in a chest by Doctors Ricard and Barjon, and the many people present passed one by one in front of the half-open coffin, and then went up to the crypt. After the chest had been soldered and a wide, white silk ribbon stamped with red wax had been arranged around it, it was placed in the crypt of the church, quite close to the chapel dedicated to Our Lady, and there the Foundress of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith will lie until she is raised to the altars.



Another Bishop Called to His Reward

The first Acadian bishop of the Maritime Provinces, His Excellency Mgr. Leblanc, fifth Bishop of St. John, N. B., passed away on Sunday, February 17th, at the age of sixty-five.

His Excellency Mgr. Leblanc was born in Weymouth, on October 15th, 1870. In 1894, after making his studies at St. Joseph's College and at Church Point, he entered the Theological Seminary in Halifax and was ordained to the priesthood on July 29th, 1892. He acted as curate and pastor in different parishes and, on August 2nd, 1912, when he was parish priest at St. Bernard, N. S., he was nominated Bishop of St. John, N. B. He was consecrated the same year, on December 10th, by His Excellency Archbishop Stagni, Delegate Apostolic.

His obsequies, which were celebrated on Thursday, February 21st, were presided over by His Excellency Most Reverend Thomas O'Donnell, D. D., Archbishop of Halifax. Their Excellencies Most Reverend James Morrison, D. D., Bishop of Antigonish and Mgr. Chiasson, Bishop of Chatham, delivered the funeral orations.

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception have made it their duty to offer up prayers for the repose of the soul of the deceased prelate who, in the past, so kindly took an interest in their works.



Leprosy Eradicated by the Inhabitants of Waichow

The inhabitants of the village of Waichow, most of whom are fishermen, have rid their little island of leprosy. They simply slaughtered in the most cruel way the twenty-four lepers living on the island. The unfortunate victims were not in the habit of mixing with the other people. After the massacre, everything in the region was completely destroyed by fire.

Pastoral Letter of
His Excellency Mgr. Papineau,
Bishop of Joliette

CLOSED RETREATS

JOSEPH ARTHUR PAPINEAU, BY THE GRACE OF GOD AND FAVOUR OF THE
APOSTOLIC SEE, BISHOP OF JOLIETTE

*To the Reverend Clergy, Diocesan and Religious, to the Religious Communities
and to the Faithful of the Diocese, Greetings and Benediction
in the Lord.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

A bishop is, above all, a man versed in Christian Doctrine. Our divine Lord desired that he be a preacher. "Go ye, therefore," He said to His Apostles, "and teach all nations." (Matt. XXVIII, 19). "Jesus," Peter said later on, "commanded us to preach to the people." (Acts X, 42. *Præcepit nobis prædicare populo*. Many a time, St. Paul made the same declaration: "I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle..." (I Tim. II, 7). "I have received the ministry of the word from the Lord Jesus." (Acts XX, 24). And, on another occasion, he said: "For a bishop must embrace that faithful word which is according to doctrine, that he may be able to exhort in sound doctrine, and to convince the gainsayers." *Oportet episcopum amplectentem eum qui secundum doctrinam est, fidelem sermonem, ut potens sit exhortari in doctrina sana et eos qui contradicunt arguere*. (Titus I, 9). All the Apostles looked upon their mission in this light. They declared that they would devote their entire time to prayer and preaching.

Being the guardian and defender of the truth, a bishop must bear the burden imposed upon him. For this reason, he is very often a dispenser of the mysteries of God and, for this reason, also, he continually goes through his diocese, spurring on the good, assisting the weak, encouraging those engaged in constant struggle and reminding all of their origin, their purpose in life, their duties, their responsibilities and their last end. On every occasion which is solemn to some extent, he is to be seen preaching to his people either by word or example.

At the beginning of Lent, a bishop is in the habit of addressing his flock. Thus it was that We, for a few years past, spoke to you of fasting, penance, alms and prayer. As it is Our wish to again follow a custom established by a great many zealous prelates, We shall, this year, speak to you about the spiritual exercises which are commonly known as Closed Retreats.

Dearly beloved Brethren, it is a noteworthy fact that God in His Providence, silently seeing to the order of things prescribed for Christian societies, reserves for the people of each century devotions which they need the most.

Such was the case in past centuries, during which God caused two great devotions, the devotion to the Sacred Heart and the Rosary devotion, to spring up. And so it is in our own time. According to observers invested with the highest authority, the evils of our day are: frivolousness or the wasting of one's time, a thirst for pleasures, especially for sensual pleasures, an inordinate desire or lust for gold, and the absence of vigorousness and of a just pride among Catholics. The best remedy for such evils is a Closed Retreat. Our intention is simply to prove to you the truth of what We have stated.

Dearly beloved Brethren, in Chapter XVII of Ecclesiasticus, we are reminded of the beginning and the end of man: "God created man of the earth, and He turned Him into it again. He gave him the number of his days and time, and gave him power over all things that are upon earth. He created in him the science of the spirit and showed him good and evil. He showed him the greatness of His works, and He gave him the law of life for an inheritance and He said to him: 'Beware of all iniquity.'" We are thus shown the serious side of life.

In like manner does Moses enlighten us: "Our years shall be considered as a spider: the days of our years in them are threescore and ten years. But if in the strong *they be* fourscore years: and what is more of them, is labour and sorrow. So make Thy right hand known, Lord, and men learned in heart and wisdom." (Ps. LXXXIX. 9-13.)

So we see that our days are numbered. We have come from God, we are living for Him alone and we shall return to Him. That is the way we should look upon life. Ah! if we but meditated on these truths, if we but realized how eager we should be to make use of the fleeting hours of this life, so as to prepare a future harvest, what a change there would be in the social world. The advice given by Le Play would be followed. He had been at death's door and, on regaining his health, he was asked to what extent his feelings had been affected. His answer was: "When I saw that I was on the brink of the grave, far from thinking that life is but a fleeting dream, I realized how important it is." How many people there are who never think of how important life really is or who do not appreciate it. The discipline by which one's intellectual nature is elevated, a close watch over one's heart, the good use of social influences, the taking advantage of divine grace by faithfulness to all religious observances and the practice of Christian virtues are regarded as practices of a past age. The people of our epoch are spending their time frivolously. The following demonstrations prove that this is true: a careless way of thinking and of judging, a great desire for amusements, an excessive craving for entertainments, banquets and plays, an extravagant passion for the newest fashions, dances and balls, a disastrous dislike for all that is noble. There is a regular waste: a waste of divine grace, of one's intellectual powers, of one's heart's love, of one's whole life.

Dearly beloved Brethren, according to Bossuet, this evil may be remedied only if one thinks less of the things of this world and ardently desires those of eternity. And a Closed Retreat, more than anything else, will inspire

a person with such thoughts. The different sermons which are preached during a retreat of the kind, the pious exercises and the touching ceremonies, which are all very solemn and, as it were, linked together, cause the faithful to pay close attention, make them grow disgusted with the things of this world and show them how precious are those which will last forever. The silence which reigns supreme during a Closed Retreat makes them think unceasingly of these words of the Gospel: *Quærite primum regnum Dei et iustitiam ejus*. "Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and His justice." (Matt. VI. 33.) This silence also constantly reminds them that man's salvation is of such importance that it has been the one thought of God from all eternity and His aim in creating everything here below. In order to work out their salvation, the Saints and all true Christians generously embraced the religion of Christ, a religion in which the Crucifixion, the Crowning with thorns, the Scourging at the pillar and martyrdom are constantly being renewed.

Dearly beloved Brethren, you, especially, who appreciate the benefits of a Closed Retreat, you who have made up your minds to live as you should live, strive to follow St. Paul's advice to the early Christians: "Therefore, if you be risen up with Christ, seek the things that are above."

Dearly beloved Brethren, if our people could be blamed for their fickleness only, perhaps it would not be a very difficult matter to get them to understand why they were created; but they are suffering from a sort of malignant fever and are in danger of death. The fever of which I speak is the thirst for sensual pleasures, a fever that is always raging. The Prophet Isaias spoke thus to the Israelites of its fatal effects: "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is sad." (Isaias I. 5.) Later on, St. Augustine remarked that the fever with which we are being consumed is the fire of our evil passions. *Febris nostra libido est*. And, in turn, Pascal states that the malice and the kindness of mankind in general are nearly always the same. Alas! it is indeed very true that man has always been miserable, for the germ of corruption has always been in his flesh. And it is also true that vice has made the people of every century bend under its ignominious yoke. But we must admit that never before has it done such devastating work as it has in these latter days. In order that you may be convinced that such is the case, you need only to be reminded of how easily evil passions are confounded with true Christian love, of how boldly people excuse young folks given to debauchery, married persons unfaithful to their sacred duties and those who are planning to destroy life when it is but commencing. People who indulge in sensual pleasures are to be found everywhere: in ball-rooms and theatres, in workshops and offices, in hotels and on the beaches, on pleasure trips and in places of resort, on the streets, and sometimes even in the home. And is there a better shelter for those who wish to preserve the little virtue they still possess, who wish to re-establish morals and to lift themselves up from their fallen state, than a Closed Retreat? You may have often found such a shelter. Perhaps, many things had been leading you into temptation, but, during your retreat, you meditated on

the supernatural motives for keeping from sin, God's eternal laws, the necessity of obeying them, the punishment in store for those who do not make good use of what has been placed at their disposal, and the spiritual happiness experienced by those who think of attending more to the needs of their soul than to those of their body. And when all the pressing exhortations were causing the stings of remorse to strike the souls of those who had fallen into sin and were filling with fresh hope those who were tired out after struggling against temptation, they inspired you with the thought of becoming chaste, helped you to approach the Holy Table, attracted your attention to the touching image of our Crucified Saviour, of the Son of God, who suffered and died in order to atone for our sins and to save us and showed you the necessity of being virtuous.

Dearly beloved Brethren, our people are not only spending their time foolishly and neglecting their moral duties, but are also, little by little, doing away with social peace. The great reason for this is that there is a continual warfare between the upper and the lower classes. And there is strife of the kind only because all have forgotten that their religion teaches that the poor must not let themselves fall victims to greed and covetousness and that the rich must not think solely of adding to their wealth. Peace will be restored when all reflect on what has been taught them by our divine Lord, for then the former will appreciate the true value of poverty and the latter will realize what important duties are theirs on account of having been blessed with an abundance of this world's goods. Our Holy Father himself has stated that a Closed Retreat is one of the best means of getting the faithful to make such a reflection.

During a retreat, the poor will learn that they have been more favoured by our divine Lord than all the other people upon earth. Did not Christ wish to be born poor? In order that the prophecies might be fulfilled, the virgin chosen to be His mother belonged to the royal house of David, but was, nevertheless, very poor. Angels announced His birth and the poor shepherds were the first to hear their hymns of joy. Moreover, it was His tender compassion for the poor that persuaded Him to leave His heavenly throne to dwell amongst them. Isaias prophesied this and Jesus Himself takes delight in repeating it to us: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, wherefore He hath anointed me, to preach the Gospel to the poor." (Luke IV. 18.) And, when, before an immense crowd, He solemnly promulgates the new law which He has brought down to earth, when He reveals to men who it is who will share true and solid happiness, it is to the poor that He makes His touching revelations. "And opening His mouth," says St. Matthew, "He taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'"

Men who are well off will, during a Closed Retreat, learn what they should do with their money.

The rich are not forbidden to possess what they have rightfully acquired by being industrious or what they have inherited, to rejoice because they possess such wealth, to enjoy the comforts of life and to legitimately add

to their fortune. But they have no right to be misers, to so highly prize the goods of this world that they forget about saving their own souls as well as the souls of others and to be so greedy as to refuse to help those in need. They should even make it their duty to give to others according to their means.

Dearly beloved Brethren, We have already mentioned that the fourth evil of our day is the lack of vigorousness among a great number of Catholics. And the reason why our people are not more energetic is because they are not fully convinced of the truth of what they have been taught by the Church. Can those persons be looked upon as Catholics fully convinced of the truth who, in private life, have but little love for piety and the study of Christian Doctrine, but little zeal for the acquiring of virtue, but little enthusiasm for the different good works, but little respect for the clergy and but little fellow-feeling for religious communities; when, in their homes, they fail to bring up their children in the fear and love of God, when they prefer sending their sons and daughters to schools where, instead of receiving a Christian training, they are given a good secular education; and, last of all, when, in their social life, they, in a practical manner and with undue satisfaction, admit that, everywhere, people faithful to God and those who have wandered from the path of virtue should be treated in the very same way and enjoy the same freedom?

Dearly beloved Brethren, after receiving so much from God individually and as a nation, you must not forsake or deny Him. You must be true Christians and your one great desire must be to become more virtuous, more valiant, more perfect and prouder of your religion from day to day. And, in order to succeed, your faith must not be imperfect, nor must it waver in time of trial. You must be so firm in your belief that you will always be able to explain why you accept certain truths, to give ample proof that you are right in adhering to the Catholic religion, to breathe freely in an atmosphere saturated with pagan sensualism and to proudly hold your own when you encounter perverse doctrines and resolute materialism.

Without doubt, you will acquire a firm and practical faith by settling down in earnest to study philosophy and theology, by being faithful to read the Old and the New Testament attentively, by pondering over the Annals of the Church and the Lives of the Saints, but it will be all the more lively if you but attend the spiritual exercises which are known as Closed Retreats.

Dearly beloved Brethren, do you not feel that we are passing through a period resembling that predicted by Amos: *Ecce dies veniunt dicit Dominus, et mittam famem in terram, non famem panis neque sitim aquæ, sed audiendi verbum Domini.* "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, and I will send forth a famine into the land: not a famine of bread, nor a thirst of water, but of hearing the word of the Lord." (Amos, VIII. 11.) It is true that, for the past four years, the people of our country have been in distress and have been shedding bitter tears, they have suffered from "a famine of bread and a thirst of water." And because our people have hearkened to

new beatitudes: "Blessed are those who are given up to sensual pleasures; blessed are those whose inordinate desires are satisfied," and have allowed their faith to grow weak, they are now hungering and thirsting after Christian Doctrine. And could we depend on better people than those who have already made a Closed Retreat to put an end to this hunger and thirst. This is a century in which there is must apostolic work to be done. His Holiness Pope Pius XI, our revered and beloved Pontiff, never ceases, in his letters and discourses, to remind us of it. As disciples of the Son of God, who came down from heaven in order to enlighten, console and show mercy to the ignorant and suffering inhabitants of the earth, it is your bounden duty to enlighten, console and show mercy to your ignorant and suffering brethren. As disciples of the Son of God, who came upon earth in order to purify souls, it is your bounden duty to help to purify the souls of your brethren. And, finally, as disciples of the Son of God, who came upon earth in order to save souls, it is your bounden duty to save the souls of your brethren.

It is to be hoped that these few considerations will inspire you and awaken in your hearts sentiments of faith which will grow more lively during your future Closed Retreats.

(Translated from the French.)

82,145 Converts in China Last Year

The Directory of Catholic Missions in China for 1935, which has been published by the Bureau Sinologique at Zi-ka-wei, shows that 82,145 adult converts were received into the Church during the 12 month period ending June 30, 1934. There are now 2,702,468 Catholics in China, according to statistics given in the Directory, and this number, compared with last year's figures, indicates a net increase of 78,908.

A brief analysis of the statistics, which is given in the Preface to the Directory, draws attention to several striking increases during the last ten years. Ecclesiastical territories, for example, increased by 52 and now total 121. The Chinese secular clergy, with 1,660 priests, shows an increase of 528. The number of Chinese brothers rose from 272 to 607, the number of Chinese sisters from 2,384 to 3,319. There are now 4,230 seminarists preparing for the priesthood in the various major and minor seminaries throughout China, an increase of 1,680 since 1924.

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Jesus Christ has shown His Heart as a furnace of the most ardent charity to inflame the world.

St. Bernardine of Siena.

The Promises of Our Lord

To St. Margaret Mary for Souls Devoted to His Sacred Heart.

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.

2. I will establish peace in their houses.

3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.

4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all in death.

5. I will bestow a large blessing upon all their undertakings.

6. Sinners shall find in My Heart the source and the infinite ocean of mercy.

7. Tepid souls shall grow fervent.

8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.

9. I will bless every place where a picture of My Heart shall be set up and honoured.

10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.

11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in My Heart, never to be blotted out.

12. I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that My all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments; My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.



APPARITION OF OUR LORD TO ST. MARGARET MARY
AT PARAY-LE-MONIAL.

“There was shown to me a heart all on fire, and I heard the words: ‘If only thou knewest how I yearn to make all men love Me.’”

St. Margaret Mary.

A Letter from Reverend Father J. E. Grevier, C.S.V.

MISSIONARY IN MANCHURIA

*Catholic Mission, Szepingkai, Manchukuo,
December 5th, 1934.*

Very Reverend Mother General of the Missionary Sisters
of the Immaculate Conception,
Outremont, Canada.

REVEREND MOTHER GENERAL,

I wish to thank you, Very Reverend Mother, for the interest you take in us and for all the kindness shown us by the devoted members of your Community. We who are labouring in a pagan land are very grateful to the Sisters who are praying for us in Canada and to those who take care of us when we are sick.

During the year, God sent us a few little trials and many a consolation. Our loving Master constantly protects us and we feel that His blessing is upon the missionary work we are doing. We would ask you to unite with us in thanking Him for all the favours He has granted us and in begging Him to continue to watch over us. We shall not fail to entreat Him to shower His choicest blessings upon you during the coming year. Knowing that you are interested in our works, I shall tell you a little about what we have done during the past year.

Towards the end of January, we closed our school here and commenced our holidays by making our annual retreat. We were all very glad to be together for a whole week.

In February, one of my confreres was operated on in the Japanese hospital here, and another, in June. Thanks to the good care given them by the Sisters, they soon recovered and were able to go on with their work.

Several priests were obliged to remain alone in different mission stations after the Vicariate had been robbed of two missionaries, especially of Father Charest, who met with a most tragical death. Some of my confreres went, during the year, to reside in these missions.

On June 1st, Brother Pineault left Pamientcheng for Lin-Si-Sien, in Mongolia, which is about four hundred and fifty miles from here. He had been asked to bring twelve pupils of the Lesser Seminary back home for the holidays, which, owing to the erection of a new Seminary were to be longer than usual.

On the Feast of St. John the Baptist, Brother Pineault left T'eng Leao with the young men who had been confided to him. On account of the flood, he had spent twenty-three days there. It was only thirteen days later that he reached Lin-Si-Sien. On the way there, he often grew tired and suffered all kinds of hardships. For thirty long hours, he was exposed

to the burning rays of the sun while crossing a steppe in Mongolia. However, God did not fail to watch over Brother Pineault and he was not attacked by the brigands, who were not far behind him. On reaching his destination, he fell sick and was obliged to take a two months' rest, but he was happy to think that he had suffered for God and had won souls for Him.

On September 25th, we had the happiness of receiving two new missionaries: Brothers Paquette and Bourgault. After spending two weeks in the Central Mission, they went to their respective mission stations and immediately settled down to study Chinese. The Brothers who do not teach at the Mission School and at the Lesser Seminary in Szepingkai are labouring in the mission stations of Pamientcheng and Leao Yuan.

We closed our school on January 20th, 1933. On the following March 2nd, a hundred and ten pupils were enrolled for the term which ended on July 7th. The boys came back on August 16th and were placed in four classrooms, for we had one class more than the preceding term. A hundred and forty-five pupils were enrolled. Brother Lalonde directs the Boarding School, which is attended by thirty-two boys.

During the year, one of the teachers in our school and four pupils were baptized. They are our first Christians and we hope that many others will follow their example.

We must teach the pagans about the Faith before asking them to embrace it. During the year 1933, we did not speak much about our religion to the people in general, but we tried to get all our pupils to love it. We are overjoyed to see what a change has come over them. Already, several have asked us to prepare them for Baptism.

In the Orient, it is not an easy matter to convert big boys between fifteen and twenty years of age, for they let their evil passions get the best of them. God's grace alone will help them to break down the barriers which hinder them from becoming Christians. You already know of all these difficulties: all kinds of prejudices in the home and in society; the fear of "losing face", the result of which is pride, susceptibility, and humna respect, uneasiness about the future; society, which results in an absence of interest in the life to come bad habits which one has never thought of checking and which, on account of the evils existing in the country are constantly increasing; the new duties which are theirs on embracing a religion which calls for many an effort on their part; hatred for the Faith carried to them by foreigners and which, at first, seems to be opposed to patriotism and to the desires of the people, for the religion professed by most of the pagans is national and cannot be looked upon in any other light; absolute ignorance of Catholicism; a pagan religion, whose followers have nothing to induce them to love spiritual things; the laws of the country, which state that Catechism must not be taught during class; finally, all the evil with which the devil darkens the minds of human beings, in order to hinder them from discovering the truth. All this is the cockle which every missionary must pull up, if he wishes the Word of God to take effect. When the pagan boys come to us they are

more or less prejudiced but, on becoming acquainted with us, they soon learn to trust us.

We can, however, always depend on God to help us to soften the hearts of these young pagans and we have entrusted to His care all the pupils of our two Catechism classes, one of which is attended by Catholics and the other, by pagans who wish to be baptized or, at least, to learn about our holy religion. At present, we are teaching Catechism to some thirty willing-hearted pagans. When a catechumen is baptized, he takes his place among the Catholic pupils.

On October 31st, we received a visit from Bishop Tchao, the Chinese bishop of Che-Fong, Jehol. His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre and several priests of the Mission accompanied him. Our pupils, on thus meeting a bishop belonging to their own race, were touched more than they would have been on hearing a long sermon, for they saw for themselves that the Catholic religion is not national but universal. We seize every opportunity to make God and His Church known to our pupils.

We who are living among pagans, realize all the more that Faith is a gift from God. No human agency is able to change the false religious principles which have been inculcated among the Chinese during five thousand years of pagan civilization. That is why I am asking you to continue to earnestly entreat God to convert and save the young people to whom we are giving instructions. When school re-opened in March 1933, we had but eight Catholic pupils and now we have twenty, despite the fact that some of our pupils left us, in order to help their parents. All the people here are very poor, but the Catholics are the poorest of all.

In the name of my confreres, I wish to thank you, Very Reverend Mother General, for all your kindness and I entreat our divine Lord to shower His choicest blessings upon you and upon all the members of your Community.

Yours gratefully in the Heart of Jesus and St. Viator,

J. ELIAS CREVIER, C. S. V.

(Translated.)

Special Guard of Honour to the Blessed Virgin

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, for the people of the world, of any age or station in life.

In the afternoon, at 3 o'clock, a short talk on the prerogatives of the Mother of God is given, after which there is Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Persons desirous of taking part in this chorus of love, gratitude, reparation and supplication will be most welcome.

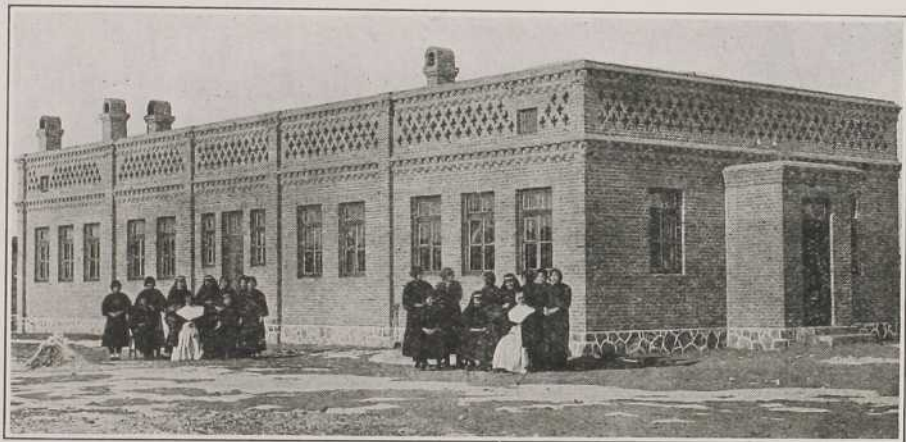
The Native Novitiate of Szepingkai

IN September 1930, the first postulants of the Community of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary arrived. The postulate was established at Leao Yuan but, in 1931, was transferred to Szepingkai.

A new period in the history of the youthful Community commenced on November 21st, 1933, for, on that date, the first four novices made Religious Profession. The chosen ones were but few in number, but one must bear in mind that the first fruits of a work of the kind are never considerable. That day, we witnessed the perfection of the work accomplished by those who had laid the foundation of the new Society and who had caused it to progress: Reverend Father Edgar Larochelle, its first chaplain, whom I replaced in 1932, and the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, who had trained and directed the happy group. That day, also, the newly-professed Sisters were rewarded for the sacrifices they had imposed upon themselves during their period of training.

The way had been prepared and the zeal of the novices and postulants was aroused when they saw how happy the new Sisters were; all of them eagerly desired to see the day when they would be able to dedicate their lives to God's service. This year, on the 6th of August, the wishes of six of them were granted. Like their elder sisters, they had the happiness of uniting themselves to God by the three vows of religion. As there were then ten Professed Sisters in the new Community, His Excellency Mgr. Lapierre was able to comply with the requests of at least a few missionaries. Six of the Native Sisters received their assignments, three being sent to Taonan and three to Fakou. The others could not be sent to mission stations, for they were needed at the Novitiate and at the Apostolic School.

August 12th was a memorable date in the annals of the new native Sisterhood, for it marked the departure of its first apostolic labourers. The young Sisters, who were soon to become real missionaries, joyfully got ready



NATIVE NOVITIATE DEDICATED TO OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY, SZEPINGKAI, MANCHURIA.

for the work ahead of them. During the quiet little ceremony which took place in the chapel, each of them asked God to grant them His grace, that they might always be faithful to Him, and to assist them in their efforts to spread His Kingdom. After the ceremony, the six Sisters took their leave, all feeling that they were going forth from their second home. The novices and postulants looked longingly after the Sisters whom they dearly loved and all were a little sad on saying good-bye.

It is already a few months since the first Native Sisters left Szepingkai. At the Novitiate, the novices and postulants, whose daily cares engross their time, soon forgot that the places of their elder sisters were vacant. However, they have not forgotten them. They pray for them every day and greatly rejoice when they receive letters from Taonan or Fakou.

The new missionaries are very happy and they endeavour to do their work well. They realize how important it is to acquire good habits at the very beginning and they strive to observe every point of their Rule. The Sisters who will join them later on will only need to follow in their footsteps. As the mode of living is not the same at the Novitiate as elsewhere, some unforeseen difficulties in the observance of their Rule have to be cleared up. At such times, they seek advice from the Missionaries in Szepingkai. They really seem to be striving as much as is within their power, to be good religious, faithful to their new duties.

What Rule has been given them? One consisting of ordinary spiritual exercises: meditation, general and particular examination of conscience, spiritual reading, a daily visit to the Blessed Sacrament and the recitation of the fifteen decades of the beads. We feel that it is really necessary to have the Sisters make their exercises in common, in order to get them to love community life and to prevent them from being neglectful.

What work is being done in the mission stations by these young religious? They prepare catechumens for Holy Baptism, take care of the church or teach. At Taonan, where there is a boarding-school for girls, a Native Sister helps a Missionary of the Immaculate Conception to look after the young pupils and she also teaches them Catechism. Although they have not a Normal School diploma, these Native Sisters have been allowed to teach in our school, but they will not be permitted to do so all the time. It is a problem that must be solved before very long.

They will have difficulty in obtaining a diploma, for they will be obliged to attend a public school and there is no school of the kind in Szepingkai. We cannot think of sending them to a mission station in which there is a normal school, for it might mean that they would lose their vocation there. And it is not an easy matter for us to establish a normal school. Much money would be required for the erection of such an institute and, perhaps, we would not be allowed to carry out our plans. For the time being, we are endeavouring to give the aspirants a fitting education and, above all, we are showing them how to teach Catechism.

Actually, there are thirteen novices and four postulants at the Novitiate. We also have, in the parish, an elementary school, which is attended by

nineteen pupils. The latter, after leaving this school, will be admitted to the postulate. On account of having such a school, we are able to give the young aspirants a better education and are also able to discover if they really have a vocation to the religious life, before accepting them as postulants.

In closing, we wish to express our gratitude to the Bishops of Mukden and Jehol, who either gave or lent us virgin catechists, whom they themselves had trained, to spread the Faith among pagan women and girls, at a time when we had none ourselves. If we are able, to-day, to train our own helpers, it is thanks to the kind neighbours who came to our assistance.

Emilien MASSE, P. M. E.

(Translated.)

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 will shower them upon earth."

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.



Enclosed you will find an offering for a novena of lights in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, through whose intercession I have obtained a special favour. Miss P., **Anthony, R. I.** — I am sending you a donation in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, in thanksgiving for some favours obtained. A Friend, **Indian Orchard, Mass.** — Enclosed please find an offering to ransom two Chinese babies likely to live, in thanksgiving to the Little Flower of Jesus, through whose intercession I have obtained a cure. Mrs. J. A. B., **Montreal.** — I am enclosing a Postal Note in favour of the Missions, in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who has helped my husband to keep his position. Mrs. R. L., **South Williamstown.** — I wish to return thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who has obtained me a favour. Enclosed please find a small offering. Anonymous. — I am enclosing an offering for your missions, to thank the

Little Flower of Jesus for granting me a favour and that she may continue to protect us. A Subscriber. — After having had recourse to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and having promised to send a donation for the Shek Lung Lazaretto, my petition was granted. Anonymous. — I am enclosing an offering for

the Little Flower Burse, in thanksgiving for a favour obtained. Mrs. H. L. — St. Teresa of the Child Jesus has helped us to find good tenants and we are very grateful to her. Mr. and Mrs. B., **Rosemount.** — I have obtained a favour through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and am now fulfilling a promise made some time ago, by sending you an offering for the Missions. Mrs. J. G., **Rouyn.** — The Little Flower of Jesus has obtained me a favour and to thank her I am sending you a small donation. Mrs. A. T. — Enclosed please find an offering in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who has come to my aid. Kindly remember me in your prayers. J. P., **Anthony, R. I.** — I wish to return thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, through whose intercession one dear to me has been restored to health. Mrs. T. P., **Montreal.** — Enclosed please find an offering for your lepers. My request has been granted and am most grateful to the little Patroness of Missionaries. I am now asking this dear Saint to obtain me some other important favours. An invalid, **Montreal.** — Enclosed

please find my renewal subscription, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. A. H. — Find enclosed an offering for a novena of lights in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, through whose intercession I have obtained a favour. I am now asking her to cure me. Mrs. H. P., **Montreal**. — I wish to return thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who has obtained me a favour. Mrs. L. L. — St. Teresa of the Child Jesus has always hearkened to my prayers and it is to thank her that I am sending you this Postal Note. I hope to obtain some other favours through her intercession. Mrs. R. B. — I have received a favour from St. Teresa of the Child Jesus and I am truly thankful. Mrs. A. C., **Montreal**. — Find enclosed an offering for your missions, in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who has obtained me a favour. Mrs. H. L., **Levis**. — My little girl has been restored to health and I am sending you an offering in thanksgiving. Mrs. F. — I wish to thank St. Therese for the favour she has obtained me. A. L., **Quebec**. — Some time ago, I promised St. Therese that I would send you some clothing for two Chinese children if I obtained what I was asking for. My prayers have been heard and so I hasten to fulfil my promise. Please pray that my husband may find work. Mrs. E. J. P., **St. Constant, Que.**

Oh, if souls weak and imperfect as mine felt what I feel, not one would despair of reaching the mountain of Love, since Jesus does not demand of us great deeds, but only self-surrender and gratitude.

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 November-December	" 60.75
In July-August	" 12.25	In January-February	1934 38.75
In September-October	" 85.00	In March-April	" 15.00
In November-December	" 38.40	In May-June	" 17.50
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Echoes from our Missions

CANTON, CHINA

A SOUL TO BE SAVED



A KAT, A LITTLE ORPHAN IN CANTON, CHINA,
PLEADING FOR THE BABY SHE IS MINDING.

Just lately, *A Kat*, a ten-year-old orphan who helps to look after the little ones in the Orphanage in Canton, brought a poor baby, but a month old, to the Sister in charge, saying: "Sister, Sister, let's buy it ourselves. It has a soul to be saved!..." The widow who confided the child to us has begun to think that it is not as healthy as it should be. We are not surprised to see that she is uneasy about it, but we cannot understand why she is so impatient. *A Seuil*, our faithful door-keeper who, for nearly thirty years, has said many a Hail Mary daily and has always greeted our visitors with a smile, knows why. She has been talking to the poor woman, who has informed her that she wishes to sell the child and that she will be given more for it if it is plump. It is really too bad,

but the poor unfortunate creature has never heard of God and can hardly be blamed. *A Kat*, who has overheard the conversation, says to herself: "It has a soul to be saved!" for she has often heard us say the same thing. She is so worked up and full of zeal that she fixes her beautiful big black eyes on the Sister in charge of the Orphanage, saying: "Sister, let's buy it ourselves, it has a soul to be saved!" But Sister simply answers:

"We have no money." We have had to refuse many little ones, for it is impossible for us to think of keeping any more when we know that we shall not be able to provide for them.

A *Kat* cannot be blamed for insisting, but the poor baby she has in her arms, must, like the many others which we have not been able to accept, be clothed and fed. How many poor blind children between five and nine years of age have we been obliged to refuse during the year. If we could have kept them, as well as the many poor waifs not afflicted in this way, all of them would now be little Christians. Every one of the little abandoned creatures to whom we have given shelter has been taught about God. The blind children, who have always been looked down upon, value more than their companions the "charity of Christ." They have never been able to see anything in this world, but they know how to look at things with the eyes of faith and they are prepared to receive the streams of divine grace.

Perhaps, you would like to hear about one of our little orphan girls, who will soon be visited by the Angel of Death.

The child was born blind and her parents, wishing to get rid of her, brought her to the Foundling-Home in Canton when she was but a few days old. We gladly accepted her, for we wished to save her little soul. She was baptized and given the name of *Isapayi* (Elizabeth) and, like all the other orphans, she was carefully watched over. Most of her companions died shortly after their arrival. *Isapayi*, however, grew up and learned to know God and to love Him with her whole heart. When she was big enough to work, she began to help us to look after the babies in the Foundling-Home. I must not forget to tell you that from time to time, the dear child suffered so much that she longed to join the little ones whom God had called to Himself. She was, however, so full of faith that immediately after she would exclaim: "I'm lucky to be blind, for, most likely, if God had given me my sight, my parents wouldn't have thought of bringing me here and I'd still be a pagan and perhaps the devil would have claimed me!..." She would often tell her little companions who were able to admire the many beautiful things around them, that in heaven she would see things that they would not see.

Isapayi is blind, but she is, nevertheless, very bright. She



ISAPAYI, WHO IS BLIND, TEACHES CATECHISM, WHILE KNITTING, TO TWO LITTLE GIRLS IN OUR ORPHANAGE IN CANTON, CHINA.

learned to sew and to knit without the least trouble. The children not deprived of their sight often asked her to tell them how to do their work. The dear orphan has always been zealous and active. Even when it was not her turn, she minded the little ones during the night. When she stayed up, the babies were always well looked after. She put the milk in their bottles and warmed it just enough for them and was so careful to chase the mosquitoes away from the netting surrounding the cradles of the sleeping children that they all kept quiet and let Sister take a rest. Besides taking good care of all the little ones confided to her, *Isapayi* always went about very quietly, so as not to awaken Sister. She has a very good memory. Every day, she leads the prayers in the chapel during Mass, makes the Way of the Cross, saying the long prayers prescribed and recites all the litanies in the Chinese prayer-book, even the Litany of the Saints. When she teaches Catechism, she is both a preacher and a theologian, she is so convinced of the truth that she easily convinces her hearers. Three years ago, realizing that "but one thing is necessary," she willingly took the vow of chastity and she is now one of our zealous virgin catechists. Unfortunately, she caught a bad cold a few months ago and has been in bed ever since. We have given her the best of treatment and have had two doctors attend to her, but she is slowly wasting away with consumption. She who has such a beautiful soul would have been drowned in the muddy waters of a nearby river or would have died on a heap of rubbish in a dark lane in



WHO WISHES TO PROVIDE FOR ONE OF THE MANY LITTLE TOTS IN THE FOUNDLING-HOME
IN CANTON? GOD CONSIDERS WHAT YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF HIS BRETHREN
AS DONE UNTO HIMSELF.

Canton if she had not been accepted at our Foundling-Home over thirty years ago.

The children we have been obliged to refuse during the year owing to the lack of funds have been thrown to the dogs or, what is still worse, have been placed in disorderly houses. If we had been able to accept them, they would have, like *Isapayi*, known, loved and served God or would have, after their little souls had been purified by Holy Baptism, joined the angels and would now be strewing flowers before our heavenly Mother.

To show you just how true this is, let me tell you about another little girl, ten or twelve years of age, who was brought to the Orphanage from an outlying district, towards the end of last February. As we had no money, we were obliged to refuse her like we had refused many other children before her. Four times, the person to whom the little girl had been confided came to tell us that she would be thrown out by her parents if we did not accept her. We were very sorry that we always had to give the same answer: "We are not able to take her now," for we longed to save her soul. But the fifth time the child was brought to us happened to be the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph and, feeling that she had been sent to us by our dear Protector, we could not refuse to take her... Sister Superior welcomed the little one with outstretched arms and immediately gave her the name

of Josephine. Ah! St. Joseph knew better than we did that the soul of this little girl had to be saved at all costs... Before leaving, the woman told us that the pagan parents had decided to throw their child into the river, for she was going to hinder her brothers and sisters from getting settled in life. No doubt, everyone knows that in China it is customary for the children of the same family to get married, each in turn, as soon as they are old enough. This poor child is the eldest in the home but, on account of being a cripple, she was not allowed to get married. Her parents only thought of chasing her out of the house, in order to give the others a chance. And nobody stopped to think of what was going to become of her, for she has always been looked upon as a nuisance. Her father made up his mind to tie a stone on her neck and to throw her into the river, but a woman living near by intervened. She had been educated at the Holy Ghost School and remembered that close beside the school there was a home at



THE PARENTS OF JOSEPHINE, A LITTLE CRIPPLE, HAD DECIDED TO DO AWAY WITH HER. THE POOR CHILD IS NOW TAKEN CARE OF AT THE ORPHANAGE IN CHARGE OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CANTON, CHINA.

which all those in distress are made welcome. She asked the heartless superstitious parents to let her servant bring the child to us. The woman who was sent to the Orphanage told us all that had happened, but she was not all excited, for she is a pagan and thought that it was quite right for others to be treated in a way that she would not wish to be treated herself. If the little girl is taken home, she will certainly be mercilessly drowned.

We continually thank St. Joseph for sending us this little girl, for, besides attending to her bodily ills, we shall be able to save her soul. She is so weak and nervous that she cannot keep still and is not able to work. Josephine is a bright child, but to see the way she drags herself along one would think that she was an idiot. We have had her baptized and she is learning to love God. She has begun to utter a few words and she even lisps the Hail Mary. We sincerely hope that our dear heavenly Mother will hearken to her prayers and that, with her help, she will soon be strong enough to settle down to study her Catechism.

We have told you just a little of what is going on in the Foundling-Home and Orphanage in Canton. Very little, indeed, for we have treated several thousands of poor abandoned children during the year.

A MISSIONARY SISTER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
Canton, China.

8th November, 1934.



A DAY'S INGATHERING AT THE FOUNDLING-HOME OF THE MISSIONARY
SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, CANTON, CHINA.

SZEPINGKAI, MANCHURIA

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

Friday, October 12, 1934

Yesterday, Sister St. Clement⁽¹⁾, who has been but twelve days on the Missions, baptized a dying baby, giving it the name of Louis Philip. She noticed our Chinese helper making her way to the Dispensary, this morning, and, knowing what happiness was in store for her, she immediately followed her. On reaching her destination, she made two babies heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Little by little, our Sister is getting accustomed to her work as infirmarian among the Manchurians. But she is not able to speak Chinese yet and she knows that she must not lose her authority. We know that she feels just like we did when we arrived here and now that we have had *great experience*, we do all we can to encourage her.

Sunday, October 21

The Feast of the Propagation of the Faith is a great day for all the children of Holy Mother Church and it is most solemnly observed by all missionaries, who realize that they must pray if they wish to win souls to the Faith. In union with the faithful all over the world, we waft heavenwards our fervent supplications.

God in His Providence to-day sends us a pagan girl, who offers to teach us Chinese and asks to be allowed to stay at the Mission, as she wishes to become a Christian. She is an only daughter but has, nevertheless, made up her mind to part from her parents and to leave her work, for which she has been getting more pay than she will be given here.

Monday, October 22

Among the people who come to the Dispensary to-day, is a woman who is either very poor or very economical. She has come to have her two little boys treated, but hands in only three cents, the admission fee for one patient, and asks Sister Marie Emmanuel⁽²⁾ to attend to the sickest one first. She watches Sister putting ointment on the child's sores and says to her: "You're not putting on enough, put on more of it." And while Sister's back is turned, she takes off some of this ointment and rubs it on the sores of the other child. Sister soon discovers what has been done but, taking pity on the pagan mother, who appears to be very poor, she does not let on that she has noticed what a trick she has played. More ointment is put on the sores of the little patient, for Sister knows full well that if there is a little too much, the other child will benefit by it and that the

1. Juliette MALTAIS, of Sacre Cœur, Saguenay.

2. Berthe CREVIER, of Ste. Anne de Bellevue.

patients will not be vexed. In the rules and regulations of the Dispensary, it is stated that those who come for treatment must give in a ticket for, otherwise, much cheating would be done. In this country, we must always be on our guard, even when we are performing works of mercy. The Chinese are very crafty, and this woman has proved to us that she is just as dishonest as her fellow-countrymen.

Wednesday, November 7

A pagan woman has requested the devil to cure her child and she asks us to sign the petition. She is so sure that we shall be willing to do so that she brings us some red ink and a pen, saying: "The *doctor* will only have to trace a few characters." While our Chinese helper is telling her why we are not able to sign such a petition, we hasten to open heaven to the sick child by pouring the Saving Waters on its brow.

Saturday, November 10

To-day while our Chinese teacher is giving us a lesson, she comes across the word "happiness". "You people are happy," she says, "but I'm not." She is still a pagan, but she, nevertheless, feels that there is something missing in her soul and realizes that God is not there. Just lately, she told us that she did not believe in Buddha and that she thought that the people who placed their trust in a god that is not even able to comfort them, are very foolish. Her soul has been touched by the rays of divine grace and we are earnestly asking God to bestow on her the gift of Faith. We are very grateful to our loving Creator, who not only promises us heavenly bliss, but lets us share such great happiness here on earth that even the pagans are astonished and almost envy us.

All of us who are studying Chinese, especially the beginners, often come across certain queer expressions. For instance, instead of saying "turn on the tap," the Chinese say, "turn on the water-pipe," for they have no word for "tap". For "door-knob" they say, "door handle" and for "gloves", "covering for the hands." Instead of simply saying "probably", they say "nine times out of ten it is probable". Educated people make use of a number of proverbs in their ordinary conversation and try to speak in such a way that those who have not received as good an education as they have may not understand what is being said.

Tuesday, November 13

A few days ago, we told you that we were very happy on the Missions. One reason for such happiness is that we often have the privilege of giving Baptism to dying pagans. To-day, we made five little ones children of God.

A Chinese gentleman belonging to one of the many sects here comes to the Dispensary to be treated. He is very open-hearted and he tells us that the church he goes to is very cold and bare compared to ours and that he is more in favour of our religion since he has begun to assist at Mass

on Sundays. He listens very attentively to the Catechism lessons given at the Dispensary and we sincerely hope that he will soon embrace the Faith.

Yesterday, our Sister infirmarian was asked to go to see a girl who was supposed to be at death's door. She found her patient stretched on the *kang* and, before she had time to say a word, the pagan parents cried out: "What kind of medicine did you give our girl? Look! she is motionless and unconscious." It was quite true that Sister had treated the girl in the forenoon, but the medicine she had given her, as she told these poor pagans, could not have caused her illness. After being given an injection, the girl soon regained consciousness and all the people in the house were greatly surprised, for they were getting ready to bury her. In China, dying people are laid out just like the dead.

To-day, we go back to see the sick girl. Her parents are glad to see us again and thank us for all our kindness. Her father tells us that the day she took sick, his daughter, on returning from the Dispensary, had gone to see a Chinese doctor, who had given her some medicine. It was this medicine that had caused her illness.

Saturday, November 17

For a few days past, we have been listening to the Chronicles of the Mother House during our meals. Every line of the interesting annals reminds us of Outremont, where we had such a delightful time. Often do we go in spirit to the dear Mother House to testify our gratitude and affection to our beloved Mother. Many thanks, dear Sisters, for all the news you give us. One who has never been away from the Mother House cannot imagine what a pleasure it is for us to hear about it. And, above all, we wish to thank our Mother for so thoughtfully giving us such precious advice. We shall let it sink into our hearts and shall faithfully follow it, so as to be consolation to her.

Wednesday, November 21

Just a year ago, the first group of novices of the Congregation of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary made Religious Profession and to-day, all the Native Sisters in the different missions renew their Holy Vows. We sing for those who are with us the hymn we are in the habit of singing on the day of the renewal of the Vows of our own Sisters. This beautiful hymn has been translated into Chinese by Reverend Father Jasmin.

This evening, during recreation, each of the novices receives a slip of paper on which is written a few words regarding her spiritual welfare. Each slip is supposed to be a message from heaven. We hope that next year we shall have a statue of Mary in the Temple.

When the novices are not studying or praying, they are to be seen in the workroom. We try to make them love their work by getting them to look up to the Blessed Virgin as a model. The Novitiate is not a very spacious one and so many tasks are performed in the same room. A number of novices sit at a table arranged for the time being. They prepare priests'

vestments and altar linens. A few of their companions make flowers, which will be used to adorn the different altars and some others, padded clothing. In an adjoining room, altar-breads are prepared. The native Sisters labouring in Taonan and Fakou often write to the novices. In their cheerful letters, they remind them that they must always be faithful to duty if they wish to be happy. We hope that all the aspirants will, here and elsewhere, follow the advice given them.

Sunday, November 25

A Mandarin's wife, whose child was treated by us last week, comes with the sick lad to pay us a visit. Wishing to be very polite, she has asked her cook to bring us biscuits, cake and candy.

Our visitor tells us many interesting things. "I've been to different places in China," she says, "and have been able to get a hat the like of which has never been seen in Szeping kai." And then, pretending to be humble, she adds: "*Pou Hao Kan* (It is not pretty.)"

We offer to take her to the Cathedral and she gladly comes along with us. Her first thought on entering is to go up to the Communion railing. After making three deep bows before the Blessed Sacrament, she turns to the Sisters and says in a loud voice: "The true God abides here and there's but one true God." It is because she does not wish to *lose face* that she speaks thus but on hearing her, the cook, a fallen-away Catholic, thinks of his religious duties. He kneels down, makes the Sign of the Cross and appears to recite a few prayers.

We sincerely hope that this lady will one day embrace the Faith and earnestly do we entreat the Blessed Virgin to watch over her soul. We are inclined to think that she will not be hard to convert, for, on going to treat her little boy, we noticed that there was not even one idol in her home and were pleased to see that the miraculous medal we had given her was hanging on the wall, near the different portraits. When we saw that these people were in favour of our religion, we gave them a few instructions.

Saturday, December 8

To-day is the Feast of our Immaculate Patroness, and, on entering the chapel, we find that it has been beautifully decorated. On the altar and around the statue of our Blessed Mother are bouquets of lilies and pretty blue lights.

As this is our special feast day, the novices of the Community of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary organize a little concert, which they put on this evening. They all take part in it and exhibit their skill. After it is over, Sister Superior, wishing to show them how much she appreciates their thoughtful kindness, gives each of them a picture of the Blessed Virgin. We are sorry when we see our beautiful Feast drawing to a close, but rejoice at the thought that in another part of the world it is just dawning and that praises and prayers sweeter than ours will be addressed to our spotless Queen.

Wednesday, December 12

Yesterday evening, a pagan girl whose father was baptized some time ago by our Sister infirmarian, came here from Lao Szepingkai to ask us to pay a visit to a dying woman who wished to be baptized. Our Sister and the virgin catechist went to the station and, as there was no vehicle to be had, they were obliged to set out on foot to the pagan home, which was ten *li* distant. It was a long walk and, before they had gone very far, they were informed that the poor woman had expired. They, nevertheless, continued on their way and finally reached their destination. Sister waited outside while the catechist was baptizing the woman on condition, for, according to the customs of the country, it would not have been right for her to have entered the house. We hope that this woman, who desired to become a Christian, has been received into heaven. On returning to the Dispensary, Sister was sorry to think that she had not reached the pagan home in time to baptize the patient, but she soon had the consolation of making two little ones children of God.



A MISSIONARY SISTER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, BAPTIZING A BABY ON ITS MOTHER'S LAP, AT THE DISPENSARY OF SZEPINGKAI, MANCHURIA.

At times, we set out in hopes of saving a few souls and we meet with no success, but once in a while we are given a surprise. While our Sister infirmarian was treating her patients not long ago, the Dispensary catechist hurried to her, asking for some holy water. The door had been left open and he had seen two men passing. One of them had a bundle and, guessing what was in it, he asked him to wait a minute. In this bundle was a baby, whose feet had been tied together. It was wrapped up in sorghum straw and its head was already quite cold. On feeling its hands, our catechist discovered that there was still a breath of life in the body of the poor little one and hastened to baptize it. The two pagans then took their leave and soon performed their act of cruelty.

About the same time, we heard about another baby that was not as fortunate as the one we have just spoken of. Its father, an opium fiend, had lost his wife. As he had to provide for six children, he decided to leave the youngest one, which was quite healthy, on the side of the road to die. A woman who had made up her mind to adopt the little one, hurried to the

pagan home as soon as she heard that its mother was dead but when she got there, she found that it had already been thrown out.

Some time ago, Sister du St. Cœur de Marie⁽¹⁾ took one of the pupils to the Japanese hospital. On her way back to the convent, she witnessed a heart-rending spectacle. In the middle of the road lay a man who appeared to have just breathed his last. A number of people were kicking his dead body about, as though it were the body of an animal. Many sad things happen in this pagan land, but we see only a few of them.

Saturday, December 29

Two patients, while waiting to be treated, examine the pictures on the wall. Their remarks greatly amuse Sister Marie Emmanuel. While gazing at a picture of a child being watched over by its Guardian Angel, they ask her if the grown-up person is an Englishman. When she tells them that it is an angel they see, they exclaim: "Why, he isn't dressed like you!..." These poor pagans, who know nothing about spiritual things, easily picture to themselves people they have never seen, but are unable to form any idea of the citizens of heaven.

Report of the Dispensary of Szepingkai from October to December inclusive:

	Baptisms.....	80			
Patients.....	5,754	Treatments.....	9,279	Dressings.....	1,018
Teeth extracted....	3	Homes visited....	118	Injections.....	113

Report of the Dispensary of Szepingkai for the Year 1934:

	Baptisms.....	333			
Patients.....	19,642	Treatments.....	36,394	Dressings.....	3,172
Vaccinations.....	232	Homes visited..	436	Injections.....	723

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TAONAN, MANCHURIA

*Letter from the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
of Taonan, to their Sisters in the Mother House*

Catholic Mission, Taonan, February 1st, 1935.

BELOVED SISTERS,

Just a few days ago, we wrote to our dear parents, telling them how we spent Christmas and New Year's at our dear Mission. We now think of writing to you and shall tell you a little about life on the Missions which, when looked upon with the eyes of Faith, is an endless festive season...

We have been given news of all of you, for Sister St. Alexandre,⁽²⁾ who arrived in China last September, came to join us on October 11th, after being in Szepingkai for a while. At the same time, we received a case from

1. Agnes LAVALLEE, of Winnipeg.

2. Alexandrine SURPRENANT, of St. Alexandre d'Iberville.

the dear Mother House and, on opening it, we thought of with what great love everything had been arranged in it. When we took out the beautiful golden monstrance, a present from a kind benefactress, we were really delighted. We shall now be able to have our Eucharistic King exposed upon our altar, and every time He is placed in this glittering monstrance, we shall not fail to ask Him to bless the one who thought of making us such a gift.

It was on All-Saints' Day that our new companion gave Baptism for the first time in Taonan. During November, an epidemic broke out among the children here, and we had the happiness of baptizing a number of them. The poor Chinese treat their sick in a strange way. A few months ago, our Sister infirmarian attended to a youngster who was in great pain. Its parents had pricked the sore spot a hundred times. The poor little one had suffered so much that it was almost at death's door and our Sister hastened to make it a child of God. Sometimes, the pagans take their sick to the bonzes, thinking that they will get better quickly on account of being near the gods. Mr. Tcheou, a young tubercular patient, was much wiser than many of his fellow-countrymen. He asked to be taken to the Catholic Mission, where he was taught about our religion and was baptized. He died on Sunday, November 11th, and, as there was no priest to be had that day at Tong Tang, his body was brought to the church in Si Tang and there the *Libera* was sung. Sister Marie de l'Assomption⁽¹⁾ had to sing all by herself, for those who usually sang in the church failed to make their appearance. The young man's father, who is still a pagan, was present at the ceremony. After it was over, he thanked the *Tai Fou* (doctor), who had not only treated his son, but had also sung for him for nearly an hour. He was so deeply touched that he asked to be allowed to begin to study about our religion.

The catechumens sometimes greatly edify us. Just lately, an old woman who is staying at the Mission in order to learn her Catechism, asked us to let her go home to burn her different idols. We told her that she could send word to her people to burn them, but she was afraid that they would play a trick on her and insisted on going herself. Although her home is twenty *li* from here, she walked all the way and returned to the Mission four days later. She did not forget to bring her idols back with her and she asked us to burn them for her. She had grown so tired during her trip that she fell sick soon after reaching the Mission and had the happiness of being baptized. During the Catechism lessons, she had learned that the Sacrament of Baptism leaves a mark and, after she received it, she thought that we should have put a white cotton band around her head to keep the mark from being rubbed off...

We have also been treating the bonzesses. Last December, the whole fifty of them caught cold and we attended to them until they were better. One of them told our Sister infirmarian that she believed in God and that she knew that He was good. When one of her companions who had not appeared to be listening to what was being said asked why their ancestors

1. Alice LAROUCHE, of Sweetsburg, Que.

had not spoken of Him, she was told that it was probably because they had not had the privilege of knowing Him. We trust that the hearts of all these poor women will one day be touched by the rays of divine grace and we shall be very kind to them, for we feel that it is by our kind acts more than by our words that we shall bring about their conversion.

The little girls of our boarding school give us many a consolation. Those who have not yet been baptized are constantly with the little Christian girls and are getting to like our religion. Every evening, at bed-time, we have the Christian pupils bless themselves after dipping their fingers in some holy water and a few little pagan girls ask to be allowed to do likewise. Once, one of them put her finger in the holy water and then licked it. Her little playmate has shown her how to make the Sign of the Cross and now she never goes to sleep without having blessed herself with holy water. The devil must certainly be angry when he sees what she is doing.

Like our Sisters in the Mother House, we prepared for our special feast day by making a triduum. Every day, Reverend Fathers Bonin and Brulotte kindly gave us a talk on the virtues of our Immaculate Mother. In Canada, the ground is always covered with snow on her beautiful Feast, but there was no snow here and it was very cold. We had our first snow-fall early in January.

Not long ago, a Protestant lady came to ask us to go to see her husband, a consumptive, who had frozen his hands. On entering the parlour, she caught sight of the statue of the Sacred Heart and asked us whom it was supposed to represent. In order to get her to understand, we taught her a little Catechism. She found our Christmas Crib quite attractive and on taking her leave she told us that she was deeply touched... Her husband does not practise any religion. The following day, our catechist paid him a visit, thinking that he might like to embrace the Faith. The poor man told him that he was quite willing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism and one of the priests of the Mission hastened to administer it to him. Father thought of giving him a picture of Mgr. Bourget and told him to ask this saintly bishop to cure him. The day after he had been baptized, he told our Sister infirmarian that he had seen Our Lord during his sleep. When our Sister questioned him, he showed her Mgr. Bourget's picture, saying: "He's the one I saw and he told me that I'd be better in a week's time." A few days after, he was really very much better. We are inclined to think that God is letting him live a while longer in order that his wife and children may follow his example. As he has no longer the use of his hands, his people are not anxious to see him restored to health. But one must not think that the poor pagans do not know what it is to be affectionate. Sometimes, we come in contact with some who really know what true love is. Not long ago, a newly-baptized woman sixty-nine years of age said to her husband: "I'll be dead before long, but we must meet again in heaven." The old man desires to learn about our religion and to be baptized, so that in the other life he will not be separated from his faithful spouse...

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YOUR LOVING SISTERS OF TAONAN.

Report of the dispensary in Taonan, from September 1934 to January 1935 inclusive:

Baptisms.....	353	Patients.....	12,847
Treatments.....	20,272	Dressings.....	7,398
Teeth extracted....	90		
Injections.....	279	Consultations....	5,190
Homes visited.....	870		

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TSUNGMING, HAIMEN VICARIATE, CHINA

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Tsungming.

Tuesday, August 28, 1934

We visit four pagan homes and baptize a patient at the dispensary in Paochen. While crossing a canal, we see therein the dead body of a male child, born just a few days ago. It has been lying there for twenty-four hours and is quite blue. We are heart-broken to think that we have come too late.

Thursday, August 30

School re-opens to-day. The pupils arrive one by one. Their vehicle is a Chinese wheel-barrow, on one side of which has been placed their baggage: a wooden box, a mat, a bedspread and a basin. They are seventy-one in all and they come from all over Tsungming, some, even, from the other side of the island.

Saturday, September 1

While on our way to the dispensary in Paochen, which is close to a pagan foundling-home, we meet a man carrying a basket in which we know there are some babies, for we hear them crying. We stop the pagan and ask him if he will kindly sell us the little ones he has with him. "Oh! no," he replies, "I'm supposed to bring them to the people at the pagan foundling-home." "We shall give you as much for them as they are in the habit of giving you," we tell him. "Oh! I can't do such a thing," he says, "if the others knew about it, they'd be vexed." "Listen here," we continue, "you are getting old and perhaps you will soon fall sick and you will be glad to have the Sisters care for you." "No," is the reply we receive. "Give us at least half of them," we say, while taking out two. "If you take half of them, you might as well take them all," says the poor man, "for they're all sick." If we had not so providentially met this pagan, the four little waifs would have died without Baptism, that great sacrament which makes one an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. On returning to the convent this evening we rejoice to think of the success we have had, for as many as twelve little souls were snatched from the clutches of Satan and presented to our divine Lord. Doubtlessly, the Holy Childhood

Associates in Canada and elsewhere prayed very fervently to-day and made great sacrifices.

Wednesday, September 12

An aged man comes to our Dispensary in Paochen and begs us to make him a Christian. For many years, he has taken the French priests to their different mission stations in a Chinese wheel-barrow, but he has not yet received Holy Baptism. As he is growing old, he is not able to do much walking and his one desire is to receive the Cleansing Waters. We do our best to cheer him up and tell him that on account of being in good health he will have to learn about our religion first. We promise him that if he falls sick we shall immediately comply with his request. "But if I get sick," he says, "there'll be no one to tell you about it, for I've only my wife and she's ailing, and I know very well that the neighbours will not be willing to take the message." We tell him that when he is no longer able to come to listen to the Catechism lessons we shall go to his home to see how he is. On hearing this, he is quite satisfied and, after studying for an hour, leaves light-hearted.

Friday, September 14

We visit a few of our patients in their homes and on our way back to the Dispensary we meet a man with a wheel-barrow on which are two big bags of salt. On learning from our coolie that he is taking the *doctor* back home, he asks us to go to see his sick child. As yet, the Chinese are not noted for their charity and the coolie does not feel like going a little out of his way in order to oblige a stranger. We ask him over and over again to take us to the pagan home and he finally consents to do so. Wishing to lose as little time as possible, he begins to run very fast and the man with the heavy load being unable to keep up with him, leaves his wheel-barrow behind a pile of rubbish. The poor man wishes to be at home when the *doctor* arrives. On reaching her destination, Sister finds a three months old baby which seems to be waiting to be baptized. Immediately, the Saving Waters are poured on its brow and, doubtlessly, this very evening it will fly to heaven.

Tuesday, September 18

Our Sister infirmarian goes with a virgin catechist to pay a visit to our aged coolie, for it is three days since he has come to the Dispensary for a Catechism lesson. On reaching the home of our catechumen, she finds that he is just getting over an illness and is cooking some rice. On seeing Sister, he is sorry that he has left his bed, for he feels that she will not be willing to baptize him, now that he is up. Like Esau when he sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, he is so ashamed that he does not know what to do... Sister notices that there is a pretty wooden cross above the stove in a spot formerly occupied by ugly idols. The old man tells her that he carved it himself in order to prove to God that he wishes to adore

but Him alone... He cannot be baptized yet, but our divine Lord will surely not let Himself be outdone in generosity.

Thursday, September 20

Yesterday, a pagan woman suffering from dropsy, asked us why we were burning lights before a beautiful statue of Our Lady. We told her that it was to let the Blessed Vrgin, God's Mother, know that we love her and that we want her to cure all our patients. On being thus informed, she asked us if she might burn some candles also, and when we told her that she might, she was quite pleased and said that she would bring us some.

True to her promise, our patient to-day brings us two big candles, asking us to burn them before the statue of the Blessed Virgin. We feel that our loving Mother will reward this humble pagan woman for honouring her in this way. The poor creature is in the habit of sitting in a corner to listen to the Dispensary catechist teaching the neophytes.

Friday, September 21

Two old women who come to the Dispensary to be treated, begin to whisper to each other. One says, "I find it strange that that person, who looks like a foreigner, speaks just like the people here. Who is she anyway?" The person spoken of is Sister Marie de Jesus⁽¹⁾ who, after spending six years in the Orient, speaks Chinese fluently. She has heard what has been said about her and discreetly joins in the conversation. She learns that one of these women has been baptized, but has not been to church for twelve years and that she takes care of the pagoda here in Tsungming. Sister tells her in a gentle way that she is doing wrong, advises her to find some other work to do and to make her peace with God... Full of remorse, the poor old creature, who is more to be pitied than blamed, says that she will look for another position and will begin to live up to her religion. She asks for a miraculous medal, for she wants Our Lady to help her to be faithful to her promises.

Saturday, September 22

To-day, we pay another visit to the sick coolie and, finding him very low, we hasten to baptize him. After the Saving Waters have been poured on his brow, he is as happy as a child. The Angel of Death may now visit his home, for he is ready to leave this earth and so is his wife, who was baptized on the twenty-second of August. How careful both of them will be to keep from sin until they are called to their reward. It is really surprising to see what great faith these poor pagans have. God has promised that not even a glass of water given in His Name will be left unrewarded and so it is no wonder that He has repaid this good old man for having so often obliged those consecrated to the ministry of the Gospel, His priests. He had not done his work to please our loving Father, because he had not been taught about Him... On the Last Day, we shall be greatly surprised,

1. Elmina MELANSON, of Rogersville, N. B.

for many of our brethren will then tell us that they would have joyfully served God if they had received but a thousandth part of the favours granted us.

Monday, September 24

While on her way to a pagan home, our Sister infirmarian notices in the distance the home of the woman suffering from dropsy. As it is a few days since she has seen her patient, she decides to pay her a visit. On seeing Sister, the poor woman, who has taken a turn for the worse, joyfully exclaims, "How happy I am, how happy I am!" Then she adds, "I was afraid that I was going to die before you could come to baptize me. I asked some of the neighbours to go to tell you that I was sick, but they refused to go. Oh! how I thank God and the Blessed Virgin for sending you to me!" Needless to say, we very fervently recite the *Magnificat*, to thank our Immaculate Mother for having given us the chance to baptize our patient. Well did we know that Our Lady would reward the one who had thought of burning two candles in her honour.

Friday, September 28

On visiting a few patients living eighteen *li* away and some others, twenty, Sister Marie de Sion⁽¹⁾ has the privilege of baptizing two babies and a seven-year-old boy who has a very big head. The poor little lad is blind, deaf and dumb and he suffers from dropsy. One day, his father told a friend of his how heart-broken he was to think that his little son, an only child, was thus afflicted. His friend advised him to bring the boy to the Sisters, telling him that perhaps they would be able to cure him. Full of hope, the poor man set out with the little fellow and, after walking for two long hours, reached the Dispensary. His first thought on entering was to place the lad on the floor in front of our Sister infirmarian who, on seeing him, decided that the best remedy she could give him was Holy Baptism.

Tuesday, October 2

At the Dispensary, we have the occasion of offering many a rose to our loving Queen... To-day, we baptize twenty-two dying babies.

Thursday, October 4

Our Sisters baptize two little ones at our Dispensary in Paochen and one in Kong Sou, and they receive from a neighbouring foundling-home two baskets containing ten others.

Wednesday, October 10

On this lovely day in autumn, we pay a visit to a few of our patients, who live eight *li* from the Mission. We notice that all the people are busy laying in vegetables for the winter. From where we are, we can see the

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

church steeple of St. Vincent's Parish, that of Blessed Trinity Parish and the one in Kong Sou. On one of these steeples is written: "Here, great love is shown to everyone." Truly, the three crosses we see so far from one another proclaim God's great love for His creatures. It is really too bad that there are so many people in this pagan land who do not realize how much their Creator prizes their souls. O loving Father, Thy Kingdom Come to China!

Thursday, October 11

The little orphans are quite excited, for their teacher has told them that she has asked Sister Superior to come to see how they are getting along at school. When the timid little tots catch sight of Sister Superior, who has come with two Sisters who have charge of the children in the Foundling-Home, they do not know what to say. Little by little, however, they get over their shyness and our Sisters are surprised to hear them reciting their lessons so well. Each of them is given a miraculous medal and the best pupils each receive a prize medal, as well. Sister Superior sees that her visit has made them more ambitious and she intends coming back again next month. We feel sure that in a few years these children will be a great help to our Sisters at the Orphanage.

Wednesday, October 17

This morning, we witness a heart-rending spectacle. Towards eleven o'clock, six men come to the Orphanage, asking us to let them in. When Sister tries to send them away, they tell her that the Pastor has given them his permission. As it often happens that the priest sends people here, Sister thinks that they are telling the truth and lets them go to the kitchen, where a woman with but one hand is working. They order her to follow them and she immediately obeys. The priest's hired men hasten to the Orphanage to tell us not to allow these men to enter, but when they arrive they see them leading out the poor unfortunate woman. Our messengers quickly close the door, but the ringleader kicks it open. The unhappy victim, who is deathly pale, does not try to get away from the scoundrels, for she knows what will happen to her if she does. The Chinese authorities are immediately informed of what has occurred. But nothing is done, for it seems that these men were right in acting as they did. The poor woman had lived in Shanghai until her husband died. As she did not have enough money to pay for his burial, the man who gave the sum required claimed her as his own. Quite discouraged, she sought shelter at the Catholic Mission here. Unfortunately, her hiding-place was discovered and, according to the laws of the country, she must return to the man who claimed her three years ago. She will be sold to another man, who will marry her, or rather make a slave of her. In this pagan land, women are looked upon as being inferior to men. This was proved to us yesterday. Two Catholic gentlemen had decided to take a trip. They are both well-to-do and they sent for three rickshaws, for one of them wanted to bring his wife along

with him. But, for some reason or other, only two were placed at their disposal. What do you think was done? The two stalwart men each took a rickshaw and let the frail little woman get into a Chinese wheel-barrow... Would the father or the brother of any one of us ever act like that? No, indeed, he would see that we got into the most comfortable vehicle, even if he had to walk himself.

Friday, October 19

Sister Marie de Jesus has just returned from the Dispensary in Paochen and she seems to be very uneasy. She walks up and down the corridor while waiting for Sister Superior, who is talking to someone in the parlour. When one of the Sisters asks her what is the matter, she tells her that it is three days since she has seen her two aged patients whose home is in Se Tai Dong and that she is afraid that something has happened to them and that they will die without Baptism. Not long after, Sister Superior leaves the parlour and Sister tells her how worried she is. It is already quite late and so she is told to wait until to-morrow. Immediately after Mass, she will set out to look for the two stray sheep.

Saturday, October 20

This morning, Sister goes to the home of her two patients. One of them is in bed, for she has been bitten by a dog and is very feverish and the other is waiting on her. While the wound is being dressed, a Catechism lesson is given to the two poor old creatures.

Monday, October 22

Twenty-four babies are taken to the church to be baptized and confirmed. The priest will be kept busy for a while, but he will be very glad. The Sister in charge of the Foundling-Home had to get all these little ones ready and it was no easy task, for, like all other children, they require great attention.

Thursday, October 25

The fallen-away Catholic whom Sister Marie de Jesus spoke to on September 21st, has begun to live up to her religion. To-day, she assists at Mass and, after we have prepared her for Confession, goes with one of the Sisters to see the priest. She asks Sister to introduce her to him and to tell him what kind of a life she has been leading, so that he may be able to help her. On returning two hours later, she feels greatly relieved. For forty-seven years she has been leading a reckless life, but God in His mercy has forgiven her all her sins. Oh! how beautiful is our holy religion! How kind is our heavenly Father to repentant sinners!

Sunday, October 28

Yesterday was the anniversary of the episcopal consecration of His Excellency Bishop Tsu, but it is observed to-day, the Feast of Christ the

King. This morning, His Excellency celebrates Mass at the Native Novitiate. We can see that he is very happy and that he is grateful to Christ the King for having raised him to the episcopate.

At ten o'clock, His Excellency is invited to go to the Workroom, where the workers, the orphans and the Sisters have assembled to greet him and to offer him their best wishes. The Workroom is prettily decorated with flags, banners and natural flowers. The workers sing, recite and read a few addresses and the children perform some gymnastic exercises and, holding pink and white wreaths, go through a pretty drill. They also sing and say a few pieces. His Excellency congratulates them all and, after giving them some candy and showing them some magic toys, tells them that they may take a holiday to-morrow.

At six o'clock, the novices welcome His Excellency. Their little entertainment is more solemn, but it is, nevertheless, much appreciated.

Monday, October 29

To-day, Reverend Father Cote, who has come to Tsungming to greet His Excellency, says to the door-keeper: "Tell Sister Marie de Jesus to go to Si Tai Dong to-morrow, to dress the wounds of her two aged patients for the last time and tell her, also, to bring them some cake that they may take along with them to Shanghai. I have found a place for them in the Old Folks' Home there. They have not experienced much happiness during their life and it is probably because they have been so unfortunate that God has granted them such a great favour." It is because they are very very poor that the priest and a few Christians are taking an interest in them. To-morrow, they will be taken to the wharf in a Chinese wheelbarrow, as though they were well-to-do... and in their bag, besides some cake, they will find a little money with which to buy some food while on the boat. In Shanghai, they will be carefully watched over by Divine Providence, for they will be taken to the Home conducted by the Sisters. It will not be long before they are baptized, nor will it be long before they go to dwell forever in heaven!...

Saturday, November 3

To-day, twenty-one babies are taken to the church to be baptized. It looks as though the harvest of souls for the month of November will be a rich one.

Sunday, November 4

On being told that two strangers are to come to the Foundling-Home to adopt a baby, one of our helpers hides two of the prettiest ones in the clothes-room. When we admonish her for what she has done, she says: "We work like slaves to bring up these children and the best ones are always taken away from us. The only ones left are those that have been but little gifted. I think that we, also, should have some good and beautiful children

to help us." The young woman can hardly be blamed for being vexed. A middle-sized orphan, on hearing that the two gentlemen are coming, runs and hides in the shed and stays there all morning. "I want you to know," she tells us, "that I'm not a heartless creature and that I want to stay with you." We feel very sorry to see our dear orphans leaving us, but we are unable to keep them all and are obliged to give some of them to Christians, who will bring them up well.

Monday, November 5

To-day, Sister Marie de Jesus baptizes a dying pagan and she hopes that to-morrow she will have the happiness of baptizing another at Sin Ke Wou.

Saturday, November 10

Two babies, one ten, and the other fifteen months old and a little eight-year-old girl were brought to us shortly before dinner. The little girl was



SOME PEOPLE OF TSUNGMING, CHINA, BUSY PREPARING
A THATCHED ROOF.

very bashful at first, but when the Sister in charge of the Orphanage gave her some new clothes, she began to feel a little less afraid and said to her: "Someone told me that the *momos* were very cross and that they beat children. But I don't think it's true, for I haven't seen you beating anyone yet. I've been brought here because I'm so ugly and stupid that nobody at home wants me." When Sister tells her that she loves all little girls, especially those who are very obedient and very kind, she exclaims: "Oh! then I'm going to try to be very obedient and very kind so that you'll like me more than the others..."

Saturday, December 8

At ten o'clock we are asked to go to see a patient. Sister Superior tells us not to be long, for she wishes us all to spend a pleasant day together.

But our Immaculate Mother, on this her beautiful feast day, seemingly wishes to crush the head of every infernal serpent, for we are asked to visit not only one home but seven. We do not fail to distribute many miraculous medals. This evening we are sorry when we reflect that we did not have the happiness of pouring the Sacred Waters even once. We hope that many of the poor people whom we treated during the day will, before very long, be true children of our loving Queen.

While on their way to the different homes, a Sister and a virgin catechist catch sight of the Church of Sen De Daong (the Church of the Blessed Trinity), to which pilgrims flock every year during the month of May or on the eighth of December. The pilgrimage has been put off until to-morrow, in order that everyone may be able to take part in it. Sister and her companion enter the devotional chapel in order to greet their heavenly Queen and to recite a few Aves. I shall tell you how the pilgrimage to this shrine originated: About fifty years ago, a wealthy man who had an incurable disease, consulted a number of Chinese and European doctors, who did him no good. When he saw that no earthly hope remained, he asked the Blessed Virgin to cure him. Very fervently did he pray before a statue from Lourdes, which had been set up in the Church of the Blessed Trinity by a French priest, and he was miraculously cured. He was so happy that he did not fail to proclaim Mary's praises. Ever since then, the Church of the Blessed Trinity has been a place of pilgrimage. Our Sister infirmarian, shortly after leaving the church, meets several pilgrims. One of them, a young man who lives eighty *li* away, is carefully pushing his mother along in a wheel-barrow. The poor old lady is almost blind.

Tuesday, December 11

We are awaiting the arrival of the Very Reverend Father Dugre, Provincial of the Canadian Jesuit Fathers. Everyone at the Mission has been told that they are to have a distinguished visitor. At two o'clock, the bell rings and all know that it is time to go to the church to receive his blessing. After taking a lunch, Reverend Father visits the boys' school and makes his way to the Workroom, where the workers, the orphans and the Sisters have assembled. The little girls sing a song of welcome and ask their distinguished visitor not to forget the little children of the Orient when he returns to Canada. It is very touching to hear these little ones entreating the Blessed Virgin to obtain them the favour of being close to Jesus one day. Very Reverend Father smiles and tells them that he will remember them all. He is unable to speak Chinese, so he speaks Latin and Father Lieu translates what he says. He visits the Foundling-Home, the Orphanage, the Novitiate, the children's classrooms and our convent. At four o'clock, he kindly gives the Sisters a short talk.

Wednesday, December 12

After saying Mass at the parish church, Very Reverend Father leaves at half-past seven this morning, in a rickshaw. He will take the boat for

Shanghai and visit Haimen and Rome before sailing for Canada. He did not stay long, but it did us good to see someone from our native land.

Tuesday, December 18

This morning, a Sister and a virgin catechist pay a visit to a Catholic woman by the name of Moria. Holy Communion is to be brought to her and they want to put everything in order. All the other members of the family are pagans. Moria was living with her husband in her mother-in-law's home when she grew seriously ill. We were asked to pay her a visit and we did everything we could to cure her. We even brought her to the Mission so as to be able to look after her better. The Blessed Virgin restored her to health and obtained her the gift of Faith. Immediately after being baptized, Moria asked her husband to allow her to stay at the Mission to help us. She has only one child, for she left the oldest one on the side of the road to die and it was picked up by a passer-by, who sold it to our Sisters at the Foundling-Home. On becoming a Christian, Moria was sorry for having committed such a sin, but she did not know any better at the time. She stayed at the Mission three years and she was a great help to our Sisters in the Workroom. But, last July, the devil made her think of going to Shanghai, where she could earn more money and would be free. We did everything we could to keep her from going, but we met with no success. She left for Shanghai and stayed there four months. She spent the money she had earned on stylish clothes and soon had to borrow some. She took sick again and, as no one bothered about her, she wrote to her husband to ask him to come for her. We are asked to treat the poor woman again, and readily forgiving her, we hasten to her home. She is very thin, coughs a great deal, is feverish and is not able to sleep. She is very sorry now that she refused to listen to us. We go to see her every second day and, yesterday, we got her ready for Confession and for Holy Communion. As all the members of the family, as well as the neighbours, are pagans, early this morning we are obliged to perform a task similar to that performed by St. Joseph when he saw to arranging the stable in which our loving Saviour was to be born. The only floor is the bare ground. We cover a board which, during the night, is used as a bed, with a white cloth which we brought with us and it serves as a Holy Table. Two tapers are placed in broken candlesticks. As the crucifix has no base, we stick it in the wall. The wretched hovel is indeed very poorly decorated for the coming of the Sovereign Lord, the King of Kings. Just before the priest arrives, a little statue of the Blessed Virgin, a gift from Sister Superior, is placed between the candlesticks. While the woman is confessing her sins, we have a hard time holding back the children and even the grown-up people, for they find everything very strange and are anxious to see all that is going on. The priest, after giving Holy Communion to the poor woman, immediately takes his leave. We stay with our patient during the twenty minutes she is making her thanksgiving and, after giving her an alms, return to the convent.

Tuesday, December 25

At seven o'clock, just as the church bell is ringing, the sweet notes of a Christmas carol awaken us. We get up later than usual, for yesterday we were up from five o'clock until after Midnight Mass. The different parts of the Mission have been decorated with streamers and paper flowers and two lovely Christmas trees have been set up in the Workroom. We were a little tired after all the trouble we went to, but we were happy to think that we were going to make others happy. After assisting at the three Masses, we sat down to the traditional midnight repast and then went to bed to take a well-earned rest. It was not long before we were fast asleep and, on awakening this morning, we were all surprised to see that it was already seven o'clock.

After all have said their morning prayers, had breakfast and assisted at Mass, they are invited to go to the Workroom. The big orphans are able to go there by themselves but it is not so easy for the little cripples and the invalids in wheel-chairs to get there. Finally, at half-past ten, everybody is present and the different gifts are taken down from the Christmas tree. How happy each one is on being handed a towel, a handkerchief, an orange, a ball, a rag doll or a mouth-organ!... Really, I think that the children of well-to-do people could not have been happier on receiving their presents than these little ones were on receiving theirs.

After dinner, the different mysteries of the Rosary are sung and gifts are distributed at the Native Novitiate, where the Professed Sisters and novices have assembled. Each one of them is as happy as a child on being given a cake of soap, a tube of tooth-paste, a night-cap, a picture and a few candies.

Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given soon after and an orphan who made her First Communion at Midnight Mass, is enrolled in the Scapular.

On returning to our charges, we are told that the pupils of the boys' school are coming to see the different cribs. It is late in the afternoon before they start back home. The happiest feast of the year has come and gone, but the orphans are so delighted with their gifts that their joyous laughter is still to be heard. It will be Christmas for them as long as their toys last.

Report of the Dispensary in Tsungming, for the months of June, July and August 1934:

Baptisms.....	216	Patients.....	3,569
Treatments.....	8,862	Teeth extracted....	46
		Homes visited.....	59

Report of the Dispensary in Paochen, for the months of June, July and August 1934: (This dispensary is open three times a week).

Children baptized...	154	Adults baptized....	10	Patients.....	2,674
Treatments.....	5,697	Teeth extracted....	71	Homes visited.....	174

SUCHOW, KIANGSU, CHINA

*Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries
to Suchow, Kiangsu.*

Monday, October 1st, 1934

On this the first day of the month of the Holy Rosary, we unite with the angel choirs in singing the praises of our loving Queen. It is with the greatest happiness that we thank her, offer her our filial love and promise her that we shall strive to perform even the smallest tasks as they should be performed. We fondly entreat this good Mother to protect us and to grant that those who do not wish us to settle here may one day be eager to take our part. The Blessed Virgin can easily work such a miracle, for Jesus grants all her requests.

We receive a very big case from the Mother House. On opening each package, we think of how thoughtful it was of our beloved Mother, of our dear Sisters and of our loving parents to have gone to so much trouble. Sister Superior gives each of us the things that may be of use to us. Sister St. Victor⁽¹⁾ goes to the kitchen loaded down with frying-pans, pots and irons. Sister Marie Xavier⁽²⁾ examines all the phials handed her and puts some of them in her little medicine chest. Sister Ste. Alice⁽³⁾ receives six parcels and she intends to open them during recreation. How our Mother and our dear parents would rejoice, if they could but see how happy we are! Oh! very grateful, indeed, are we to all our dear ones who, at this moment, seem to be very near to us.

Tuesday, October 2

Four Sisters are busy in the kitchen. All of them are preparing a Canadian meal for Reverend Father Dugre, S. J., Provincial, who will arrive here to-morrow from Shanghai, where he has been spending a few days. We want to set before him some dishes of food resembling that which is served in Canada, so that he may think that he is back again in his native land.

Wednesday, October 3

To-day is the Feast of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, the Patroness of all missionaries and our loving protectress. We ask her to intercede for us before the Throne of God. We are endeavouring to save souls in this pagan land and we want her to help us to be as zealous as she was.

Reverend Father Dugre comes to see us this afternoon. He gives us an interesting account of his long trip and speaks to us of dear Outremont. He pays a visit to the chapel and finds that it is not an elaborate one.

1. Germaine TANGUAY, of Nashua, N. H.

2. Berthe PARADIS, of Tingwick.

3. Jeanne BASTIEN, of Montreal.

Wednesday, October 10

This is a civic holiday. All day long, drums have been beaten and cornets blown on the different streets. Flags are waving above the doors of the houses and on the roofs. This evening are to be seen a number of red lanterns, the brilliant light from which is blended with that from the starry sky. This day is one of great rejoicing for the poor pagans, but it was a very sad one for the first missionary who came to Suchow fifty years ago. He arrived in the morning and was told by the inhabitants that he could not stay in the city over night. He had to wait twelve years before obtaining permission to come to settle therein. Mgr. Marin has told us that we are greatly privileged, for we have been allowed to stay here despite all opposition.

Tuesday, October 11

Mgr. Marin again gives us a proof of his kindness. He sends us a beautiful alb, an altar cloth and some corporals, purificators, etc.

Friday, October 12

A Protestant gentleman brings us a baby which he has found on the side of the road, near the Cathedral. The little one has been covered over with a piece of old carpet and is rolled up in a straw mat. As it can hardly breathe, we feel that it will not be long before it dies and realize that God has sent it here to be baptized. It is with the greatest joy that Sister Marie Xavier pours the Saving Waters on its brow and names it Marie Delia.

Saturday, October 13

Little Marie Delia has gone to join the angels. We hope that now that she is in heaven she will pray for us and continually watch over us.

Sunday, October 14

For the second time since our arrival, we have the happiness of assisting at a Mass celebrated by Mgr. Marin in our little chapel. As it is the Feast of the Propagation of the Faith, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the Cathedral for public veneration. We go two by two so spend an hour in adoration. Since our loving God has deigned to call us to converse with Him, we open our hearts to Him, asking Him to grant the poor pagans many favours and to bless our work. We hope that many of those who are still sitting in darkness will to-day be brought to the light of the true Faith.

Monday, October 15

An aged woman to whom we are teaching Catechism, peeps into our kitchen while we are taking a meal in the refectory. She thinks that by doing so she is proving that she takes an interest in us, but we tell her in a gentle way that we do not find that she is polite in acting thus.

Tuesday, October 16

For the past few days, we have been racking our brains trying to make out what the children of the Mission, who are going to school in Pong Pou, have written to Sister Superior. The following is an extract from their letter:

"DEAREST MOTHERS,

We very respectfully greet you. We hope that your virtuous selves are in good health. We know that in your noble country you honourable people lived in spacious rooms in houses having more than one storey. Peacefully and joyfully did you leave your parents, simply because you are very zealous and because you dearly love the Chinese. Sleeping or waking, you are always endeavouring to save souls."

Now we are wondering how we are going to answer this letter.

Wednesday, October 17

This afternoon, a Chinese lady comes here, bringing with her her *tong si* (baggage). She has been baptized and has been sent to us that we may teach her more about our holy religion. The Presentandines place half of a room at her disposal and help her to arrange her things. This lady is a very influential person and we hope that she will do much good among her fellow-countrymen.

The Chinese, in order to be very polite, always bring their visitors a basin of hot water. Someone brings one to our guest, who places it on a stool near the front door. After she has washed herself, she is brought to her room.

It is the month of the Holy Rosary and we do not fail to entreat our Immaculate Mother to come to the assistance of this willing-hearted lady, so that she may one day be a very fervent Christian.

Wednesday, October 24

Towards half-past two, we go in a rickshaw to the spot where our convent is to be built. A Presentandine comes along with us. Every person we meet examines us from head to foot. It is not the first time that we have been stared at, but it is always new to us to see the inhabitants, who have been told that we are going by, rushing out of their homes. They run on ahead of us and when they are some distance away, they stop until we have caught up to them, so that they may have a good chance to examine us.

Nobody here seems to be in a hurry. Many people who seem to have nothing to do, are sitting on their doorsteps, eating peanuts. We see a few merchants unrolling their goods and hanging them like decorations in front of their stores. We have to stoop down so as not to touch them.

After being driven for about ten minutes, we reach the open country. We admire the beautiful landscape and breathe in the pure air and it is not long before we reach our destination. The grounds on which our convent is to be built are hemmed in by a high wall. There is an unfinished gateway at the front, so we are able to drive in. We find that the grounds

are not too spacious, for a number of buildings are to be erected thereon. At the northern extremity is the railroad and beyond it, the open country. Looking towards the east, we see some mountains in the distance and notice that there is a pagoda on the summit of one of them. We grow sad when we reflect that the devil there holds sway and is worshipped by the multitudes still in pagan darkness.

Oh! how we long for the day when our chapel will be erected, for we cherish the hope that the cross by which it will be surmounted will attract the attention of numerous pagans and inspire them with the thought of embracing the Faith.

Monday, November 12

The Presentandines are busy making paper flowers with which to decorate the altar in the church. Their flowers are very pretty, but they do not succeed in arranging them tastefully. In the same bouquet are white, yellow, red, pink and purple flowers. They ask us if we find their different bouquets pretty. Of course, we cannot tell them that we do not, for we must be polite. We know that they do not think that the roses we are making are very pretty. They surely find that they are too much alike and not big enough, but they do not say a word... Really, they must think that we have queer tastes... The tastes of the people of one country are not at all like those of another...

Tuesday, November 13

A woman eighty years of age makes Sister Marie Xavier a *ko-tow* (low bow) and asks her to put some drops in her eyes. She is almost blind, but hopes that she will soon be able to see as well as she did when she was young.

Her son, who works for the priests, asked her to come to the Mission so as to be able to assist at Mass and to receive Holy Communion oftener. He told her that she would probably be called to her reward before very long, as she was very old and that at the Mission it would be easier for her to prepare for death. We admire the faith of this young man and are deeply touched on seeing how dearly he loves his mother.

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WAKAMATSU, JAPAN

Gleanings from the Diary of our Sisters, Missionaries to Wakamatsu.

Thursday, October 25, 1934

For a few days past, the people all around us have been hustling about. Every morning, as soon as the dense fog disappears and the sun begins to shine, busy workers are to be seen everywhere in the fields. As a rule, the Japanese are not very industrious, but they work hard during the season when the rice must be taken in. All the work is done by hand. The Japanese harvester wears a large cone-shaped hat and on his back hangs

a straw mat with a fringe. He cuts the stalks with a cycle and, taking the straw cords hanging on his belt, he ties them in bundles. As soon as the sheaves are bound, they are put in shocks, the ears resting on the soil; a few days after, the grain is picked up and left in stacks until it is time to thresh it. Japanese farmers are accustomed to working hard and they carry on their backs sheaves weighing as much as they weigh themselves. They know nothing about hay forks and racks; the machine for threshing the rice is a very primitive one, it is composed of common rollers into which spikes have been driven and it is worked by means of a pedal resembling that of an organ. When the work is finished, two men carry the machine wherever they like.

Sunday, October 28

Miss Sato, a girl of eighteen, receives the Sacrament of Baptism this morning and we have the happiness of assisting at the ceremony. Although they are not greatly in favour of our holy religion, her parents allow her to do what God inspires her to do and one may see by the beaming countenance of the new Christian how much she appreciates the heavenly favour bestowed on her to-day. During the Holy Sacrifice, she and a little eight-year-old girl make their First Communion.

One of our little pupils, who was at school last Saturday, has just died of diphtheria. This afternoon, we go to sympathize with the bereaved parents, but how hard it is to console the poor pagans! In order that the grandmother of the poor child, who lives in Tokyo, might have the consolation of seeing him once again, his body was not burned immediately, as the bodies of all victims of contagious diseases are supposed to be. The little fellow was left in the position he was in when he died and his mother, after putting his hat on him, took him in her arms, as one would pick up a sleeping child, and, accompanied by a few relatives, climbed into a vehicle, to go to Tokyo, a nine hours' journey from here. Afterwards, the body was concealed in a double box, for the funeral, and then burned... so as to prevent contagion!

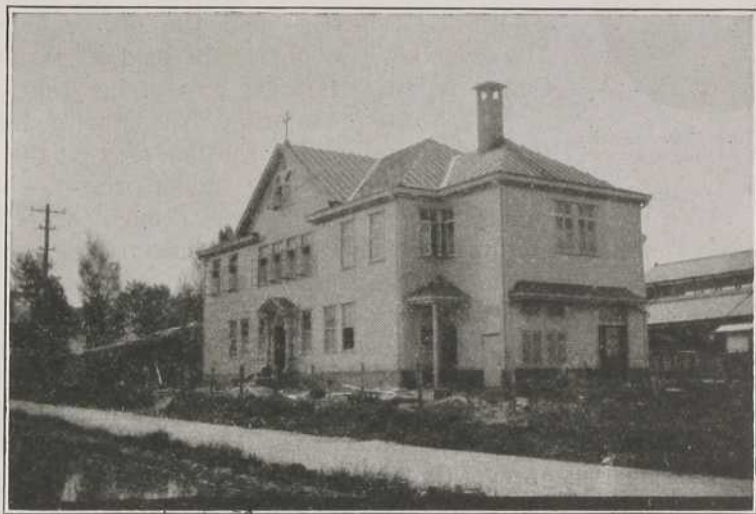
Thursday, November 1

Mrs. Atsumo, the mother of two of our little pupils, died suddenly yesterday and we do not fail to tender our sympathy to those left to mourn her loss. Although we have often been present at the demonstrations held in the pagan homes on a like occasion, we cannot help from feeling sorry for these people. There are many relatives and friends present, but silence reigns supreme; the coffin is laden with bouquets of lilies and chrysanthemums. A picture of the dead woman has been set up in the middle of the room, on a little table on which there are all kinds of offerings: cakes, fruit, tea, wine, etc. Several pieces of Shintoist paper serve as decorations. Each visitor, after bowing to the god of the household and offering it money or flowers, rings a bell placed on a cushion in front of the table and burns a few sticks of incense, while praying in pagan fashion. The sister of the dead woman gives us a great welcome and, as

she requests us to recite a few of our prayers, we say a decade of the beads. No doubt, our *Aves* disturb the bonze who is but a few steps away from us, wrapt in contemplation. As the "kokubetsu shiki", a pagan farewell ceremony, is just about to begin, we withdraw, leaving in a very thoughtful mood the gentleman charged with registering the names of all the people who come to pray beside the coffin.

Monday, November 5

The Japanese love to contemplate the beauties of Nature and all school children learn to observe the beauty of the landscape, trees, flowers, etc. It is with this aim in view that we take our little pupils for a walk this



KINDERGARTEN CONDUCTED BY THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
IN WAKAMATSU.

morning. It is very interesting to gaze at the mountain from a distance, but to go to it to gather cones, moss, maple leaves reddened by the frost, and oak branches laden with acorns, and to eat one's *bento* (lunch) under some tall cedar trees, while little birds warble gayly, all that is enough to gladden the heart of every child. We leave towards ten o'clock and it is nearly eleven when we reach the pavilion on the summit of Mt. Oda-yama, from which we are able to view the city. The rice fields are already bare, but the landscape is, nevertheless, really beautiful. The children pick up everything they find and, at two o'clock, after they have taken a good rest and when the beauty of everything they have seen is imprinted on their little minds, they return home.

Wednesday, November 14

Mr. Shirai, the father of one of the children attending the Kindergarten, is taking French lessons from us and he has asked us if he may go to Mass next Sunday. He is beginning well and we hope that, assisted by the Blessed Virgin, he will do nothing to impede the work of divine grace in his soul.

Extracts FROM THE Novitiate Chronicles

Dedicated to our dear Parents



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

St. Bernard.

Thursday, January 31, 1935

Our Mistress, on entering the recreation room this evening, looks so sad that we soon guess that she has bad news for us. We naturally think of one of our companions, Sister Marie Georges, ⁽¹⁾ who has been in the infirmary for already two weeks and who has had the doctor every day. This evening, two physicians held a consultation... Can it be that the dear patient has taken a turn for the worse? Yesterday, she was much better than usual and we felt that she was on the road to recovery. But, all of a sudden, the disease made rapid headway and it was thought wise to have her receive the Last Sacraments. She has been unconscious for a half an hour, otherwise she would be able to take her Holy Vows. We at once begin to ask God to grant that our dear Sister may regain consciousness, so that she may be able to share such a great privilege. We confidently have recourse to our Immaculate Mother, who hearken to our entreaties. Shortly after, our dear Sister is anointed by Reverend Father Chaumont, P. M. E., and is able to pronounce her Vows and receive Holy Viaticum. It is while we are still praying that we are given the happy news. We are sorry to hear that our dear companion is so low, but rejoice at the thought of the great grace which our divine Lord has bestowed on her, that of making Religious Profession ahead of time.

Friday, February 1st

The door-bell rings a number of times this afternoon and twenty-nine aspirants are let in one after the other. We gladly welcome our new little sisters, who have the same aim in view as we had on joining our dear Community. We hope that they will fully appreciate the happiness which is theirs to-day and be forever grateful to God for having directed them to Mary's Dovecot.

Saturday, February 2

This is the beautiful Feast of the Purification and we do not fail, on awakening this morning, to praise our Blessed Lady and to give her our love.

After Mass, our chaplain brings Holy Communion to our dear Sister Marie Georges, who seems to be past recovery. We feel that it is the last

1. Marguerite ROUTHIER, of Ste. Foye, Que.

time that she will receive our divine Lord and think of how highly privileged she would be if she were to go to heaven on this lovely Feast of Our Lady.

We keep thinking of her all the time and being unable to help her in any other way, we lovingly offer up fervent prayers for her.

During the day, more than seventy Sisters from the Mother House and from our different convents in the Province of Quebec, come to commence their annual retreat, which will end on the 11th of the month, the anniversary of the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes. This retreat is to be preached by Reverend Father H. Couture, O.P., a devoted servant of Our Lady. As it is beginning and will end on a feast of this tender Mother, we feel that it will be a very fruitful one and we make up our minds to derive great benefit from it.

Sunday, February 3

Towards eight o'clock this morning, our dear Sister Marie Georges calmly expires. She has just pronounced her Holy Vows and we confidently hope that after being thus purified she has gone to join those of our Sisters already in heaven. She had almost finished the period of noviceship and was supposed to make Religious Profession on the 11th, but being called by her divine Spouse before the fixed date, she has gone to receive from Him the reward promised to all virgins.

She is dressed as a novice, all in white, and is laid out in the corridor between the infirmary and the sanctuary. At the head of the coffin is a statue of the Blessed Virgin. Our Immaculate Patroness is holding a lovely wreath of lilies. All the time, two Professed Sisters and two novices kneel beside the mortal remains. It is very close to the dear one snatched from us by death that we attend the exercises of our retreat and, while we are thinking of her, the sublime words of truth addressed us take on a new light.

Dear little Sister, now that you have reached the other life, help us to make good use of the time given us to work out our salvation.

Tuesday, February 5

At six o'clock, Reverend Father Couture tells us that he is going to offer up the Community Mass for the repose of the soul of our dear Sister. With the greatest fervour, we offer our loving God the Atoning Sacrifice.

At half-past eight, our chaplain receives the body at the door of the chapel. Several relatives and friends are present at the funeral Mass, which is sung by Reverend Father Robitaille, S. J., a cousin of the deceased. Very sad are we, indeed, when the hearse bears away the corpse, but we endeavour to look at things with the eyes of faith and soon realize that Sister Marie Georges still belongs to us and that she has become for us a heavenly protectress.

We shall always remember our dear companion as a mild, patient, self-sacrificing and smiling novice, who always quietly performed her duty. She

constantly edified us for we could see that her one desire was to do good without being noticed.

Monday, February 11, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

It is with great joy that we to-day assist at the mystical nuptials of fifty-one of our Sisters. As at Cana, the Mother of Jesus is present, and with the greatest motherly love does she smile upon the happy chosen ones.

This morning, fourteen novices take their First Vows. Not long ago, fifteen of them were thinking of the great day when they would all be spouses of Christ and were longing to offer themselves as a "living rosary" to the spotless Virgin of Lourdes, but the fifteenth, over-eager to place her rose on the head of our Blessed Mother, flew to heaven shortly after the retreat opened. We who are still exiles here below look towards the blissful abode and, imagining that our dear Sister must be smiling upon us, we feel that she is joining in our prayers and is lovingly reciting for us the Hail Mary, which she will continue to repeat throughout all eternity. On thinking of her, we are filled with heavenly peace and joy.

The clothing ceremony and that of Final Profession, which take place in the afternoon, are presided over by Mgr. Chartier, V. G. The sermon is preached by Reverend Father Couture, O. P., our retreat-master.

The new novices, who are twenty-eight in number, will henceforth go by the following names:

Veronique Bernatchez, of Pont Rouge: Sr. Marie Hermine; Madeleine Coursol, of Montreal: Sr. Francoise du Carmel; Blanche French, of St. Isidore, Co. Laprairie: Sr. Blanche de Castille; Irene Trudelle, of St. Narcisse, Co. Champlain: Sr. Irene de Jesus; Rejane Gaudet, of Joliette: Sr. St. Andre Avellin; Simonne Lebœuf, of St. Philomene, Co. Lotbiniere: Sr. St. Alphonse de Liguori; Therese Laliberte, of Lotbiniere: Sr. St. Come; Marie Therese Beaudin, of Montreal: Sr. Therese de la Trinite; Noella Messier, of Ste. Brigide, Co. Iberville: Sr. Ste. Brigide; Aline Ratel, of l'Epiphanie: Sr. Ste. Aline; Yvonne Belisle, of "Trois Rivières": Sr. Marie Hermeline; Marie Therese Laperriere, of Quebec: Sr. St. Francois de Paule; Cecile Miller, of Quebec: Sr. Ste. Eugenie; Marguerite Dumont, of Riviere du Loup: Sr. Marie Theophane; Rose Aimee Demers, of Quebec: Sr. Marie Alida; Gertrude Soulard, of Montreal: Sr. Ste. Henriette; Marie Ange Bouchard, of St. Eloi, Co. Temiscouata: Sr. Marie Ange; Clara Bergeron, of Sturgeon Falls, Ont.: Sr. St. Delphis; Jeanne Jacques, of St. Joseph, Co. Beauce: Sr. Louise de France; Annette Tremblay, of Montreal: Sr. Madeleine du Divin Cœur; Helene Lessard, of St. Odilon, Co. Dorchester: Sr. Marie de l'Eucharistie; Cecile Dumas, of Riviere Bleue, Co. Temiscouata: Sr. Marie Hector; Aline Roy, of Joliette: Sr. Delia de Jesus; Aliette Jacques of St. Hyacinthe: Sr. Marie de la Consolation; Rita Legrand, of St. Philippe, Co. Laprairie: Sr. Ste. Rita; Marie Jeanne Reynolds, of Montreal: Sr. Ste.

Rosine; Pauline Richard, of St. Ours: Sr. Marie Pauline; Fernande Brousseau, of Quebec: Sr. Philippe de Jesus.

The following Sisters take their Final Vows: Sr. St. Liguori (Marie Therese Pilon, of Montreal); Sr. Marie Vianney (Marie Therese Savaria, of Montreal); Sr. St. Joseph (Jeanne Lavoie, of St. Donat, Co. Montcalm); Sr. Ste. Juliette (Juliette Deschenes, of Levis); Sr. Agathe de Jesus (Gabrielle Morisset, of Quebec); Sr. St. Ernest (Lucienne Beauchemin, of St. Theodore de Chertsey); Sr. Marie Cecile (Cecile Brault, of Val Racine, Co. Frontenac); Sr. Madeleine du Sauveur (Alice Labelle, of Montreal); Sr. Anne de Jesus (Diane Barrette, of Fall River, Mass.)

The same day, six Sisters doing mission work make Final Profession in their respective missions: at Vancouver: Sr. Ste. Elise (Alphonsine Chenard, of Bic, Co. Rimouski); in Manchuria: Sr. St. Pierre de la Croix (Sidonia Roussel, of Montreal); Sr. Ste. Aglae (Aurore Lusignan, of Belœil); Sr. Marie Celine (Regina Beliveau, of St. Paul de Chester); Sr. Marie Germaine (Germaine Gravel, of St. Prosper); in Rome: Sr. Ste. Cecilienne (Cecile Forest, of "Trois Rivières").

Present in the sanctuary are: Reverend Father J. D. Chaumont, P. M. E., Vice-Superior; Very Reverend Canon Bonin, of the Bishop's House, Joliette; Reverend Fathers A. Derome, Pastor of St. Christopher's Parish; A. Corbeil, P. P., Montreal South; Rodolphe Mercure, P. P., St. Jovite; J. A. Bourassa, Pastor of the Sacred Heart Parish, Montreal; Emile Deguire, C. S. C., Superior of the Scholasticate, Montreal; Paul Delplanque, V. C. J.; Henri Ste. Marie, S. S. S.; Ange Albert Melancon, Professor at Assumption College; Vianney Savaria, Curate of St. John of the Cross Parish; G. E. Seguin, Curate of St. John of the Cross Parish; Louis Philippe Breton, Assistant at the Bishop's House, St. Hyacinthe; Albert Henri, Curate of St. Peter Claver's Parish; Leon Boismenu, of Montreal; Joseph Gariepy, Chaplain of our Novitiate and Robert Hetu, P. M. E.; Reverend Brothers Isidore, F. E. C., Salaberry School; Justin, F. E. C., Mont St. Louis and Jean de Lalande, C. S. C.

Monday, February 18

The rather solemn changing of our tasks, necessitated by the departure of the newly-professed Sisters and the arrival of the postulants, takes place to-day. Our Mistress explains to us that it is not only a pleasant diversion, but the manifestation of God's Holy Will in our regard, and convinces us that in the religious life all work is the same in God's sight, reminding us that it is not the task we have been assigned that will make us holy, but the way we perform it. Filled with zeal and gratitude, we joyfully begin our new work.

Wednesday, February 27

It is already a long time since we first heard tell of Reverend Father Lelievre, O. M. I., but most of us had never had the honour of meeting

him. This afternoon, we have the privilege of welcoming him to the Novitiate and of listening to one of his interesting spiritual talks. Our visitor gives us some very precious advice, for he has done much apostolic work and knows just how to deal with souls.

When he wishes to win souls to God, he makes use of the Book of Gospels, the Following of Christ and the Rosary. "The soul, like the body," he says, "needs food, and it is the word of God contained in the Gospel that is capable of nourishing and strengthening it. People do not know enough about the Gospel, for as soon as one becomes acquainted with it, he does not desire any other book of piety." And he continues: "The Book of Gospels was the sole guide of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus... no, I am mistaken, she had another: the Following of Christ. Oh! what a treasure is the Following of Christ! On opening this little book at random, one always finds a comforting word. The rosary is my third weapon and a very powerful one with which to conquer the devil!... It is a pistol from which one fires fifty-three shots at Satan, and all these shots strike him without fail, if each Hail Mary is recited with fervour."

Reverend Father renders his talk more pleasant by relating some amusing anecdotes and stories of adventure, for, after his long apostolic career, he has many such tales stored up in his memory. Afterwards, with ardent zeal born of true love of God, he speaks to us of the devotion to the Sacred Heart and adds: "If you wish to do good, now and later on, be very kind, as kind as our loving Lord was to the Good Thief and to the Samaritan woman. Bear in mind that in order to be real missionaries capable of saving many souls, you must lead a life of holiness, and the only way that you will become holy is by doing the Holy Will of God manifested by your Superiors, whether in Canada, in China or elsewhere. What is most important is to be faithful to duty in the place to which you are sent by obedience. During your entire life, let yourself be captivated by the Sacred Heart, led by the Blessed Virgin and directed by the Holy Ghost."

On taking his leave, Father says: "If I were a cardinal, I would give you a holiday, but as I am not one, I shall let your kind Superior decide the matter." We clap enthusiastically, knowing full well that our Mistress will not let this thoughtful suggestion go unheeded.

True enough, after the spiritual exercises at noon, we are given recreation and we have a very good time the rest of the day.

Thursday, February 28

A new altar railing has been placed in our chapel and it is with a little emotion that we, this morning, approach the Holy Table. We receive Communion for the generous benefactress who has thought of beautifying, by such a practical gift, the spacious Novitiate chapel, for which she gave a substantial donation, two years ago. We shall continue to implore our heavenly Father to shower His choicest graces and blessings upon the one who has been so kind to the children consecrated to our Immaculate Mother.

Monday, March 3

In order to make reparation for the numerous outrages committed against our dear Lord on the three days preparatory to the Lenten season, all of us, Professed Sisters and novices, are going to make a triduum. The altar is adorned with red lights and red flowers, symbols of the love we so earnestly desire to show our Blessed Saviour. Yes, it will be with the greatest love that we shall perform all the actions of these blessed days, which we shall end up in prayer and reparation before the tabernacle. We wish, by our love and gratitude, to cause our divine Lord to be delighted to dwell in our midst and to make Him forget for a while the sins of men.

Thanksgivings to the Blessed Virgin for favours obtained

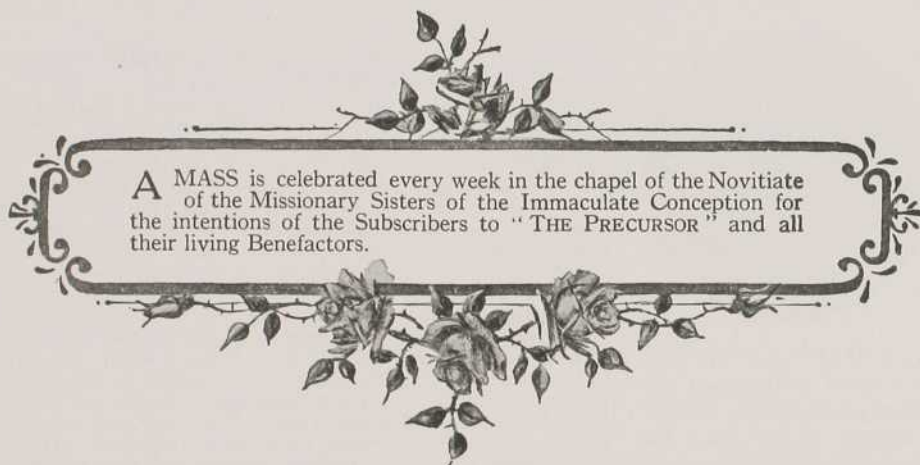


"O MARY, the entire universe would perish before you refuse your assistance to those who, with all their heart, implore your help and protection."

BL. HENRY SUZO.

Enclosed you will find a small offering towards your good work in China, in grateful thanksgiving for safe recovery from an accident. I still hope for a share in your prayers. Mrs. T. B., **Montreal**. — Find enclosed an offering in thanksgiving to our Blessed Lady for a favour received. Would you kindly make a novena for a very special intention. A Friend, **Leamington, Ont.** — Enclosed find a donation for the saving of four dying babies, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. M., **Notre Dame de Grace**. — I am feeling much better and my son has found work. I am enclosing an offering to ransom eight dying babies, as promised. Mrs. B., **Belle River, Ont.** — Enclosed you will find a small offering in thanksgiving for a favour received. If I obtain what I am now asking for, I will send you a substantial donation. Mrs. L., **Hoxsie, R. I.** — I am enclosing a small donation to ransom four dying Chinese babies, in return for the favour I have received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Mrs. R., **Greenfield Park, Que.** — Enclosed you will find an offering, in thanksgiving for a favour obtained. H. L., **Woonsocket, R. I.** — My nephew has received a great favour and is sending you a donation, as promised. Please pray that my requests may be granted. Mrs. C., **Timmins, Ont.** — Please find enclosed a small offering in thanksgiving for a favour received. My husband has been idle since last Fall. Please pray that he may find employment. Mrs. C., **Town of Mount Royal**. — Some time ago, I promised that I would subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for five years if I obtained a very great favour. My prayers have been answered and I am gladly fulfilling my promise. Mrs. A. D. — I have obtained a favour through the intercession of our Immaculate Mother and am enclosing a thank-offering which I wish you would use for your neediest missions. Mrs. A. G., **North Troy**. — Please find enclosed an offering for the Missions, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. A. G. — Not long ago, I promised the Blessed Virgin that I would send you an offering to ransom a Chinese baby likely to live, if she helped me to keep my position. This tender Mother has watched over me and I am now fulfilling my promise. Miss M. A. H., **Montreal**. — I am subscribing to THE PRECURSOR in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. L. M. — Enclosed please find an offering for your Works, in thanksgiving for a favour received. M. H. L., **Montreal**. — I am very grateful for the favour that has been granted me. Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. Mrs. W. B. — I wish to thank Our Lady of Lourdes for a favour she has granted me. The enclosed offering is for your missions. Mrs. A. G., **Montreal**. — Please find enclosed an offering to ransom some Chinese babies, in thanksgiving for a position obtained. Mrs. E. L., **Montreal**. — I have received a great favour from our Blessed Lady and am enclosing an offering, as promised. Miss A. C., **Adams, Mass.** — En-

closed please find an offering to ransom some Chinese babies, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. J. D. — I am very grateful for all the favours I have received. Find enclosed an offering for your missions. R. L., **Montreal**. — The sick person whom I asked you to pray for a few weeks ago is now much better. I am enclosing an offering for the Missions and would ask you to publish my thanksgiving. M. L. C., **Quebec**. — I am most grateful to the Blessed Virgin, who helped my son to find work. Mrs. S. P. — I have received a favour through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and, to thank her, I am sending you an offering to ransom a Chinese baby and to have a novena of lights burned. Mrs. R. G., **Montreal**. — After promising to publish my thanksgiving, I obtained a special favour. Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. Mrs. J. B. — I have received a favour and am enclosing an offering to ransom two dying Chinese babies. Mrs. N. L., **Montreal**. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. My prayers have at last been answered. Mrs. J. C. T. — Enclosed please find a small offering, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. R. D., **Montreal**. — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR in thanksgiving for all the favours I have obtained. Mrs. D. S. — My little boy, who met with an accident some time ago, is better now. I am enclosing an offering, as promised. Mrs. A. P., **Bridgeport**. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription, in thanksgiving for a favour obtained. Mrs. R. D., **Montreal**. — I am most grateful to the Blessed Virgin, through whose intercession I have obtained some special favours. Mrs. A. B. — I have obtained a very great favour and I am very grateful. Mrs. S. G., **Montreal**. — Enclosed please find an offering for a novena of lights, in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin. I desire to obtain another favour and trust that this good Mother will again come to my aid. Anonymous. I gave my brother-in-law, who was unemployed, a miraculous medal and he found work very soon after. Please publish my thanksgiving in THE PRECURSOR. M. B., **Montreal**.



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

Petitions

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

Will you please place the enclosed intentions on the altar of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, in your chapel. They are urgent and our trust in Our Blessed Lady is unlimited. If all or any of them are granted, I will send you a good gift for your missions. J. J. G., **Montreal**. — Enclosed you will find a small donation to rescue a dying pagan baby. I would ask you to pray for me. Mrs. C. O'B., **Vine Villa, Que.** — Would you please commence a novena to our Immaculate Mother for a special intention. If my wish is granted I will send you an offering in thanksgiving. Our Blessed Lady has obtained me a favour and I know she will not fail me now. Mrs. E. C., **Montreal**. — I am enclosing an offering for a novena of lights to be burned at our Blessed Mother's shrine. In return I would like to obtain two favours. L. O., **Port Lambton, Ont.** — I am writing to ask you to kindly make a novena that my husband may secure a permanent position. If this request is granted, I will send you a monthly donation for one year, publish my thanksgiving and subscribe to THE PRECURSOR as long as I am able. Mrs. J. G., **Maria East, Que.** — Your prayers are requested for a special novena for two favours I want very very much, one spiritual and one temporal. The temporal is for financial help and I promise you a special offering if this request is granted. H. McD., **Montreal**. — I am writing to ask you if you will please make a novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for me. I want you to ask her to obtain a great favour for me. I promise a donation to help your good works. M. A. — Find enclosed my renewal subscription. Please pray for me that I may obtain a special favour before long. Mrs. C. R., **Bridgeville P. O., Que.** — Please find enclosed an offering for the ransom of eight dying babies. I am just recovering from an operation. Please pray for me. Mrs. J. McM., **Montreal**. — Will you please make a novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help that my husband may get better and that he may not lose his position. If my request is granted, I will send a donation. Mrs. L., **Westmount**. — Please ask the Blessed Virgin to grant me a very great favour. If I obtain it, I will send you a donation for your missionaries. A Subscriber, **Verdun**. — I am renewing my subscription to THE PRECURSOR and as a favour I ask your prayers that my pension may be adjusted. If my favour is granted, I will double my subscription. Mrs. J. M., **Montreal**. — Please make a novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help that my son may find work with wages to live on. I promise to send you an offering to ransom some dying Chinese babies. Mrs. C. D., **Farrellton P. O., Que.** — Please remember me in your prayers. If I obtain the favour I am asking I will send an offering for the poor Chinese children. Mrs. G. C., **Montreal**. — I am enclosing an offering to ransom four dying babies and would ask you to pray that I may receive an answer to my prayers. If all my requests are granted soon, I will send you an offering to ransom a baby likely to live. I. O., **Westmount**. — I am writing to ask you to make a novena to our Blessed Lady for my brother. If my favour is granted, I will send a donation for your missions. A. F., **Montreal**. — Please accept this small offering in honour of the Immaculate Conception for the ransom of some Chinese babies. Please pray for my brother and for one of my friends. M. T., **Schenectady, N. Y.** — I wish to obtain a special favour. Please pray for me. Mrs. M. C., **Montreal**. — Will you please make a novena for a special intention. I will send a donation as soon as I receive an answer to my prayers. Mrs. A. J. M., **Barton, Vt.** — I am writing to ask you to make a special novena to Our Lady for me. If I receive the favours I am asking I will send a small donation monthly for a year. Mrs. W. L., **Richmond, Que.** — Enclosed you will find my renewal subscription and a small offering. Please pray for me. Mrs. N. M., **Holyoke, Mass.** — Kindly remember me in your prayers. A. M. A., **Amherstburg, Ont.** — Please pray that my husband may receive the money due him. If I obtain my favour, I will send you a substantial donation. Mrs. M. S., **Pawtucket, R. I.** — I have six children to look after and I am not well. Please pray that I may regain my health. Mrs. E. G., **Montreal**. — I would ask you to pray that my wife may be restored to health and that I may obtain a position. Mr. V. C. — I have great faith in the Blessed Virgin and trust that she will obtain us the great favour we are asking. If our prayers are heard, I will send you an offering for the Missions and be a life-long subscriber to THE PRECURSOR. Anonymous. — I am asking the Blessed Virgin to obtain me two favours and trust that she will listen to my entreaties. Mrs. L. J., **Montreal**. — I am sending you an offering for the ransom of two dying Chinese babies. Please pray that I may be granted the favours I am asking. I will send you a donation if I receive an answer to my prayers. A Subscriber. — Please pray to the Sacred Heart, Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St.

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