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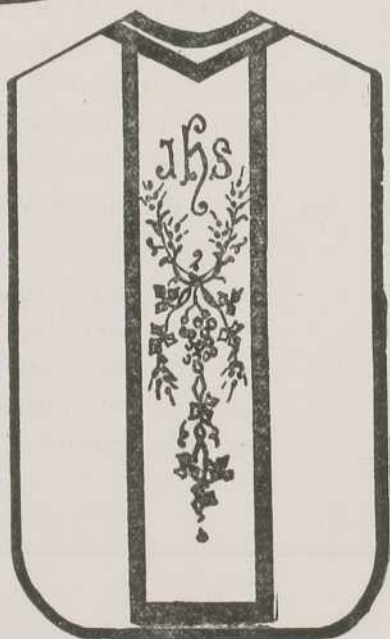
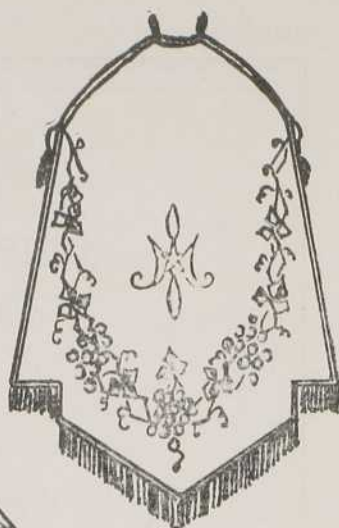
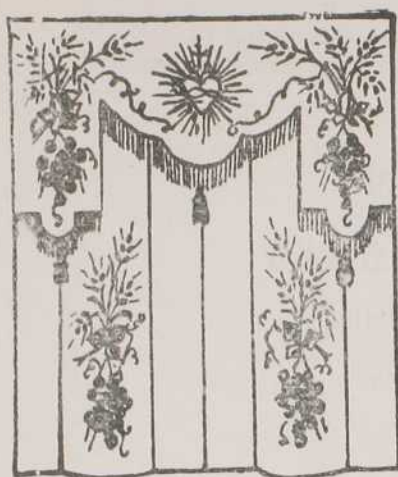
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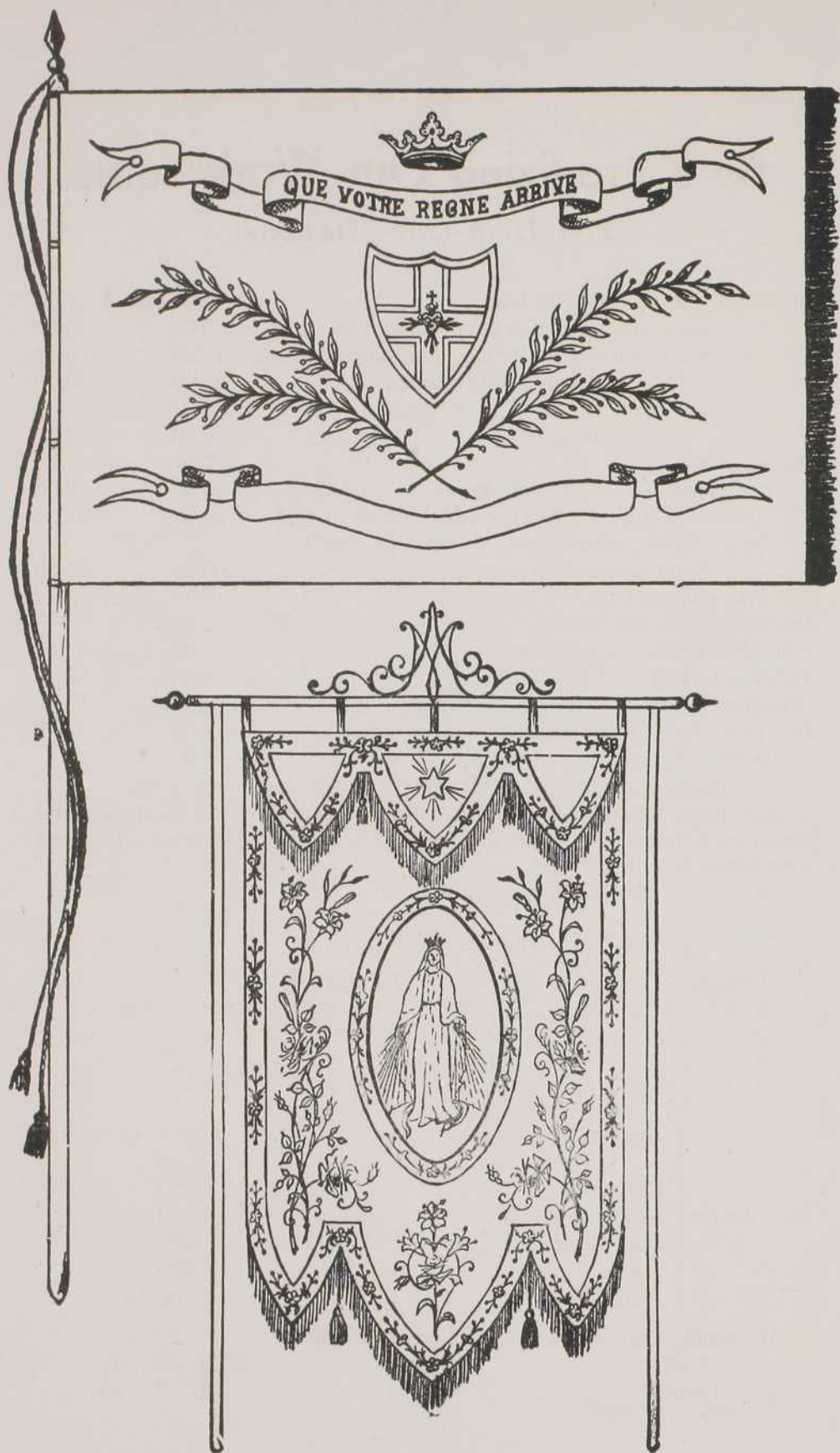
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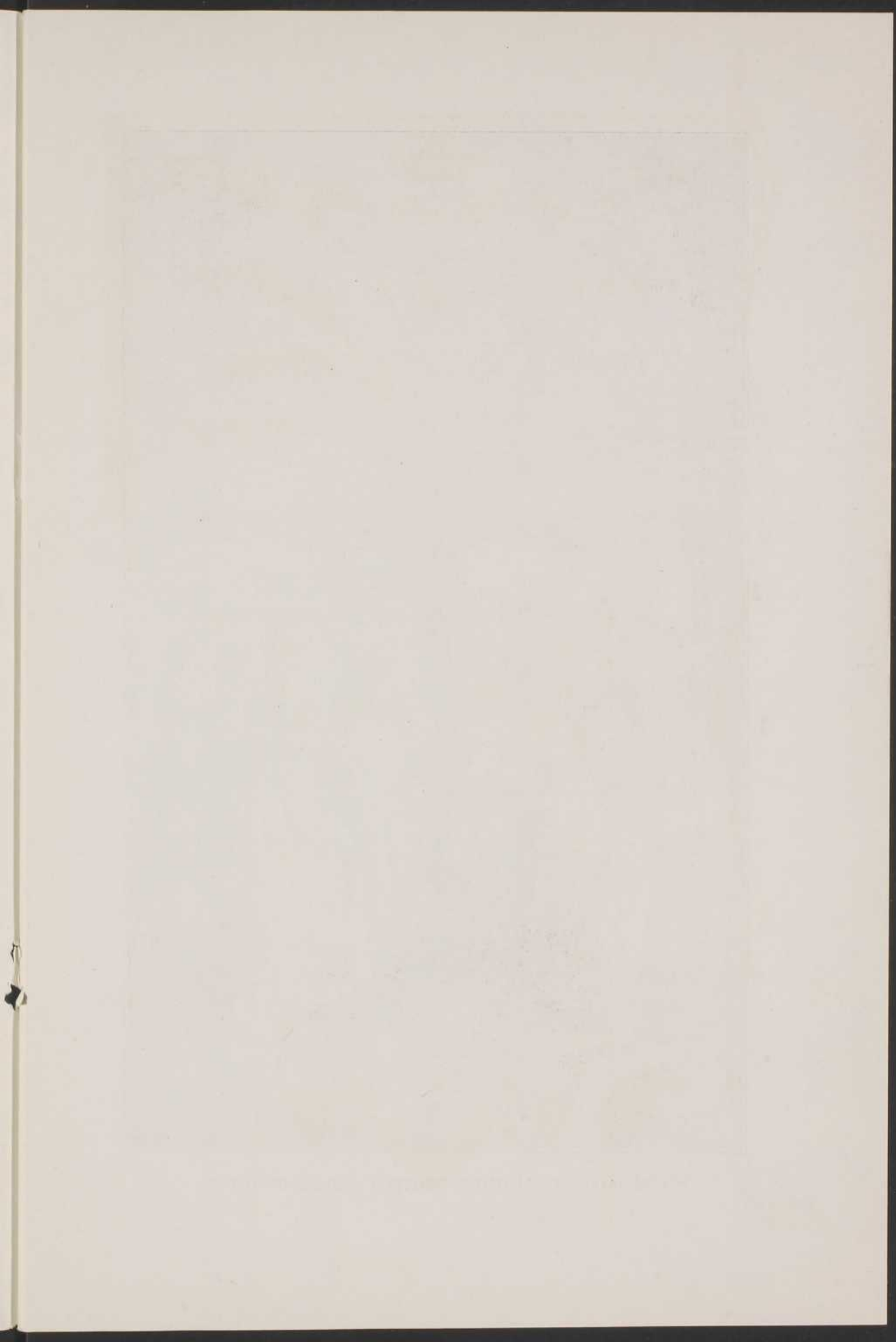
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Bethlehem

*Across the plains of Rephaim
Follow them—O follow them—
 Into the lonely mountain town,
 O'er pathways rugged, brown !
The night looks chill and drear to them,
No friendly face is near to them,
 As they ride slowly down
 To Bethlehem.*

*Up to the inns of Bethlehem
Follow them—O follow them !
 Darkly amid the deepening gloom
 Forbidding portals loom.
Meekly they turn about again,
Sadly they stand without again,
 Alas, there is no room
 In Bethlehem !*

*Out to the edge of Bethlehem,
Follow them,—O follow them !
 From where the groves of Nazareth are,
 Their weary steps are far.
A careless world is blind to them,
But shivering beasts are kind to them.
 And see yon flashing Star
 O'er Bethlehem !*

*Above the Cave of Bethlehem
It shines for us, it shines for them.
 O spotless Rose without a thorn,
 'Tis thy triumphant morn !
Angelic hosts float over thee,
The peace of God doth cover thee,
 And Christ the Lord is born
 In Bethlehem.*

— Mary E. Mannix.





Our Christmas and New Year Greetings

At the opening of the Holy Christmas Season, we have recourse to our Immaculate Mother, and, with our whole hearts, we ask her to entreat our Triune God to bestow an abundance of heavenly light and His sweetest consolations upon our beloved Pontiff: His Holiness Pope Pius XI; upon the revered Cardinal Protector of our Institute: His Eminence Peter Cardinal Fumasoni Biondi; upon the illustrious Chief Pastors in the different dioceses, and upon all the Prelates of Holy Church, to whom we owe respect, love, and gratitude.

May He shower His choicest blessings upon our Reverend Pastors, and upon the worthy members of the different Communities who take such a kind interest in our humble Institute.

May He bless our devoted Benefactors and the kind Subscribers to THE PRECURSOR. To all we wish a Merry Christmas and a Holy, Happy New Year.

THE MISSIONARIES
OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.



Bethlehem means "The House of Bread." It represents the Church, in which the true Bread, the Body of Christ, is ministered. The manger in Bethlehem is the altar... In this manger is Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes — the sacramental veils.

ST. AELRED.

The Most Blessed Virgin at the Crib

CHRISTMAS is the sweetest festival in the Church calendar; it is the feast of the inhabitants of heaven, and of those of earth; it is the feast of little children, of fathers and mothers, of old folks, of all Christians. The words of the angel who brought to Bethlehem tidings of great joy, have been repeated by the doctors of the Church. The mystery of the Nativity is the most delightful and the most joyful of all mysteries. "Dearly beloved brethren," St. Leo the Great once cried out, "this is the Birthday of Our Saviour, so let us rejoice! Who can be sad on the day the Life-giver comes upon earth? Everyone is invited to share in this universal joy. Let the just man rejoice exceedingly, for the palm of victory is within his reach; let the sinner be comforted, for his sins are generously forgiven him!" On the Feast of the Nativity, torrents of graces and blessings fall from the heavens. What a touching lesson is given in the stable of Bethlehem! What food for thought is the cave, in which there is both great poverty and great wealth; the miraculous and virginal birth, the sublime ecstasy of Mary and of Joseph, the hymn of the Angels, the adoration of the shepherds! Let us contemplate Mary at the Crib; on learning of the sentiments which filled her maternal heart, we shall learn, also, of the sentiments with which we should be animated on this incomparable solemnity.

Let us recall the story of Christ's birth as it is related in the Gospel, for even though it is a very short and a very simple one, it causes us to reflect and to consider with what great love Mary acted on that wonderful night: "And she brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him up in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn." Yes, Joseph and Mary were obliged to seek shelter in a stable, and it was there, in the coldest part of the year, that the Saviour of the world miraculously left Mary's bosom, as a sunbeam leaves the sun, as the perfume leaves a flower, as a word leaves one's lips!

Looking at such a birth with the eyes of faith, one finds that it is a marvellous one. Mary realizes how wonderful it is, and humbly does she admire, respect, and praise the Word made flesh, while lovingly bending over Him.

The Child she has brought forth is the infinitely great, the infinitely powerful, and the infinitely perfect God, whom mankind has been eagerly awaiting for four thousand years. He is the God whom the patriarchs have sighed for.

'Ye heavens,' they exclaimed, and all the saints of the Old Law with the'm, "drop down dew, ye heavens, and let the earth bring forth a Saviour!" The heavens and the earth have obeyed, and Mary witnesses this indescribable prodigy!

He is the all-bountiful and the all-merciful God. The people of former times ardently desired to see God, but they trembled at the thought of appearing before Him. To see God and to die seemed to be one and the same thing. And behold! in the cave of Bethlehem, His dreaded perfections are hidden. He is infinitely great, and He lets Himself be laid in a narrow crib; He is the joy of the Saints, and He sheds tears; He causes storms to groan and the thunder to roll, and He remains silent, or utters a plaintive cry; He watches over everything upon earth, even the thinnest blade of grass, and He suffers from hunger. How lovingly does Mary contemplate this ineffable prodigy!

He is the most loving God, who although infinitely perfect and infinitely wise, appears as a graceful infant. The new-born King is the wonderful "human attraction" whom God had promised to send down to earth, in order that He might vanquish it and draw all creatures to Himself. Mary takes pleasure in contemplating His divine charms. Well may we say that the honour which all the choirs of angels have paid to their Triune God, ever since the time of their creation, cannot be compared with the love offered to the Incarnate Word, by Mary!

Let us not be too envious of the happiness of Mary before the Crib. We, also, enjoy the presence of the loving Emmanuel. Every day, during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, He is born in a mysterious manner, upon the altar. The great God, with all the charms of His humanity, dwells in the Tabernacle: *Apparuit benignitas et humanitas Salvatoris nostri Dei*. In order to urge us to have greater faith, and to draw us closer to Him, He lovingly conceals His majesty under the Eucharistic Species, which are as it were, His swaddling clothes. Jesus hidden on the altar is more abased than He was in the cave at Bethlehem, where His adorers could see Him and could hear Him sighing. Ah! Christians, the more He humbles Himself for us, the dearer He should be to us: *Tanto mihi carior quanto pro me vilior!* Would that we could imitate, in some degree, the respect and love of Mary in the cave in Bethlehem!

The infant, in whose beautiful body the Godhead is hidden, is her own dear Son! "He is God, and I am His mother!" she would happily exclaim. From these two truths sprang two streams of joy resembling two torrents whose simultaneous movement reminded one of the ebb and tide of an incommensurable sea. "Where has He come from, and whom has He come down to? Who is He, and who am I? God the Father, who begets Him in the abode of the Saints is no more His Father than I am His Mother for I have given birth to Him in this stable! He has received from His Father His divine life; and His human life He has received from me. He who, at one and the same time, lives in these two natures reunited, is but one God! I have received an ineffable gift; but I have been still more highly privileged, for I am free to give Him something that He does not possess. I may lovingly give to Him who is my All, something that He desires and of which He deigns to feel the need: the blood of my heart, in order that it may become His blood, my flesh, in order that it may become His flesh, my nature, in order that He may have the same nature as I!

O Child God! God, my Child! To the God who always was, I gave birth scarcely an hour ago!"

And the Mother of Jesus, who has such wonderful sentiments, lovingly attends to her new-born Son. She shows the holy Child the greatest affection, she wraps Him in swaddling clothes, lays Him in the manger, and nourishes Him. "With what respectful tenderness," cries out St. Bonaventure, "did she touch with her hands and cover with kisses the One whom she knew was her God! With what angelical modesty did she wrap Him up! With what delight did she gaze upon His features, which cause the Seraphim to rejoice! With what holy joy did she give Him nourishment!"

Admirable thought! Jesus is born in our souls: the Apostle teaches us this when he tells the early Christians that he will suffer the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in them. Our Saviour Himself declares that those who do His Father's Will are related to Him. O Mary, O Virgin of virgins, Mother of God and our Mother, help us to have Jesus be born mystically in our hearts, by the shunning of evil, by the practice of virtue, by the imitation of His virtues, and by sanctifying grace! Teach us to take good care of Him, to labour for Him, to be ready to lose everything rather than lose Him, for "to be without Jesus is a grievous hell; to be with Jesus, a sweet paradise."

Besides, like the Blessed Virgin, we can, in an excellent way, practise charity towards the "Eucharistic Child." We can feed and clothe Him. He thirsts after our love; therefore, let us show Him the greatest affection by observing His Commandments; let us love Him in His second incarnation, by helping the poor; let us love Him in the Sacrament of the Altar, by visiting Him, by receiving Him, by devoutly assisting at the Holy Sacrifice. And let us give Him clothing by adorning His altars, and by helping to beautify His house. It is so pleasant to work for Jesus! Happy, indeed, are those who help to prepare Him a fitting abode upon earth, for they will be received well by Him in the other life!

Mary kneeling before the Crib is not only at the feet of the Child God, of God, her Child, but she is at the feet of God the Saviour of mankind. And such a thought is to her another source of gratitude and love.

Ah! more than we are able to understand and express, she sees and feels the excessive humiliations of the Word made flesh upon his entrance into the world, His extreme poverty, and His severe sufferings. But she knows that by such hardships, Jesus is already fulfilling His office of Redeemer, *a partu virgineo effectus hostia*. She knows that it is to this sacrifice, which is to continue for thirty-three years and to end on Mount Calvary, that she owes her Immaculate Conception, her preservation from every stain of sin, her incomparable holiness, her divine maternity, and her sway over the universe. She knows of the deformities and varieties of sin since the disobeying of our First Parents, and of those until the end of time; she knows that the expiation of the crimes of mankind is commencing at Bethlehem, and will go on through periods differing greatly from one another, until the death of her divine Son upon the Cross. She meditates

on the master-pieces of sanctification, the marvels of grace, and the countless victories resulting from this copious redemption. And, in the presence of this tender Victim, of this generous Benefactor, of this peerless Conqueror, her love increases, and she experiences joyful sorrow and sorrowful joy. She continually passes, so to speak, from one extremity to the other, and loses, neither while she is joyful nor while she is sorrowful, the profound peace in which her incomparable submission to the Holy Will of God has placed her.

When we kneel before the Tabernacle, let us share Mary's sentiments! We there adore Jesus our Saviour, "who loved us and delivered Himself up for us." We there adore Jesus, poor, humiliated, and offering Himself for us, in order to atone for our sins, and, by His divine example, to draw us away from our covetousness! We there adore the universal Benefactor, who is universally forsaken, when He is not insulted and blasphemed. We there adore the Conqueror of the world and of the devil. All glory, praise, and thanksgiving to Christ our Saviour, to the Divine Infant of Bethlehem, to the Emmanuel, to God dwelling amongst us!

He has loved us, and He still loves us: therefore, let us give Him our love! Love signifies imitation: like Him, let us love simplicity, innocence, uprightness, humility, forbearance, obedience, disinterestedness, and the spirit of sacrifice: the head only appears in order to incorporate the members! Love also signifies fidelity. "O Christian," St. Leo exclaims, "dwell on these beautiful words of the Liturgy, recognize your dignity, and, having participated in the divine nature, never fall away from it, never derogate, and never again return to the follies of a life which God has condemned, and which you yourself have rejected."

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



A voice of peace has sounded throughout the world, a voice of jubilee and salvation throughout the tents of sinners,. Rejoice in praise ye mountains; and all ye trees of the forest, exult before the presence of the Lord. Hear, O heavens, and understand! O earth, magnify and laud Him! All creation, rejoice before Him! Jesus Christ is born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea. What tidings more precious can be announced, what gift more costly bequeathed?

St. Bernard.

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The Blessed Virgin is invoked by us as the Mother of Christ. What is the force of thus addressing her? It is to bring before us that she it is who from the first was prophesied of, and associated with, the hopes and prayers of all holy men, of all true worshippers of God, of all who "looked for the redemption of Israel" in every age before that redemption came.

Cardinal Newman.

A Day Spent by Mary in the Temple

EVERY day that Mary was in the Temple, she acquired untold grace and virtue, for she performed her ordinary actions solely for God, whom she loved most tenderly. She at once discovered the secret of pleasing Him, and, ere long, it could be seen that she had travelled a long way on the road to perfection. She found a way of reaching one of the invisible summits spoken of in the sixth verse of Psalm LXXXIII: Blessed is the man whose help is from Thee: in his heart he hath disposed to ascend by steps.

From a human standpoint, there was nothing extraordinary in the life of the holy little Virgin. Lost in the midst of her companions, she followed with the greatest exactitude the rules traced out for her, without being favoured in any way. Like the other Jewish maidens, she rose every day at the time appointed, said her morning prayers, and made her meditation; certain hours during the day were set aside for classwork, study, reading, manual tasks, meals, recreation, and silence. When evening came, Mary said her prayers in common, and piously went to take her rest. Every morning and evening, according to the custom of the Israelites living in Jerusalem,

she assisted at the sacrifice offered up in the Temple, and, on the Sabbath Day and the three great feasts of the year, she took part in the pompous ceremonies therein. In all this, she did not distinguish herself in any way, but did exactly what her virginal companions did. The common life led by Mary in the Temple may be likened to the different drops of water in a stream flowing through a prairie, and which it is impossible to distinguish.

God did not ask anything extraordinary of the Most Blessed Virgin. Despite the sublime vocation He gave her, He wished that she, having been placed in a humble position, remain in it. The privileges of His grace were entirely interior. The designs of Divine Providence in regard to Mary ever remained the same. When she became the Mother of our Saviour, it seemed but fitting that she should receive supreme honours, but God wished her to remain in her lowly state. By leading a common everyday life, she concealed her eminent virtue. In the Temple, she led a life of



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an exemplary Jewish maiden; at Nazareth, that of an exemplary spouse and mother; at Mount Sion, that of a humble widow.

Let us carefully take note of the admirable examples that the Blessed Virgin gave us in the Temple. It is indeed very true that, in God's sight, there is nothing great, nothing remarkable; everything we do has only the value that we give it by our purity of intention. God asks us to do but little things; He will say to the greatest saints, as to the humblest of the Elect: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." (St. Matt. xxv, 21.)

And it is equally true that however humble our life may be, we may always find therein what we need in order to become saints. A maiden by carefully observing her rules, and a poor woman by simply doing her housework, may be looked upon by God as great saints. Sanctity is concealed in the humblest occupations, and it is with mites that the Kingdom of Heaven is purchased.

By doing the little things God asked her to do, Mary attained the degree of virtue which she needed in order to become the Mother of Our Redeemer. She felt that she was being borne along by the gentle movement of His grace. While in the Temple, she, day by day, drew nearer to God, for each action she performed rendered her more saintly. She knew how to transform into pure gold all that fell from her hands.

To the Blessed Virgin in the midst of her companions in the Temple, may be applied the words with which the Scriptures address the valiant woman: "Many daughters have gathered together riches; thou hast surpassed them all." (*Prov. xxxi.*) It was only exteriorly that the days Mary spent in the Temple resembled those of her companions. When the wine-growers begin to gather their grapes, they find some very ripe, others just ripe, and the rest, ripening. It may seem strange, for the same soil just produced them, and the same sun has shone upon them, but they have grown on different branches, which have not all received the same quantity of sap and the same amount of sunlight. Some of Mary's companions must have been neglectful; some more attentive; while the others must have put their whole hearts into doing what was asked of them. But the Most Blessed Virgin surpassed them all, and her actions may be compared to the grapes which the men who went to explore the land of Canaan, brought back to the Hebrews. There were so many heavy bunches that it took two men to transport them. While Mary was in the Temple, the angels came each evening, and, bearing away the works she had performed during the day, they presented them to God, like the wonderful fruit of the newly-discovered lands, which, four thousand years before, God promised to His people.

The merit of our good deeds is proportioned to the degree of grace which has been given us, and the fidelity with which we have received it. God's grace, and the fidelity with which it is made use of, these are the two factors of a holy deed. The grace granted Mary was supereminent; it was so great that it may be said to have been unique. And this grace was wonder-

fully increased in the soul of the Blessed Virgin; always with great fidelity did she receive the gift of God, and with promptitude and generosity did she correspond to it. God loved her infinitely more than the other creatures; and she loved God above all things. Her one thought was to prove Him her love by doing exactly what was pleasing to Him. The Blessed Virgin, so wonderfully faithful, always let all the grace that was in her soul enter her actions. While praying, working, taking her meals, or making the least movement, she was animated by the grace she received from God. A wonderful stream thus bubbled up to the everlasting life, and, seemingly, each drop in it was as an ocean.

In order to show you how valuable was a day spent by Mary in the Temple, let me add that according as she advanced in age she advanced in virtue. Grace is progressive, and while progressing, it causes us to progress with it, unless we hinder it from doing so, by our delayal and our resistance. In Mary's case, there was no question of delayal and negligence, for the humble little Virgin was active and zealous. Aided by divine grace, she rapidly advanced in virtue. And how did she succeed in making such rapid strides? By simply letting herself be borne along on the wings of love and of purity of intention: "Who is she that goeth up by the desert, as a pillar of smoke of aromatical spices, of myrrh, and frankincense, and of all the powders of the perfumer?" (*Cant.* III.) Quietly and slowly did the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, God's beloved daughter, rise like a sweet-smelling vapour. All her actions and all her desires drew her away from the earth and helped her to approach heaven. Every evening, one might state that she had attained fresh heights of perfection, for daily did she make rapid progress. If, in one day, Mary acquired such merit, it is impossible to reckon how much she must have acquired before leaving the Temple, at the age of fifteen.

Rev. Father PERDREAU.

(Translated.)



"While I was living in the Temple, I rose always at midnight, and I prayed earnestly to God that He would deign to help me to accomplish punctually all the observances of the law, and that He would give me all the graces necessary to render me more and more agreeable in His eyes. Above all, I asked Him that I might have the happiness of seeing the time when He would give to the world the favoured Virgin who should bring forth the Saviour, and that He would permit me to serve her."

Words of Our Lady to St. Elizabeth of Thuringia.



Humble shepherds of Bethlehem, first apostles of Jesus, may the happiness impressed upon your souls by the Tidings of Great Joy be also shared by those who, following your example, spread the Light of the Gospel by helping the messengers of the Living God!

ST. TERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS.

The Silver Jubilee of the International Eucharistic Congress Held in Montreal

THE celebrating on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the great Eucharistic Congress of the year 1910, is already a thing of the past, but it is to be hoped that the details of all the ceremonies and of all the General Communion, and public demonstration in Notre Dame Church, will be recorded in a souvenir volume. It is fitting that such details be inscribed on an Honour Roll. For my part, I wish simply to speak of the incomparable spectacle witnessed in Mance Park, between five and six o'clock on Sunday, September 15th. When, at this particular time, a ray from the sun made the cheapest cotton surplices look like satin ones, caused the plain brass buttons to sparkle like diamonds, and was as God's smile upon all those who had made such generous efforts, the spectacle was fairy-like, and the souls of all expanded as if our divine Lord had appeared and, had said, while laying His hand on their shoulders: "I am greatly pleased with you."

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While waiting for the Blessed Sacrament to be carried into their midst, the multitudes pray and sing hymns. On all sides, devout souls recite the beads, and they answer without the least worry of what will be said of them. It is indeed a religious demonstration. All are respectful and silent in this immense church, whose only roof is the blue sky.

Those who are to take part in the procession continue to arrive. Among them are to be remarked the Crusaders of the Sacred Heart wearing their graceful costumes, scouts, Zouaves, different societies of young men, private soldiers in flaring uniforms, and, above all, the different Sacred Heart Leagues, all forming a great army.

Finally, the Most Blessed Sacrament is borne to the repository by Mgr. Deschamps, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal. The citizens have seen to placing at the disposal of the organizers of the procession what they have best in electricity; they have even gone to the expense of erecting a beautiful repository.

On the platform on one side of the altar may be remarked His Excellency the Coadjutor Archbishop of Montreal, who is soon to deliver a sermon, and not far from him is His Lordship Mayor Houde, who is to read, in the name of all the citizens, an Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart. On the other side are His Excellency Mgr. Langlois, Bishop of Valleyfield; His Excellency Mgr. Papineau, Bishop of Joliette; Msgr. C. Chaumont, V.G., Director of Catholic Action, whose duty it is to recapitulate the wishes of the Congress; and a number of prelates and canons. The rest of the platform is occupied by priests wearing chasubles, tunics or dalmatics.

Below, wave hundreds of flags, and numerous are the priests in surplice and soutane, the religious, and the altar boys in their outfits. It is very

edifying to see the many people who thronged Park Avenue just a while before, standing in perfect order, in an immense square.

A number of choristers sing to the accompaniment of brass instruments, a hymn of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The choir-master stretches out his arms on commencing the chorus, and all present follow his example. According as the chorus is repeated, everyone stretches out his arms anew. The singing over, thousands raise their voices, begging our divine Lord to bless their homes, His Church, etc., and, after the Sacred Host has been lifted up and the three bishops present have given their blessing, all bend low, and answer: Amen. A more touching spectacle cannot be imagined.

In the background is to be seen the great city with its steeples, spires, dwellings, and factories, peaceful indeed on this beautiful Sunday evening.

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In 1910, the Cardinal Legate remarked that during the Eucharistic Congress held in Montreal, he imagined that he was in paradise. Since then, the revered prince of the Church has been called to his reward. But the worthy people of our city are still able, with the help of God, to furnish us with heavenly visions. "Lord, we beseech Thee to bless our people and to help them to keep up their traditions. Inspire them with a true devotion to the Holy Eucharist, so that their faith may never waver."

A. HARBOUR.

—Extract from "*La Semaine Religieuse*" of Montreal.

DISCOURSE OF HIS EXCELLENCY MGR. G. GAUTHIER,

*Coadjutor Archbishop of Montreal, on the occasion
of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the International Eucharistic Congress
of Montreal.*

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,

What a spectacle was here witnessed by us, twenty-five years ago, on a beautiful evening in early autumn. At that time, great crowds of people conducted by over a hundred Bishops, proclaimed, in the presence of their Eucharistic Lord, their faith, love and hope. They took glory in the acclamations addressed to His Excellency Mgr. Bruchesi. Our Archbishop wonderfully conducted the Congress held in 1910, and that evening he was exceedingly happy. Included in the unique prayer addressed to our compassionate Saviour by the thousands of people present, were the needs of all the nations, of the Church, and of our own country. Truly, it fittingly crowned the week of studies and of recollection, when all the citizens of Montreal seemed to be living in a spiritual atmosphere. Those who witnessed these blessed days have often wondered if like manifestations could be repeated. Who is there who does not realize that we are no longer living in the year 1910? Less homogeneous, our people have now to deal

with different nationalities, who understand nothing of their beliefs and their traditions. The problems at times very painful which have beset them for many years, and a propaganda quite new to them, have succeeded in getting them to listen to social doctrines which threaten the public welfare and the Faith itself.

We have no reason for being perplexed, thanks be to God, and, this evening, we must express our gratitude to all those who organized with such admirable zeal the wonderful demonstration.

In a few moments, you, in turn, will hail our divine Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and will renew the promises which attach you to His service. I am sure that it will be from the bottom of your hearts that you will pray and renew these promises. This demonstration, however, will be fruitless, if you do not resolve to be better Christians and to be more faithful to the Blessed Eucharist. This must be kept in mind, for those who have to struggle against their passions or the difficulties of life, forget only too soon that Christ in the Tabernacle is our Light, our Joy, our Strength, and our Food. "He that eateth My flesh hath everlasting life."

As in former times, our divine Lord multiplies the bread which nourishes our bodies, by giving us abundant crops. He causes His hard-working followers to love justice and charity towards those in distress, and, as a result, the poor who are true to Him, no longer suffer from starvation. But there is another kind of bread, which serves to beautify our poor lives.

In the Blessed Eucharist, we receive this Bread from Heaven. The Good Shepherd, the Friend of sinners, a loving Father who takes pity on all sufferers, addresses us in Holy Communion, words of comfort. From His Heart flows into our poor hearts the divine unction which helps us to love all suffering.

May thanksgiving be Thine, Most Adorable Saviour! Thou hast already done much for us by Thy Incarnation, which led Thee even unto Thy death on the Cross.

And how could we not be touched when we see with what infinite love Thou remainest in our tabernacles. For every faithful soul, Thou art *life*, *light*, and *food*. And we should be all the more grateful to Thee, because for the past three centuries, Thou hast, in the Holy Eucharist, sustained our people. Sheltered in chapels of bark or in magnificent cathedrals, in the Polar regions, in our cities and towns, and even in the remote country-places, Thou hast, from the Tabernacle, watched over the faithful.

O Thou who art our Life, hearken to our prayers! Help us to worthily approach Thy altar, in order to draw strength and hope from Thee in the Sacred Species.

And when we are summoned by death, may the Holy Eucharist, which has given us here below the promises of Life Everlasting, conduct us safely to the heavenly abode.

(Translated.)

Indulgences for the Souls in Purgatory

In order that the faithful may share in more of the spiritual treasures of the Church in favour of the Holy Souls, Our Holy Father Pope Pius XI, in an audience granted on October 27th, 1934, to the Cardinal in charge of the Sacred Penitentiary, stated that the following indulgences may be gained:

1. During the Octave of All Souls' Day, all the Masses celebrated at any altar at all, and by any priest at all, will be privileged ones, but only for the souls for whom these Masses are said.
2. All the faithful who, during the same octave, devoutly visit a cemetery, and there pray for the dead, at least interiorly, may, on the usual conditions gain a Plenary Indulgence which may be applied to the departed souls only.
3. All the faithful, who, as above, visit a cemetery any day of the year, and there pray for the dead, may gain a partial indulgence of seven years, in favour of the Holy Souls.

For Our Dear Departed Ones

ONE loves to find Mary and his spiritual guides on the roads over which he must travel during life: one of these roads leads to the cemetery. Before being brought there yourself, you should practise Christlike charity, and accompany thither the mortal remains of your brethren. Make it your duty to bring your dead to the church, and to there pray fervently for them. Look down upon these funeral modes with which we are overwhelmed, and which have something pagan about them. Do not load down the coffin of a dear departed one with so many flowers; leave a place for the cross of Christ to shine forth. Let there be fewer wreaths, and more prayers; fewer bouquets, and more alms.

And, after following your brethren to the cemetery, and sprinkling them with holy water, do not imagine that you have done enough for them. Present their souls to God when you assist at the Holy Sacrifice. Have Masses said for them; give alms, in their name. Be their brothers in every sense of the word; and since it has been written that love is as strong as death, bear your dear departed ones a love as strong as Eternity itself. By your fervent prayers, help the souls of the faithful departed, who will not be allowed to enter heaven before they have paid "the last farthing."

Father PERDRAU.

"I am not sure of my salvation, unless I have a true, ardent and childlike devotion to Mary."

St. John Berchmans.

The Zeal of St. Francis Xavier

APPOINTED by his superior to go as a missionary to India, Francis Xavier left immediately. On arriving in Goa, he taught the Gospel truths to the children, to the patients in the different hospitals, and to the many prisoners. All of them embraced the Faith, and everyone in the city soon followed their example. On leaving Goa, he performed the same kind of miracles in other places. All through India he went, rooting up idolatry, reforming the morals, and winning over to our holy religion both the rulers and their subjects. He moved, like the clouds, from one place to another; it seemed as though he was being blown along by the wind. He crossed immense seas full of reefs, and rocked by tempests, reached desert islands and pagan lands in which he suffered from hunger and cold, was persecuted, and threatened with death. Inside of ten years, he converted the people of fifty-two kingdoms, and baptized over a million pagans. His zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of souls was unbounded. Realizing that the infidels are only won over by kindness, he visited the sick, dressed and kissed their wounds, cheerfully greeted the wayward, and patiently endured their obstinacy. He led a very austere life, for he knew that by so doing he would succeed in touching the hearts of the most hardened sinners. After having thus carried the Gospel from Goa to the far end of the Eastern Hemisphere, Xavier returned towards the North, decided on the conquest of China and of Tartary, and made up his mind to go to Europe in order to convert the infidels there, and to reform their morals. He also planned going to Africa, to there seek other kingdoms to evangelize. According as Christ's Kingdom was spread, his joy increased, and never was he heard to say, "It is enough." Have we even one spark of the great fire of love which consumed him?

It is impossible to tell of the greatness of the faith and of the zeal of this holy apostolic worker. Filled with supernatural courage, he went alone to unknown lands inhabited by barbarous peoples, and numerous were the obstacles that he met with in these strange countries. Even



FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER:
DECEMBER 3RD

at the courts of mighty rulers, he was not afraid of preaching the Gospel, and of condemning vice. "The more I lack human aid," he wrote, "the more do I rely on God's help. Nothing frightens me, for is not God ruling over the storms of the sea, the gulfs, and the rocks. And why should I fear being assailed by my enemies, and even by the devils, since they cannot be more furious than what God wills? In the midst of the greatest danger, I am exceedingly joyful, and I know of nothing sweeter in this world than of being continually in danger of death for the honour of Christ and the good of souls." And the one who spoke thus had spent three days and three nights on a plank, exposed to the wind and the waves, and had, for the hundredth time, fallen into the hands of his enemies, who had made him endure the most cruel torments. But nothing is difficult to the one who possesses true love, and St. Francis Xavier so dearly loved our Saviour that very often, being unable to endure the fire of divine love which was consuming him, he would cry out: "Enough, Lord, enough!" Frequently, a celestial light beamed on his countenance, and from his burning heart, as so many sparks of love, came these words: "O Most Holy Trinity! O Jesus, my Love!" While gazing at the crucifix, he would burst into tears, sigh heavily, and burn with the desire of dying for the One who had died for love of him. During the night, when all was silent, he would sometimes fold his hands over his breast, look up at the starry sky, and become lost in sublime contemplation. At other times, he would spend part of the night in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Always, even in the midst of the most embarrassing things met with in his extensive missionary work, he remained closely united to God. The beautiful example he gave, amazes us, but instead of being discouraged, let it be an incentive to us to lead a better life.

Father Hamon.

(Translated.)



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



BOOTH OF THE FOREIGN MISSION SEMINARY, PONT VIAU,
AT THE THIRD CANADIAN MISSIONARY EXHIBITION.

A Missionary Exhibition

*on the Occasion of the Fourth Centenary of the Planting of the Cross in
"Trois Rivières", the Third Exhibition of the Kind to be Held in Canada.*

IN the year 1925, a Jubilee Year, His Holiness Pope Pius XI organized, in the Vatican Gardens, a universal Missionary Exhibition. As one may well recall, this Exhibition was a splendid success, the Missions greatly benefitting by it.

Two years later, Mgr. Forbes, who was then Bishop of Joliette, decided to have the people of his episcopal city, as well as those of the whole Diocese, witness an Exhibition somewhat like that held in Rome, — if things on a small scale may be compared to those on a larger one. All the missionary Institutions in the Province of Quebec were asked to co-operate in the organization of a few Mission Days, known as a Missionary Exhibition. During the summer months of 1927, this Exhibition was held, and it was indeed a memorable one for the throngs who visited it.

In 1930, the Diocesan Committee of the Missionary Union of the Clergy, with the approbation of His Excellency the Coadjutor Archbishop of Montreal, and the co-operation of divers missionary congregations, organized in the Drill Hall on Craig St., a great Exhibition, which was visited by nearly a hundred thousand persons.

This year witnessed the third Missionary Exhibition to be held in Canada. Its initiation is due to His Excellency Mgr. A. O. Comtois, Bishop of "Trois Rivières", who, by this wonderful demonstration of faith and patriotism, wished to commemorate the Fourth Centenary of the implanting of the Faith in his episcopal city, for it was there that Jacques Cartier, on arriving in Canada for the second time, in 1535, set up the Cross. His Excellency was seconded in an admirable manner by the member of the Diocesan Council of the Missionary Union of the Clergy who, after a few preliminary meetings, constituted, with this aim in view, an executive committee, His Excellency Mgr. Comtois being named Honorary President, Their Excellencies Bishops Chartier and Trudel, Honorary Vice-Presidents; Reverend Father Paul Eugene Trudel, O. F. M., President; Reverend Father Rosario Leclerc, O. M. I., Vice-President; Reverend Father Pellerin, Secretary; and Reverend Fathers Geoffroy and Carignan, Councillors.

The different missionary congregations helped to carry out the project by their whole-hearted co-operation and devotedness.

The programme consisted of three parts: 1. The exhibition properly so-called; 2. The religious ceremonies: Solemn High Masses, public prayers, and appropriate sermons; 3. The conferences given by representatives from the different missionary Institutions.

In a circular letter addressed to the Clergy of his diocese on this occasion, His Excellency Mgr. Comtois said: "The thought has come to me that this manifestation of the penetration of our Catholic forces and of the work of the faithful in every country of the world, is the most beautiful answer that our people are able to give to the first exploit of faith made on



BOOTH OF THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AT THE THIRD CANADIAN MISSIONARY EXHIBITION.

our soil by Jacques Cartier. October 7th next will mark the Fourth Centenary of this achievement... And the project of renewing here the great missionary sessions of Joliette and Montreal, I have made my own. I feel confident that all will eagerly co-operate in this celebration of the Fourth Centenary of the Faith amongst us. It will serve to edify us, for, as His Holiness Pope Pius XI has stated, the missionary work is ahead of all other works, and it will also greatly encourage the missionaries who will come to visit us."

On August 20th, His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec wrote the following lines to the organizers: "To my great satisfaction, I have learned that the Diocesan Council of the Missionary Union of the Clergy of "Trois Rivières" has planned holding a Missionary Exhibition in that city early in September. As President of the Missionary Union of the Clergy in Canada, I willingly grant it the patronage of the Missionary Union. In no better way can I express my congratulations to the Diocesan Council for the initiation, and my wishes, fervent prayers, and blessings for the success of this apostolic enterprise."

The Official Opening of the Missionary Exhibition took place on August 31st, in the spacious Drill Hall of the city, immediately after the blessing of the booths by His Excellency Mgr. Comtois.

Late that same day, the citizens welcomed His Excellency Most Reverend Andrea Cassulo, Archbishop of Leontopolis and Apostolic Delegate to Canada and Newfoundland. After being received by Mgr. Comtois and Mgr. J. S. H. Brunault, Bishop of Nicolet, the Delegate thus addressed the people of the city, who were all very anxious to hear him speak:

"Here we are again together in this beautiful city, which is one very dear to the heart of the Sovereign Pontiff and to the heart of his delegate to Canada. This is not the first time I have had the honour and the pleasure of meeting you. The first time I visited your city, I found that all the people were filled with love for the Sovereign Pontiff and for the Church. I did not forget you, and joyfully have I come back to see you.

"I spoke about you to Our Holy Father in the way a friend speaks about his friend. I told him that in your city the members of the Clergy, those of the different Communities, the Authorities, and the citizens, go hand in hand for the good of the Church and of the country.

"I have just come back from a long trip through Canada and, before being asked to come here, I felt the need of settling down quietly to take a rest, but the invitation to this solemn celebration you so kindly extended me, touched my heart. On receiving this invitation, I felt that I should go again to "Trois Rivières", not to tire myself out, but to take a rest.

"I am happy to convey to you the Blessing of Our Holy Father, and the assurance of his fatherly affection. Highly do I praise you for your enthusiasm for all that is beautiful, and I praise you also for all you do for the Missions and for the Church. I encourage you to continue, I pray for you, and I wish to see Canada take the lead in the missionary activity throughout the world."

His Excellency Archbishop Cassulo expressed his thanks for the touching

welcome extended him, paid his respects to His Lordship the Mayor, and wished him prosperity. He also thanked His Excellency Mgr. Brunault, Bishop of Nicolet for all that he had done for the Church. Then extending his hands over the kneeling throng, he ended up his discourse by these words: "In the name of the Sovereign Pontiff, I bless every family in the city."

The following day being Sunday, His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate celebrated Pontifical High Mass in the Cathedral, and, in the afternoon, visited the Exhibition.

In all the churches in the city and in Cap de la Madeleine, sermons on the Missions were given. His Excellency Mgr. Comtois preached in the Cathedral, and members of the different missionary Congregations, elsewhere.

In the evening, conferences were given in three of the principal halls of the city by six missionaries from different Institutions.

Each day of this great Mission Week, throngs of people came to visit the thirty-six booths, which contained a wonderful variety of very instructive missionary exhibits, exhibits which greatly attracted their attention.

On Saturday, September 7th, the citizens gave a hearty welcome to His Eminence Cardinal R. Villeneuve, Archbishop of Quebec, who graced with his presence the closing of the Exhibition. His Eminence was accompanied by His Excellency Mgr. Guy, O. M. I., Vicar Apostolic of Grouard. The distinguished visitor was met at the bridge in Batiscan by a number of people occupying thirty automobiles. In the procession were to be remarked the members of the Executive Committee of the Exhibition, a number of religious and missionaries, and several of the leading men of the city, among whom was Honourable Senator Charles Bourgeois. At St. Maurice Bridge, His Eminence was greeted by a delegation from the city.

On his arrival at the Bishop's House, our revered Cardinal was given a reception by Their Excellencies Bishops Comtois and Brunault and by numerous ecclesiastical dignitaries, and, immediately after, His Eminence spoke most sympathetically to the crowds, and thanked them for the great welcome they had given him. After paying his respects to the worthy Bishop of the Diocese, he greeted the citizens, and congratulated them on the splendid success of their Missionary Exhibition. He also praised the Municipal Authorities, who so generously unite with those of the Church for the public welfare.

The following day being a beautiful one, His Excellency Mgr. Comtois celebrated Holy Mass on a beautiful altar set up in the open air, just opposite the Drill Hall. An immense tableau representing the Cross erected on the Island, had been placed above the altar and, on the platform which served as a sanctuary, His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve took his place. Below the platform, knelt several members of the Clergy, and, on the Seminary grounds, there was a throng of worshippers. Reverend Father Paul Eugene, President of the Organizing Committee of the Exhibition delivered the following sermon:

"This region, to which the Cross, the Sign of our Redemption, was

brought four hundred years ago, has just witnessed a thrilling Missionary Week.

"Last Saturday and Sunday, we received the blessing of Our Holy Father, conveyed to us by his Representative. In the person of His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate, we honour the Sovereign Pontiff himself, and his paternal, affectionate, and encouraging words are as the exhortations, advice, and the efficacious prayers of our divine Saviour Himself. More than ever before, perhaps, thanks to the presence of the distinguished members of the Hierarchy, and, still more, to that to which we are not accustomed, that of the members of different missionary Congregations in the Province of Quebec, we have felt our hearts vibrate in unison with that of His Holiness Pius XI, the Pope of the Missions, we have experienced one of the purest joys of Catholicism, we have been able to peep into the heavenly Jerusalem, in which the people of all nations, speaking divers tongues, are gathered together to proclaim to the Redeeming Lamb: 'Glory, honour, adoration, praise and blessing for ever and ever.'"

The preacher remarked that during the Missionary Week, the different visitors had had plenty of time to admire the peaceful conquests of the soldiers of Christ. After thanking His Eminence Cardinal Villeneuve for having acted as Patron to those who organized and took part in the missionary rallying, and for having so kindly helped them, he turned to His Excellency Mgr. A. O. Comtois, saying: "You have deigned to frame this missionary exhibition by the most efficacious, significative liturgical acts: The blessing at the opening of it, the inaugural sermon, and the Solemn High Mass at the end.

"Brethren," Father Paul Eugene continued, "in a few hours, this Exhibition, the third of its kind to be held in Canada, will have come to an end, one of the most beautiful pages in the history of our region will be written, and there will have shone forth one of the most magnificent manifestations of our Faith, the rays from which will extend over the earth and fill our apostolic workers with renewed zeal.

As lessons to be learned from this great missionary event, Reverend Father proposed the charitable universality of the Church, and the providential missionary vocation of the young people of the Province. In a few words, he told his listeners of the moral and physical sufferings of the pagans, and of how the Church compassionates their sufferings.

After speaking of the apostolic achievements of the discoverers of New France, the preacher told of how the missionaries from the Province of Quebec are to be found in every part of the world. "Although our people are the youngest of all," he said, "they are second only to France in their missionary efforts. The number of their apostolic labourers, the number of their missionary Congregations, and the number and universality of their works, are sufficient proof of this."

As President of the Missionary Exhibition, Reverend Father Paul Eugene, in the name of all the missionaries and of the people of the city, thanked His Excellency Mgr. Comtois for having so magnificently acted as Patron during the great Missionary Week. He also praised the



The Missionaries of the Immaculate Conception who left for the Orient on September 16th, 1935.
From left to right: Sister ST. MAURICE, (Juliette Simoneau, of Gardner, Mass.), for Koriyama, Japan; Sister MARIE THERESE (Marie Therese Roux, of Montreal), Sister STE. ROSE (Jeanne Sanschagrin, of Charlesbourg), Sister MARIE ALICE (Marie Alice Ladouceur, of Ste. Genevieve, Co. Jacques Cartier) for Manchukuo.

Communities who had co-operated in the Exhibition, for the beautiful apostolic lesson they had given to all the Catholics of the city. Then, turning to the throngs, he told them of how grateful the missionaries were to the citizens, who had so whole-heartedly co-operated in the wonderful apostolic demonstration.

At the close of this beautiful day, interesting conferences were given by missionaries of different Congregations, in the spacious halls arranged for such a purpose, and, with the shades of night, the great Missionary Exhibition ended.

May these never-to-be forgotten days bear endless fruits of salvation in our own country by the keeping of the Faith therein, and in pagan lands, by the spreading of the Gospel.

A Beautiful Departure Ceremony for the Orient

ON Monday September 16th, there took place in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Montreal, an impressive departure ceremony of eleven missionaries: seven priests of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau, destined for the Vicariate Apostolic of Szepingkai, Manchukuo: Reverend Fathers Robert Hetu, Oscar Fortin, Paul Gravel, Clovis Boisvert, Germain Pelletier, Henri Beaudoin, and Georges Vaillancourt; and four Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, three



The Priests of the Foreign Mission Seminary, Pont Viau who left for the Vicariate of Szepingkai, Manchukuo, on September 16th, 1935.

of whom were about to set out for Manchukuo: Sr. Marie Alice (Marie Alice Ladouceur, of Ste. Genevieve, Co. Jacques Cartier), Sr. Marie Therese Marie Therese Roux, of Montreal) and Sr. Ste. Rose (Jeanne Sancshagrin, of Charlesbourg, and the fourth, for Japan: Sr. St. Maurice (Juliette Simoneau, of Gardner, Mass.).

Mgr. A. O. Comtois, Bishop of "Trois Rivières", presided at the ceremony. His Excellency was assisted by Reverend Father Donat Chaumont, Assistant Superior of the Foreign Mission Seminary, Pont Viau, and Reverend Father Jules Bourassa, Pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart. In places of honour were to be seen Msgr. Conrad Chaumont, P.A., Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Montreal, and Msgr. Dionis Gelinas. In the sanctuary there were several priests, religious, and seminarians, while the body of the church was filled to capacity by the faithful.

Reverend Father Bourassa preached the opening sermon, in which he told how happy he was to welcome the departing missionaries to his church. Most joyfully did he greet Mgr. Comtois, a former fellow-student, and whom he had the honour of receiving for the first time in the Church of the Sacred Heart. After offering his best wishes to the missionaries, he asked his parishioners to assist them by their prayers and alms.

His Excellency Mgr. Comtois then spoke a few words, stating that he had studied at Rome with four Canadian priests, and had, at that time, made with them a pilgrimage to the Holy Land; Msgr. Conrad Chaumont and Reverend Father Bourassa were two of the group.

In a touching sermon, His Excellency commented on the following words of our divine Lord: "Going, therefore, teach ye all nations," after which he presented the missionary priests with their crucifixes.

After the Act of Consecration and the reading of the promises of the departing missionaries, took place the ceremony of the kissing of the feet of the valiant bearers of the Gospel. During this ceremony, to the accompaniment of the organ, was sung the soul-stirring words of a hymn for the occasion.

The Departure Ceremony was brought to a close by the giving of Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and the veneration of a missionary crucifix by the faithful.

In the evening, at seven o'clock (Standard Time), the eleven missionaries, accompanied by Very Reverend Canon J. A. Roch, Superior General of the Foreign Mission Seminary, who is going to Manchukuo to visit the different establishments of the Society, made their way to Windsor St. Station, where they took the train for Vancouver. They were accompanied by their numerous relatives and friends. It was, indeed, very touching at the moment when the train was about to pull out, to hear the sweet notes of the lovely hymn to the Star of the Sea: *Ave Maris Stella*, followed by Canada's National Hymn.

May the sweet Virgin Mary watch over these brave bearers of the Gospel Tidings, whose hearts are filled with the greatest love for their beautiful native land, and for all the dear ones they have left behind them.

The Missionary

HIS QUALITIES AND HIS PREPARATION

By Reverend Father Emery Champagne, of the White Fathers' Society

(Continued)

I place this preparation, first of all, in the momentous study of the general and particular history of the Missions, of the general, permanent, or passing causes of the failure of some apostolic undertakings at certain periods, and in different parts of the world. One has already acquired a little experience when he has learned what he must not do on certain occasions. The first missionaries of the past centuries must have attempted, very often blindly, hazardous undertakings that one may to-day regard as erroneous, without, for all that, diminishing the valour and the zeal of those courageous pioneers. In such a complicated sphere, they necessarily made many a mistake before discovering what was to be done.

Is not a thorough knowledge of the Missions of a nature to keep us from falling into at least a few of these errors? And why should we oblige the present-day missionary to travel over the same road as others who have not met with the least success? On the other hand, why should we not accept beforehand the general principles already acquired by other missionaries, such as missionary adaptation, the possible formation of a native clergy, the need of an important catechumenate, the usefulness of native helpers, the study of the different languages, the opportuneness of elementary and other schools in a mission land, their favourable results, and even their danger.

During our fifty years on the Missions, we White Fathers have learned, along with other things, that it is not with orphans, or with former slaves that important Christian settlements are founded, that apostolic work among the Mussulmans of Northern Africa is not the same as that which may be accomplished among the negroes in the central part of the country, who practise Fetishism, or that it is wrong to draw the natives to the Mission by promising them presents or a material reward.

And as each contingent of the missionary army arrives with its own experience, it is not right to state that one must absolutely wait until he is in a mission land before commencing his scientific missionary training, and that one is not able to learn anything about the pagans to be converted before coming into contact with them.

Just as the detailed accounts of the different wars which have succeeded one another throughout the ages, of the victories as well as of the defeats, have supplied the specialists with a good system of tactics, or with efficacious military strategics, so should it be in regard to the history of the Missions, which, with time, and it is already high time, will supply us with the desired principles of missionary stratagem.

These tactics and this stratagem are still classifying their principles, but they already exist, and may be termed a missionary pastoral. Without

taking double advantage of the ordinary pastoral, and without excluding it either, it is called upon to scientifically train the cadets of the missionary army to wield the apostolic weapons. Needless to state, it will not, for all that, succeed in its first attempt to make veterans; the old missionaries will always have the right to superintend the young recruits. Nothing, in fact, can, in the completion of a good military or apostolic training, take the place of a baptism of fire, and the experience of personal combats. Should one, on this account, think that military schools are useless, and that the missionary stratagem is inopportune? The ordinary pastoral supplies the aspirant missionary with the general means of personal sanctification in the exercise of his ministry among souls. The missionary pastoral informs him of the special means to be made use of in order to ensure the salvation of the pagans, shows him the importance of certain qualities really required for his mission, and thus convinces him of the need of understanding the mentality of those confided to him, with their customs, the signification of their religious practices, and of their superstitions. Thanks to this pastoral, seminarians may get a good idea of the divers pagan religions: Animism, Fetishism, Islamism, Buddhism, and Shintoism. While in the seminary, they may become acquainted with the different dogmas and the consequences from different points of view. Moreover, they may recall the practical conclusions which, in the near future, experience will confirm or complete.

The ordinary pastoral informs us of the necessity of social works, and of Catholic Action. The missionary pastoral contains the information a missionary needs to conduct these same works transplanted in newly-formed Christian settlements in which he is called upon to carry on his apostolic work.

While studying theology and other subjects, let the future missionary bear in mind that, in a mission land, besides having to solve the problems that are met with in civilized countries, he will be obliged to solve others more arduous and complicated, and that he will not always be able to consult a well-filled library, or confreres who know more than he does. He should have stored up in his mind all the knowledge he will need, for often such knowledge will be his only resource.

And if he foresees that he is to be sent to Western Africa, he would do well to learn all about the marriage question, and to learn as much as he can about the principles of the Pauline privilege, or of the privilege of the Faith. He will certainly need to be versed in such a matter, for, as he will find out for himself, the African canonists are as yet but few in number.

This means that a young missionary, before leaving for the mission field, should become well versed in theology. By neglecting to do so, he will cause irreparable harm. It has been proved by experience that it is not on the Missions that one learns more about theology. The trips that must be taken, the great amount of work, the different kinds of fever, and, let us frankly state, the lack of courage especially in the tropical countries, keep even those who are full of good-will from increasing their store of such knowledge.

A missionary should, indeed, learn in the homeland the official language of the nation ruling over the colony to which he will be called to live. Some of our compatriots living in a British colony sometimes find it very humiliating when they are obliged to deal with the Government officials. On account of not being able to speak English, they do not succeed in winning the esteem of the natives, or of the Europeans, and in getting them to look favourably upon our holy religion.

I cannot spend any more time giving the details of this remote preparation for the apostolate in the important sphere of which I have already spoken. Nevertheless, I shall add that professors in institutions in which missionaries are being trained, should see that their students study about evangelized countries, their population, external features, their civil and religious history, and that they learn the language spoken therein. They should also see to giving them a suitable medical training, and a solid and vigorous physical formation.

"The missionary is obliged to plough, to take his place at the helm, and to arrange sails, even though he has never been taught to do so. He must be an architect, a carpenter, a mason, a joiner, a blacksmith, and a tinsmith. After sketching his plans, he sees to carrying them out himself, and sets to teaching the natives the trade he has learned about all by himself. He mends his own shoes, makes brooms for himself, tunes a damaged harmonium, prints and binds books, and does the gardening. Sometimes even, he goes hunting..."

It would be an easy matter to add to this list, made up by a missionary bishop, and which gives one a good idea of the variety of the tasks with which a great many missionaries are confronted.

But if it is possible to learn how to perform the divers tasks, why should a missionary set to them before being taught about them, and why should he wish to be always obliged to teach others what he knows nothing about himself?

I am not ready to state that an ideal missionary is one who, by dint of experimental methods, has become accustomed to making use of the plane and the plumb-line, but rather the technician who, on arriving, is able to show his native helpers how to work, and who, consequently, is able to set more quickly to evangelizing the country. For that, he must learn the different trades before being able to teach them to others, and it would be preferable for him to receive such a training before leaving for a mission land.

It would be difficult to trace precise rules regarding the matter in question. I have simply wished to show that the preparatory training for the Missions is not an unimportant question for theorists who have had no practice.

Regardless of its kind and its aim, improvization will be a success in the hands of but a few persons, in the mission fields as elsewhere, and if it may be said that this improvization may be systematized, we should all agree that such a system has had its day.

In ending up, I express the wish that this short account, which contains a little of everything, but very little of anything scientific, may lead you

to conclude that, to be useful, it is not enough for a missionary to be able to say Mass, to administer the Sacrament of Baptism, to say his beads, and to be thankful that he is not completely destitute of knowledge.

Most of the qualities that should be possessed by every missionary, may be acquired and developed in our colleges, novitiates, and scholasticates. About the only thing that cannot be acquired is common sense, something that holiness itself cannot make up for. If one lacks much of it, he may be looked upon as not having a missionary vocation.

Our country has already supplied a remarkable number of good missionaries. It will continue to perform its noble task if we put our whole hearts into showing forth the beauty and the necessity of the apostolic ideal, and in seeing that our young men receive a virile and scientific training.

(The End.)

Blessing of a Retreat House and a School in Granby.

On Sunday, August 25th, His Excellency Mgr. F. Z. Decelles, Bishop of the Diocese of St. Hyacinthe, kindly came to Granby to bless the Retreat House dedicated to Mary Mediatrix, and which will be conducted by the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, as well as the School, dedicated to the Holy Family, which adjoins it.

On arriving in Granby, in the year 1930, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception took up their abode at No. 64 Ottawa St., but as the building was but a small one, they could not go on with their work, with the giving of Closed Retreats, in particular.

The Retreat House dedicated to Mary Mediatrix, which has just been erected on Dufferin St., is so spacious that a great many ladies and girls desirous of making a Closed Retreat, may find admission therein. The new edifice also offers all the necessary comfort and the quietness to be wished for during these days of recollection and prayer.

This blessing of the Retreat House by the revered Prelate of the Diocese, assisted by the Pastor of the Parish, Reverend Father D. Breton, and his devoted Curates, Reverend Fathers A. St. Pierre and R. Peloquin, in the presence of numerous sympathetic members of the Clergy, of several men of note, and of an immense throng of people, this blessing, do I repeat, will be carefully recorded in the annals of the Community of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

For any information concerning Closed Retreats, apply to:

THE SUPERIOR OF THE MISSIONARIES OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.

35 Dufferin St.,

Granby, Que.

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.



The enclosed sum is for the Missions. It is my thank-offering to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who obtained me several favours during the past year. Mrs. J. B., **Montreal**. — Enclosed please find a donation for the Burse in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, through whose intercession I have obtained a favour. M. E. — The loving little Patroness of Missionaries has obtained me a temporal favour, and to thank her, I am enclosing an offering to be used for the poor lepers. A. T.

— I wish to return most heartfelt thanks to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, for she has powerfully assisted me. A. B. — Enclosed please find an offering in favour of the Missions, in thanksgiving for a request granted through the intercession of the Little Flower of Jesus. O. R., **Montreal**. — My husband has secured a position, and I feel that it was the Little Flower of Jesus who obtained him this favour. I wish you would use the enclosed

thank-offering for your missions. Mrs. D., **Montreal**. — I have been restored to health through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. Enclosed please find a small offering, as promised. Mrs. H. S. — The enclosed offering is in honour of the dear Scatterer of Roses, who has obtained me a favour.

I am asking her to intercede for me again. Mrs. A. L., **Worcester, Mass.** — I am deeply indebted to the Little Flower of Jesus, and, in her honour, I shall gladly forward you an offering each month, in favour of the Missions. Miss A. C., **Lachine**. — St. Teresa of the Child Jesus has obtained me a favour, and I am enclosing an offering for your missions, as promised. Mrs. T. G. — I am most grateful to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, and would ask you to publish my thanksgiving. The enclosed offering is for the Burse in honour of my dear protectress. A grateful Client. — Enclosed please find a Postal Note, in thanksgiving for a great favour I have obtained through the intercession of the little Patroness of Missionaries. Mrs. A. L., **Montreal**. — I have obtained a favour through the intercession of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, and to thank her, I am sending you a small offering. I am now asking this

dear Saint to obtain the cure of one of my relatives. Mrs. G. H. F. — I am very grateful to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, for I feel that it was she who obtained me the favour I have just received. Mrs. L. D., **Gardner, Mass.** — I have obtained some favours through the intercession of the Little Flower, and I am sending the enclosed offering to thank her, and that she may again intercede for me. Mrs. E. L., **Montreal**. — Enclosed please find an offering in honour of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who has obtained me part of my favour. J. S., **Montreal**. — I am truly thankful to the little Patroness of Missionaries, for I have received a favour after praying to her. Mrs. A. G., **Central Falls, R. I.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription and an offering for the Missions, in thanksgiving to the Little Flower of Jesus. Please pray for my two brothers, who have been out of work for some time. Mrs. G. F. — I am indeed grateful to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus for her answer to my prayer. Please accept my small thank-offering. Miss C. V., **Holyoke, Mass.** — Enclosed please find an offering for your Chinese missions, in thanksgiving to the Little Flower of Jesus. A Subscriber. — I have received a great favour from St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, and I wish to thank her for it. Mrs. N. — Enclosed please find a donation in favour of the Missions, in thanksgiving to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus. May this dear little Saint continue to intercede for me. Mrs. W. A.

My little way is the path of spiritual childhood, it is the way of trust and entire self-surrender.

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!

September-October 1935.....\$29.50

"As Our Lord made me understand that it was by the Cross He would give me souls, the more crosses I met with the stronger grew my attraction to suffering."

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.

Oh, how dear are humble souls to Mary! This blessed Virgin recognizes and loves those who love her, and is near to all who call upon her, and especially to those whom she sees like unto herself in purity and humility.

St. Bernard.

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.

Sailing for China and Japan

SAFE LANDING

THE two Missionary Sisters who left for China on August 17th last, Sister St. Barthelemy (Maria Lambert, of St. Barthelemy), and Sister Marie Bernard (Emma Vanasse, of St. Guillaume d'Upton): have arrived safely at their respective missions: the first at Canton, and the second, at Tsungming.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the relatives of our Missionaries, and to the friends who assisted them by their prayers and alms. May Almighty God permit them to enjoy even here below the great reward promised to those who help the apostle.

EN ROUTE

*Diary of the four Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception
who left for Manchuria and Japan, on September 16th.*



Oh! September 16th is indeed a never-to-be-forgotten day... In return for the sacrifices we have had to make, God has granted us more of His grace, and He even permitted us to be joyful while tearing ourselves away from our dear ones, but it may always be truly said that parting is somewhat like dying. Truly, in circumstances of the kind, one's heart beats very, very fast.

Your four travelling daughters together wish to thank you from the bottom of their hearts for having chosen them to labour in a more direct, but perhaps, in a no more efficacious way, for the salvation of souls. We still imagine that we hear you addressing us your last words of advice and encouragement, words which we have let sink deep down into our hearts: "Do your duty always, and God will bless you... go straight on your way without shuffling... love all the missions and the different charges with impartiality. Be ever ready to go where you are called by obedience, and always be submissive to your superiors."

7 o'clock at night

After we have thanked and said good-bye to our beloved Sisters and to our dear relatives and friends who have come to see us off, our National Hymn and a hymn to the Sweet Star of the Sea are sung. As the train pulls out, we realize that we are setting out on our trip to the land of our dreams...

Very soon we get settled in our compartment and finish making our



THE GROUP OF MISSIONARIES ON THE DECK OF THE *EMPRESS OF RUSSIA*, BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE
FOR THE FAR EAST, ON SEPTEMBER 21st, 1935.

spiritual exercises. At Ottawa, Sister Marie Alice⁽¹⁾ receives a telegram, and for a moment we are uneasy. It is from an acquaintance of the eldest of the four, who, being unable to come to the station, has sent it to bid her god-speed. Towards half-past nine, just as we are getting ready to take our night's rest, we hear someone asking: "Are there any Sisters of the Immaculate Conception here?" We are soon greeted by a friend of the family of Sister Marie Therese⁽²⁾, Reverend Father Quesnel, the companion of His Excellency the Archbishop of Ottawa, who has come to salute three Dominican Sisters bound for the mission field. His Excellency also has the kindness to stop at our compartment to wish us a safe trip and plenty of courage.

Some of us take a good night's rest, but the others act as guardian angels until four o'clock the next morning...

Tuesday, September 17

We wake up at a quarter to six, and after the *Benedicamus Domino* has been said, we hastily arise, for, at six o'clock, we shall reach Sudbury, where we are to meet the mother of our Sister Ste. Denise, (one of our missionaries in Manchuria). True enough, we find awaiting us at the station, Mrs. Malbœuf, who would have been greatly disappointed if she had not seen us. She gives us a few packages for her missionary daughter, and, for ourselves, a basket of fruit and a cake, which make everything appear rosy to us. At breakfast time, we have a pleasant surprise on opening our lunch-boxes, and we admire the way everything has been arranged. It is a rather dark day, but it is not of a nature to make us feel sad. We are able to make our spiritual exercises out-of-doors just the same...

Towards four o'clock, we commence to skirt Lake Superior, but an unpleasant fog hinders us from admiring the beauties of the surrounding country. However, just before going down, the sun comes out from behind the clouds, and it is beautiful to see the fiery rays reflected on the waters of the lovely lake.

Thursday, September 19

Yesterday, we crossed the plains in Manitoba, and one of us was disappointed on not seeing the beautiful fields of golden wheat, symbols of the immense mission fields in which we are going to labour... Everywhere, the harvest has been taken in, but we have still to see the magnificent Rocky Mountains, other wonders which we have been hearing about ever since setting out. At Winnipeg, we met Mrs. Moran, the mother of our dear Sister St. Jean d'Ephese (one of our missionaries in Pamientcheng.)

This morning, Very Reverend Canon Roch receives from Rome a cablegram conveying the Pope's precious blessing to the twenty-nine missionaries en route to China and Japan. We regard this blessing as a guarantee of the heavenly blessings which will be showered on our apostolate. Reverend Father Hetu has brought us a copy, and we are sending it to you, dear Mother.

1. Marie Alice LABOUCUR, of Ste. Genevieve, Co. Jacques Cartier.

2. Marie Therese ROUX of Montreal.

Towards noon, we cross a chain of the Rockies composed of the most beautiful peaks. We shall not undertake to describe the imposing majesty of these wonders, for, seemingly, there are no words to tell of what we are contemplating. Sister St. Maurice⁽¹⁾ greatly amuses us by her witty remarks, which she makes as though she were in earnest. Sister Ste. Rose⁽²⁾ seems to be in an endless state of happiness; she is so glad that she is going to the mission field that she has told us that she could not have asked for anything better, except heaven...

Friday, September 20

We are but a few hundred miles from Vancouver. After making our meditation, we gather up our packages and valises and get ready to alight. Just as we are finishing up, Sister St. Maurice feels herself being vigorously brushed by a negro, who is in the habit of brushing all the passengers. As you may well imagine, his task lasted but an instant. This is but one of the many amusing incidents.

On arriving in Vancouver, at twenty-five minutes past nine, we find Sister Superior and Sister Marie de la Visitation awaiting us at the station, and you may easily guess what joy is ours on seeing two members of our dear Community again. We find that all our Sisters of the Oriental Hospital are very happy, and that they are all true daughters of our beloved Mother.

On reaching our convent, we at once assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion. It is from the bottom of our hearts that we thank God and our Immaculate Mother for having brought us safely to Vancouver.

The Very Reverend Superior of the Foreign Mission Society of Pont Viau does not appear to be overtired after the trip. During his stay in Vancouver, he, and Reverend Fathers Hetu and Gravel will be given hospitality at our Oriental Hospital.

During our spare moments, we have a pleasant time together. The topic of our conversation is the dear Mother House, a topic which tends to inflame our hearts with a still greater love for our dear Superiors, and for all our Sisters.

Saturday, September 21

This morning, the last one we are to spend in Canada, five Masses are celebrated in our devotional little chapel. At the half-past six o'clock Mass, which is said by Very Reverend Canon Roch, we sing the pious missionary hymns we are accustomed to singing on an occasion of the kind.

At half-past nine, the Very Reverend Superior greets the Sisters of the Hospital, most of whom he is acquainted with, and, immediately after, he gives Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. When all is over, Sister Ste. Elise sings a touching hymn to the Blessed Virgin, the last one of our Community hymns we hear in our native land.

After fondly embracing one another, we go to the harbour, accompanied

1. Juliette SIMONEAU, of Gardner, Mass.

2. Jeanne SANSCHAGRIN, of Charlesbourg.

by several of our Sisters. At ten minutes past eleven, the Empress of Russia slowly moves away from the shores of our dear native land, and the bands of various colours which unite the passengers to the dear ones they are leaving behind them are soon snapped in two. After singing the *Ave Maris Stella* and our National Hymn, we throw a few miraculous medals into the ocean in hopes that these precious talismans will impart some of their clemency to the waves. The waters are like a beautiful mirror upon which the rays of the sun are dancing.

Our cabins are opposite each other, and one bears the number 330, and the other, 336. Our first thought on taking possession of our floating abode is to set up the statue of the Blessed Virgin which we found in one of the valises. Every time we go to our cabin, this image of our Immaculate Mother, with her arms stretched out to protect us, meets our gaze.

We are grateful to dear Sister Assistant for the kind letter we found awaiting us at Vancouver. Oh! with what joy did it fill our hearts. May we, by faithfully following her advice, prove our great love for our dear Community.

Three Dominican Sisters from France who are bound for Japan, are travelling with us, and they are very kind to us. One of them, the Reverend Mother General, crossed the Pacific with our Sisters, two years ago. In all, we are seven Sisters on the boat.

(To be continued.)

Echoes from our Missions

CANTON, CHINA

Friday, June 1, 1935

Very often during this first day of the month of June do we think of the adorable Heart of Jesus, a Heart ever burning with love for men. Ah! may we, by word and example, cause our Blessed Lord to be known and loved by all the pagans around us, and, by our prayers, may we cause His Kingdom to be spread over the entire earth! We earnestly ask our Immaculate Mother to intercede for us, and we trust that our entreaties will be heard. In the hymns we sing during Holy Mass, we express our apostolic desires, and, in the afternoon, while the priest holds up the monstrance during Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, we repeat our requests.

At this period, we have indeed many motives for asking for the coming of the Kingdom of the true God. The messenger whom Buddha is supposed to have sent to Canton in order to spread his doctrine, has just left. He has been in our midst since the month of April. The following details concerning his mission may perhaps enlighten you. They have been given us by one of our teachers, whose brother, a fervent Buddhist, received them from someone who knows all about this messenger. It seems that

the civil authorities saw to having him come from Su Tcheoan so as to keep wars, plagues, floods, etc., away from the city. This Buddhist, by his prayers, was supposed to draw down abundant heavenly blessings upon the city and upon all the inhabitants. Needless to say, he put his whole heart into preaching his doctrine. He was accompanied by two interpreters, one of whom translated into the language of the mandarins all that he said, while the other expressed the translation in the language of the Cantonese.

His reputation among the citizens is not a good one. It seems that he never lies down, but he eats well. Cases of apples from America and oranges were brought to him, and he ate them all. He also had ham to eat all the time that he was in Canton. Hundreds and hundreds of people came to ask him to pray for them, and to each of those who gave him a donation of ten dollars he gave his blessing. This blessing simply consisted in the laying of his hand five times upon the head of the donor. A number of people asked him to cure them, but we do not know if they obtained any relief. We have heard that, just before leaving the city, he told the people that he was not satisfied with them because they had had him come simply in order to abuse him and to get money out of him. We know full well what his idea is. If misfortunes come upon the inhabitants, it will be easily seen that they are a punishment for the poor reception given to Buddha's messenger, and that they would have been avoided if he had been shown the respect due him. He is indeed a sly fellow!... We have been told that he had a full purse when he left. It is a shame that the poor Chinese let themselves be deceived in such a way. What a good thing it would have been if this reception had been given to one of God's apostolic workers, instead of to a Buddhist. Certainly, a poor missionary would have thought that he had been too well treated!...

Sunday, June 3

To-day is the day that has been set aside for our monthly retreat. During the hours we spend in recollection and prayer, we take pleasure in recalling that exactly thirty-two years ago, our Institute was founded. The beginning was but a humble one, but what abundant graces must have been showered by God upon our beloved Mother and upon her co-labourers who were setting out on an apostolic career sanctioned that day by Him!

As we are obliged to remain indoors on account of the rain, we go through the different rooms of the convent, singing the praises of our loving Queen. While we are in the room adjoining the school, we hear the Blessed Virgin being invoked under different titles: Our Lady of Successful Studies, Our Lady of the Schools, and Our Lady of Good Success, and when we reach the room next to the Foundling-Home, we hear our loving Queen being called by three other names: Our Lady of the Lilies, Our Lady of the Snow, Our Lady of Bethlehem. May Mary lovingly watch over our dear charges, who, on leaving the home dedicated to her, will be exposed to all kinds of danger! Yes, sweet Mother, we entreat thee to ever be to them a protectress.

Tuesday, June 12

Sister Superior and Sister Marie Celina⁽¹⁾ leave for Hong Kong in order to bring a little comfort to a poor dying woman who attended our school some years ago. It was the pagan mother of a young Chinese Carmelite Sister who told us that this old pupil of ours had expressed the desire of having us go to speak to her about our holy religion.

There are indeed many wretched victims here. This afternoon, a woman whose home is quite near our convent, was choked to death by her husband. The poor creature, after selling her little girl for eighty dollars, left home, but her husband soon found out where she was and went after her. One of our Sisters saw the furious man running after the unfortunate creature. Just after our Sister had stepped inside the Mission Compound, she heard someone shrieking, and knew that the fugitive had been caught. In a few moments, the news spread about that she had been murdered. The police were unable to hinder the crime from being committed for the man who had been treated so unjustly was quicker than they. He will not be dealt with severely by the law, for the woman was guilty of selling her child without consulting him, and of making her escape. The poor victim did not excite the pity of the pagans, but we hope that God has dealt mercifully with her. The Holy Ghost School is being rapidly built over. The roof has been squared, and we shall have more room. The dormitories will be better aired, and there will be a few private rooms for well-to-do pupils. We shall thus procure more funds for the support of the many little ones in our Foundling-Home and Orphanage. These children, like the little birds, open their mouths when they are hungry, and we must have rice enough to satisfy their appetites.

Thursday, June 14

Towards eight o'clock this morning, we receive a visit from Reverend Father James Bernard Troy, who, for seven years, has directed the Association for the Propagation of the Faith in the Diocese of St. Paul, Minnesota. He is here on an apostolic visit. While going through the different buildings, he several times makes the remark that we have everything needed to interest the Catholics in America. He asks us to write a few lines, and to give him a few photographs. Compassionately does he smile upon our little orphans and bless them, and, on hearing of how the babies are ransomed, he is deeply touched. One of our charges, eighty-eight years of age, receives a special blessing. When Reverend Father lays his hand upon the head of the good old woman, she cannot make out what he is doing.

The pupils in the different classes behave well, and they try a few examinations. The tiny tots in the Kindergarten go through a little drill for our visitor, who is greatly pleased with them. On taking his leave, Father tells us that he will do his best to come back to see us before going to Kiang-sil.

1. Gracia BLANCHETTE, of Drummondville.



A LITTLE CHINESE GIRL PLAYING SCHOOL. SHE IS HERE SHOWN SCOLDING ONE OF HER PUPILS.

Sunday, June 17

Faithful to his promise, Reverend Father Troy this morning pays us a second visit. While he is in the sacristy a few minutes before Mass, a baby is brought to the convent, and he is able to get a good look at the woman at the door and at the little newcomer. We send to the Foundling-Home for one of our helpers, who decides on the price that is to be paid for it. Before long, everything is settled, and the baby is left with us. Reverend Father is deeply touched on seeing what is going on.

During the Holy Sacrifice, our orphans recite the Our Father and the Hail Mary in Chinese, and the Sisters sing a missionary hymn.

Our visitor, who stays with us for a few hours, speaks about the different missionary works. At half-past ten, he is conducted to the Foundling-Home, where the little one received in the morning is waiting to be baptized. Yesterday, while visiting the Foundling-Home for the first time, he baptized a little girl, whom he christened Jacqueline. This morning, he asks us what name he is to give the new little Holy Childhood protegee. We suggest the name of the Director of the Work in the United States: Joseph, and that is the name that is given. On coming back to the parlour, Father picks up his pen and writes a few lines to the Director, telling him that he has just baptized a baby ransomed with twenty cents, and that he has called it Joseph Rosenbach. Everything attracts the attention of this devoted priest. While in the Foundling-Home yesterday, he took some snapshots, and he keeps telling us how much he likes our work. Before taking his leave, he promises to do all in his power to assist us.

Yesterday, Sister St. Luc⁽¹⁾ went to the foundling-home dedicated to Our Lady of Providence, and she returns this afternoon. During recreation this evening, she tells us of a little adventure she met with. A pagan woman had given her three-year-old child to our Sisters in charge of the other foundling-home. As the child was sick, Sister St. Joseph du Sacre Cœur⁽²⁾ asked Sister St. Luc to bring it here, where it would be given all the care it needed.

The youngster who was put in a rickshaw with the little girl who had accompanied Sister, began to cry, and kept saying: "I want to see my Mama." Soon after Sister and the two children had set out, the mother of the little sick girl made her way to the rickshaw to get her. The little one who had come along with Sister did not know how to keep the woman from taking the baby, but until she was ready to get out of the rickshaw, Sister did her best to persuade the mother not to touch the child. Three times the poor woman made an attempt to seize her little one, but Sister

1. Marie BOURDEAU, of St. Luc, Co. St. John.

2. Marie Louise CHEVRETTE, of St. Majoric de Grantham.

finally got her to understand that she had no need of being afraid, that the baby was not going to be sold. The little newcomer was confided to Sister Marie de la Misericorde⁽¹⁾, who saw to taking it to the infirmary of the Foundling-Home, where it will receive the best of care... and Holy Baptism, the source of all happiness.

Sunday, July 1

The month commences by a day of recollection, and so we may expect to receive special graces all during it. Our orphans carry a number of poor cripples to the chapel and place them in front of the statue of our Blessed Lady.

Towards one o'clock in the afternoon, a few of the leading Japanese gentlemen of the city, who are known by the Chinese as *mandarins*, and, by the Japanese, as *daimyos*, come in company with an interpreter to pay us a visit. They go through the different buildings, and appear to be greatly interested. They have set out to visit all the Catholic works in China. On leaving here, they will make their way to Hong Kong.

While we are all at recreation on the verandah, the bell of the Foundling-Home rings. Sister St. Expedit⁽²⁾ asks if another baby has arrived and, on being told that there is a little newcomer, she hastens to baptize it. Soon after, the privileged child, to whom she has given a name very dear to her, flies to heaven with the angels.



AT THE FOUNDLING-HOME, CANTON, CHINA.
WHO WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE DAILY FOOD
FOR THESE NEWLY-ARRIVED BABIES?

Sunday, July 8

The school year is ended. At seven o'clock yesterday evening, in the presence of His Excellency Bishop Yeung, twenty of our pupils received a Commercial Course diploma, as well as diplomas for music and their course in Chinese. There was also a little play and some drills, which were greatly enjoyed. His Excellency spoke very well, and everyone present listened attentively to him. The little ones played different pieces, and were congratulated on their success. The pupils of the Sacred Heart College, which adjoins our convent, receive their diplomas at two o'clock this afternoon. A few of our Sisters are present.

1. Berthe DUFRESNE, of Ste. Helene de Bagot.

2. Marie Anne ROMPRE, of Ste. Thecle, Co. Champlain.

To-day, *A Sang*, one of our little boarders, leaves us. She is the daughter of a former teacher of ours, who died recently. Her mother has been left penniless, and has been obliged to send away her servants. *A Sang* is the only one in the family who is a Catholic. She is just twelve years of age, but she must now look after her little brothers and sisters. On saying good-bye to the Sisters, she begins to cry, but when Sister Superior tells her that she must always be a good girl, she listens attentively to her. It would be better if the poor child were an orphan, for we could keep her with us if she were. She fortunately has learned much about our holy Faith, and she has promised us that she will live up to her religion. We feel sure that the Blessed Virgin will continue to watch over the dear child, and trust that one of her aunts, a Catholic who graduated from our school, will see that she does not fall away from the Faith.

Monday, July 30

This morning, His Excellency Bishop Fourquet comes to our convent accompanied by the former Vicar Apostolic of Shen-si, who has just been appointed Superior General of his Congregation (the Foreign Mission Society of Milan) and who is on his way to the Mother House of the Society. The devoted missionary, a very old man, was wounded some time ago by the bandits in the northern part of the country, and he still has a big scar on his forehead. He sadly tells us that after being thirty years in the mission field, he is about to return to his native land. His Excellency earnestly asks our prayers for the Christian people of his vicariate, which is overrun by bandits.

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TSUNGMING, CHINA

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

Friday, March 1st 1935

We have just finished our annual retreat. On this, the first day of the month of St. Joseph, all of us enthusiastically begin over again our daily tasks.

Our life, like that of the foster-father of our dear Lord is one of toil, and, like this dear Saint, we have the honour of feeding and of taking care of Jesus, in the person of His little ones, of the poor and of the sick... And we have not failed to choose him as our steward. He knows how very poor we are, but, nevertheless, he again sends us a basket containing eight little waifs... He has taken the responsibility, and we are leaving it to him to provide for them...

While one of the Sisters is placing some bouquets of flowers in front of the picture of our holy protector, two little orphans gaze at the sacred

image. "It's St. Joseph, the father of the Infant Jesus," says one. "Are you sure?" her little playmate asks. "I thought it was Jesus, but there's no difference. "No, no, Jesus and Joseph cannot be the same," the first child answers. The second immediately adds, "I love both of them dearly. That's what I wanted to say." Right away, they come to an understanding... "*Momo* has told us," one of them continues, "to ask St. Joseph to make some of the rich people in Canada think of sending money here, for *Momo* has hardly any with which to buy us what we need." Both children then begin to pray fervently...

Friday, March 15

To-day, five children who have the small-pox, are baptized by our Sister infirmarian. These little ones belong to three different families, but are living in the same house, twenty-three *li* away. Some Chinese doctors, being afraid of contracting the disease, refused to treat these children. A Christian woman living near by persuaded the pagan parents to ask us to come, but they were very careful to wait until we were well on our way before telling us what a dreadful disease the little were suffering from, for they thought that we would not be willing to go, if we knew beforehand. Two of the poor little victims were so sick that they did not want to show them to Sister, and it was only after the latter had insisted that they decided to let her see them... Needless to say, Sister lost no time in baptizing them.

On returning to the Dispensary, our Sister infirmarian and her companion carefully disinfected themselves and the entire personnel was vaccinated the same day. It is a time for contagious diseases. What a misfortune it would be if the dreadful disease were to spread among the many children in the Orphanage and the Foundling-Home. Some time ago, Sister Superior promised to say special prayers for the Holy Souls if, through their intercession, such a trial was not sent to us. We would really be very sorry if death were to rob us of these little ones whose lives we have saved by going to a great deal of trouble and whom, we trust, will, later on, be very fervent Christians.

Friday, March 29

The month of St. Joseph ends in the same way as it began, with many baptisms... During the day, at the Foundling-Home, at the Dispensary and in different pagan homes we baptize twenty-one children in all.

Report of the Dispensary in Tsungming from January to March, inclusive:

Children baptized	271	Adults baptized	2
Patients	3,229	Treatments	4,846
Homes visited	39	Teeth extracted	40
		Vaccinations	105

Report of the Dispensary in Paochen from January to March, inclusive:

Children baptized	228	Adults baptized	4	Patients	1,373
Treatments	3,128	Teeth extracted	23	Homes visited	63

WAKAMATSU, JAPAN

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

Saturday, May 25 1935

In spite of our desire to keep them longer with us, our dear visitors leave for Aomori at noon. They will reach their destination towards eleven o'clock to-night. We wish them great success in all their undertakings.

Monday, June 3

Long live our dear Mother! Oh! with what gratitude do we repeat this exclamation so expressive of the filial love which, on this happy anniversary, spontaneously springs from the heart of every Missionary of the Immaculate Conception. We offer all our prayers and actions for the intentions of our beloved Mother, who, thirty-three years ago to-day, founded our dear Institute. Many a time do we go in spirit to the first little convent in Cote des Neiges, and to the dear Mother House, where everything must tend to make one happy and thankful... As it is a great festival, we take a holiday, and we have a very good time together. Late in the afternoon, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is given by Reverend Father Lebel.

All week, the farmers have been busy in the rice-fields. Yesterday evening, the dams were opened, and the fields are covered over with water this morning. As early as four o'clock, we noticed ten women of our neighbourhood standing knee-deep in the water at the far end of a field. They all had on wide cone-shaped hats, and over their kimonos they had slipped their *mompes*, skirts, the upper part of which is pleated a little, and the lower part arranged as trousers fitting tightly over their legs. In setting



THE TRANSPLANTING OF RICE IN JAPAN.

out the plants, these women make use of a piece of lattice-work a foot square. They place it on the surface of the water and stick plants in the soil at the four corners of each square. On moving the lattice-work, they examine the plants to see if they are arranged as they should be, for the rows must be very straight.

Sunday, August 11

Miss Suzuki, one of our helpers, has said good-bye to her parents, and has entered the Novitiate of the Dominican Sisters, who came to settle in Sendai four years ago. She is an only daughter, but her pagan father generously let her go, for although he does not know of the sublimity of a religious vocation, he finds that it is indeed a very beautiful thing for one to serve the Supreme Being.

We sincerely hope that this young lady will persevere in the religious life, for we feel that the offering she has made of herself may be the means of bringing about the conversion of the other members of the family.

Wednesday, August 14

It is the "Bon Matsuri" (Feast of the dead), and all the inhabitants are rejoicing. Everywhere are to be seen gay decorations, and a display of holiday gowns; the streets are crowded, and the bonzes wearing special uniforms for the occasion, make their official visits. The wealthy Buddhists who live up to their religion, bow respectfully to these bonzes, and load them down with provisions for nearly the whole year. The "Bon Matsuri" which is really in honour of the dead, is also a time of rejoicing for the living, and the bonzes are the guests of honour.

On the eve of the first day of the festal period, members from each family carry lanterns to the cemetery, and, while there, invite the spirits of their ancestors to come to spend the three days with them. During the "Bon Matsuri", the lanterns are left in front of the family altar, and, immediately after, are burned. These lanterns, which are made of thin tissue paper of different colours, and adorned with designs and silk tassels, are very attractive, but the Christians, who look upon them as symbolizing paganism, do not find that they produce a pleasing effect.

Thursday, August 15

On the Feast of the Assumption, which is a holy day of obligation in Japan, more Christians than ever before came to the Mission, and the little church was filled to capacity. Two new Christians were baptized this morning. After Holy Mass, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was given, and then breakfast was served, or rather breakfast and dinner together, for it was after ten o'clock when our Christians were invited to take their chopsticks.

The Catechism course which the Christian children from different mission stations have been attending for the last two weeks, ended at noon by a contest which was held in our Convent, and which was presided over by the Reverend Pastor. Prizes were awarded to the best pupils.



THE GROUP OF CHRISTIANS WHO CAME TO THE MISSION OF WAKAMATSU, JAPAN, ON AUGUST 15TH, 1935,
IN ORDER TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION.

Wednesday, August 21

One of the happiest events in our missionary life occurred to-day. Mrs. Mori, a member of one of the different sects here, this morning renounced her religion in the presence of the principal members of her family and of a few Christians, received the Sacrament of Baptism, and made her First Communion during the Mass which was celebrated immediately after the impressive ceremony. Her relatives, on seeing that she was so happy, appeared to be jealous. The neophyte had been coming to see us for some time. She and her husband are very charitable, and are held in high esteem by their fellow-countrymen.

On leaving the church, Mrs. Mori came to our convent for breakfast, and she extended us an invitation to visit her home in the afternoon. The Reverend Dominican Fathers of the Mission and a few Christians had already received a like invitation. We were taken through the house and out into the garden, which is about the prettiest and most historical one in the whole city. The property was formerly a villa belonging to one of the lords of Wakamatsu. The old house with its thatched roof, was built over lately, but it still looks quite antique. The principal rooms overlook the garden, which appears as a miniature panorama. In a rather small space, a Japanese artist has arranged a lovely landscape. At the far end is a mountain covered with shrubs, and, just below it, a stream of limpid water flowing between two rocks, arranged in such a way that the current may be taken to be a natural one. Here and there are little bamboo groves, clusters of azaleas, climbing cedars, dwarf maples, pines, whose branches have been artistically twisted, and, in the water, are to be seen some isles adorned with small trees, rocks, etc. We crossed a miniature bridge, and examined the beautiful isles, between which pretty goldfish were swimming. A number of birds flying over the stream, also attracted our attention. Between a big cedar tree and the long glycine branches, the misty summit of Mount Bandai could be seen in the distance. The garden is hemmed in by banana trees and a rounded wild cherry tree. We took pleasure in imagining that we saw in this beautiful garden, a lovely grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes... We would indeed be overjoyed if, in the midst of the enchanting scenery, we were to catch a glimpse of the statue of our Immaculate Mother, with her snow-white dress and azure blue girdle...

A Japanese supper had been prepared for us, and we were obliged to accept it. A number of little tables but six inches high, had been placed here and there in the room, and each of us was asked to sit down before one. Our heels preserved by cushions, served as chairs, as is the custom in Japan. Mr. Mori kindly showed us how to help ourselves to the food set before us, and we courageously pushed our chopsticks from one dish to the other, and successively tried the different dishes served us: mushroom soup trimmed with egg yolks and pink and white vermicelli, mussels, and yellow chrysanthemum salad, etc., etc.

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.

Tuesday, July 23, 1935

For some time past, we have been thinking of going to the Point for our traditional picnic, but something has always hindered us from carrying out our plans. While gazing at the horizon yesterday evening, we had every reason to believe that the morrow would not be a very bright one, and we are indeed surprised this morning on seeing the sun rise in all its splendour. Nature is at its best, and seemingly extends us an invitation to start out. On being asked to prepare the hampers, we set to work in all haste... When everything is in readiness, all the doves of the Dovecot set out for the woods, and they chatter merrily while on their way.

After putting away the lunch baskets, we see to setting up in a conspicuous place, the little statue of the Blessed Virgin which we have thought of bringing with us. We adorn the blessed image with leaves, and we feel certain that our Immaculate Mother, from the place of honour which we, with the greatest filial love have assigned her, will watch over our recreation, as she watches over our work and our prayers, in the Novitiate.

It is not long before the different groups are organized: the wisest ones quickly spread out on the beautiful green grass, the games of Perfection, Chequers, and Chess, which they have brought with them, while the others play the Game of Serpent. They fearlessly and unrepentantly link themselves to a "serpent" which is very small at first, but which swells in a twinkling. It is a serpent which the Blessed Virgin, instead of crushing, looks smilingly upon: it is spotlessly white, it does not crawl, it is not poisonous, and it possesses the simplicity of a dove... it reminds us of the one that God placed in the Garden of Eden on the fourth day of the Creation, and which the devil had not crept into...

But we find that the sun, while smiling down upon our merry-making, makes rapid progress. It is soon high above our heads, and we realize that it is already noon. As a tiny bell is being rung, we piously say the *Angelus*, and then the little white cloths are spread on the grass, and we easily imagine that we have been invited to a tea party like one of those of our childhood days. The open air and the gymnastic exercises have given all of us a good appetite, and while partaking of our lunch, we thank God, who has so generously provided us with it.

Everything foretells that the afternoon will be calmer. We all gather round the little statue we have set up, and there recite the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. Then, after we have sung a special hymn for the

occasion, our Mistress reads to us the precious letters which our beloved Mother addressed her daughters in days long since past. We so greatly enjoy this spiritual banquet that we do not notice the big black clouds on the horizon, and it is only when the flood-gates of heaven are opened and the rain pours down upon us that we remark how critical the situation is. Needless to state, there is great scampering, which has, in spite of everything, something recreative about it. After this forced shower-bath, we continue our picnic in the Novitiate. In the evening, some beautiful pieces on the piano and violin are played, and our day is brought to a close by the offering of our gratitude to God.

Monday, August 5

In our chronicles, we have often described Profession ceremonies and those of the Taking of the Holy Habit like the ones which take place in our chapel to-day; but these ceremonies, by being repeated, do not lose any of their impressive beauty, and we always find something new in them to charm us. The reason for it is that, according as we progress in the religious life, we learn of their deep signification and their touching symbolism.

At half-past nine this morning, the eldest novices pronounce their First Vows. Reverend Father Sauve, O. M. I., assisted by Reverend Fathers Chaumont and Garant, acts as the witness of their sacred promises, and to each of them he hands a black veil, a crucifix, and the beads worn by the Professed Sisters. These novices become the beloved Spouses of Christ in an instant which is so sublime that to it may be applied these words which the holy Cure of Ars uttered when speaking of the priesthood: "O ineffable mystery, one kneels down fully aware of one's nothingness, and rises as a... Spouse of Christ.

Present at the ceremony of the Taking of the Holy Habit, which is held this afternoon, are a great many relatives and friends of the happy chosen ones. This ceremony is presided over by Very Reverend Canon Mousseau.

Reverend Father Bouchard, our Retreat Master, delivers a sermon fitting to the occasion. To the happy privileged ones, he applies the words St. Peter used when he asked Our Saviour what He was going to give him in return for having left everything for His sake, and the reply of our divine Lord, promising the hundredfold here below, and, up above, life everlasting.

Fully resolved to follow Jesus, twenty postulants, kneeling at the foot of the altar, solemnly promise to be faithful to His voice. On receiving the white livery of the Missionaries of the Immaculate Virgin, they are given a new name. They are:

Marguerite Champoux, Quebec (Sr. Marie Calixte); Aline Letourneau, "Trois Rivières" (Sr. Laurent Marie); Fernande Trudelle, Charlesbourg (Sr. St. Lucien); Cecile Legault, St. Vincent de Paul (Sr. Marie Cecilia); Madeleine Blais, Quebec (Sr. Madeleine de la Passion); Rollande Richard, Montreal (Sr. Marie Rollande); Claire Martineau, Montreal (Sr. Helene de Jesus); Marguerite Hetu, St. Sulpice (Sr. St. Robert); Stella Beaulieu,

Dolbeau (Sr. Therese Marguerite); Juliette Girard, Chicoutimi (Sr. Marie de Liguori); Laurence Tourigny, Becancour (Sr. St. Jean Nepomucene); Irene Gelinas, St. Barnabe Nord (Sr. St. Barnabe); Simonne Groulx, St. Laurent (Sr. St. Eustache); Marie Fugere, Montreal (Sr. St. Eusebe); Gilberte Levesque, Riviere Ouelle (Sr. St. Gilles); Adine Nadeau, Quebec (Sr. Marie Ernest); Jeanne Isabelle, Montreal (Sr. St. Gerard Majella); Madeleine Caya, Montreal (Sr. Antoine de Jesus); Eva Leblanc, St. Jacques le Majeur (Sr. Marie Albert); Pauline Pigeon, Montreal (Sr. Marie Hortense).

Present in the sanctuary were Reverend Fathers A. Derome, Pastor of St. Christopher's Parish; Gregoire Masse, O. P., of St. John the Baptist's Parish, Ottawa; A. Boucher, of St. Sulpice; C. Rondeau, Assistant General of the Foreign Mission Society of Pont Viau; Roberge, Bursar of the Foreign Mission Society of Pont Viau; Elphege Brouillet, S. J., of Quebec; Emile Deguire, C. S. C., of the Holy Cross Scholasticate; Arthur Dubeau, P. S. S.; R. Hetu, of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau; Wilfrid Martineau, Lachine; Germain Pelletier, M. E.; J. M. Maltais, S. S. S.; Clovis Thibault, M. E.; J. St. Arnaud, S. J.; Rene Girard, S. J.

After supper, we assemble in the recreation room to extend a welcome to the new novices. Our happiness is even greater than usual, for our dear Sister Assistant General has come to pay us a visit. After speaking to us for a few minutes about our dear Mother, whose absence we painfully feel, she hands each of the newly-professed Sisters a Book of Constitutions. Each kneels to receive it, and immediately kisses it respectfully.

At the close of such a beautiful day, we are extremely happy and grateful on thinking of the great graces which it has pleased God to shower upon us, and, as we are unable to express our sentiments, we, as ever, turn for help to our Immaculate Mother, and with her we repeat: *Magnificat anima mea Dominum.*

Thursday, August 8

On awakening this morning, we offer all our prayers and actions of the day for the intentions of our dear Mother Foundress, for it is the thirtieth anniversary of her Religious Profession. We thank Almighty God for all the gifts He has bestowed upon our Institute since that blessed day, and beg Him to cure and to leave us for still a long time this beloved Mother, whom all the members of our Community need so greatly.

Every year, on this date so dear to our hearts, our divine Lord directs to our Novitiate a number of aspirant missionaries, privileged souls whom He confides to the motherly protection of the one who, on this same day, thirty years ago, offered herself to Him for the spreading of His Kingdom and the saving of souls. May our new little sisters ever appreciate more and more the great favour granted them to-day.

Monday, August 13

Since noon on Friday, our Dovecot, although well filled, has appeared to us as a deserted spot: it was because our Mistress is absent, and a

novitiate without a Mistress may be compared to a home without a mother... Nevertheless, we shared in the happiness our dear Superior experienced while on a trip to Nominigue in company with our dear Sister Assistant General. Long ago, both of them spent several years there together, and whenever we hear them speaking of bygone days, we feel that, while they were in our peaceful "Bethany", sweet indeed was the joy that was theirs.

This evening, our dear Sisters return; Sister Assistant goes immediately to the Mother House, and our Mistress allows us to pay a visit, in spirit, to "Bethany" which, on account of having been the Novitiate of a number of Sisters who have preceded us, is for us a cherished spot. The little church which adjoined our convent has been replaced by a beautiful one erected in the central part of the village. We go from the top to the bottom of the big white convent, and now and again our Mistress tells us of the changes that have been made here and there in the old Novitiate since the novices left it, in 1921. We also pay a visit to the hen-house where the little white and grey hens so often ate grain from the hand of our Mistress; the other out-houses; the immense fields wherein the little lambs frolicked; the charming sugar-maple bush, which witnessed so many interesting parties; the devotional little chapel in the woods, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and to which were made so many pilgrimages by the novices; the big lake which so often welcomed on its banks the gay excursionists in quest of blueberries and raspberries, and which was also an ideal spot for picnics... Then we visit the peaceful cemetery wherein lie three of our beloved Sisters, their graves being overshadowed by a big white cross...

Finally, we along with our Mistress, in spirit spend the evening on the big verandah, where there is nothing to hide from our view the splendour of the Queen of the Night, escorted by myriads of stars. Very restful, indeed, are the quiet nights in a mountainous district, for, as soon as it is time to take one's rest, calmness reigns supreme.

Who knows but what a few of us, after having worn ourselves out labouring for souls, will go to end up our days in our dear Bethany?... It is true that we all prefer meeting death on the field of action, but our desires are not always those of our loving Master. Whatever may be the case, it is to be presumed that those who see their life's day close in the Laurentian Highland will benefit by the exterior peace which reigns over everything there, and which is of a nature to favour a departing soul's intercourse with its Creator.

Sunday, August 18

This evening, all the Professed Sisters go to the novices' recreation room to assist at an improvised concert. The postulants are also invited, and the verses in the programme addressed to them proclaim what a hearty welcome we extend them. Two little monologues excite much applause and laughter. A little song intitled, "The Two Nests" is greatly appreciated, for in it are expressed the sentiments of the "doves" as the novices are called, and the "sparrows," the postulants.

The concert opens by the playing of some very pretty pieces by the orchestra, and the joyous notes are again to be heard in the room when the bell calls us all together for night prayers.

Wednesday, August 21

There is great excitement in the Novitiate this evening, for Sister Superior, who has just returned from the Mother House, has told us the names of the Sisters who are to leave for the mission field in September. According as each of the four Sisters are named, we loudly express our joy, surprise, and holy envy. Nearly all of us novices know the newly-appointed apostolic labourers, and that is why we so greatly rejoice along with them on learning of the honour bestowed upon them and of the great happiness which will be theirs.

Another piece of good news: our beloved Mother is gradually improving. Our dear Sister Superior transmits to us the greetings she sends to her daughters, and tells us of the hope she entertains of being able to come to see us before long...

Wednesday, September 4

This afternoon, the Sisters in the Mother House who are to take their Final Vows on the eighth, come to the Novitiate to make a triduum as a prelude to the sublime act of their union with our divine Lord (their ten-day retreat having been made in the month of August). Sister Superior gives us a holiday in their honour, and we have the happiness of becoming acquainted with these elder Sisters of ours, who, three years ago, left the Novitiate in order to get ready to leave for the land of their dreams. We tell them of our special intentions, so that on their happy day, when they will be very close to the heart of their divine Spouse, they may obtain us our favours. We, for our part, promise them that we shall earnestly entreat the Holy Ghost to prepare their souls for the great happiness awaiting them.

Sunday, September 8

It is the lovely Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, a feast which fills us with the greatest hope. For sixteen of our elder Sisters, it is the great day of eternal union with our divine Lord. St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, who, on this solemnity, not so very many years ago, experienced the same happiness, exclaimed: "What a beautiful feast on which to become the Spouse of Jesus!" On this blessed day, the infant Virgin in her cradle, offered herself to God. What a joy it is for one to dedicate her life to God's service along with this sweet infant and with her help. And do not our dear Sisters, by unreservedly offering themselves through this loving little Queen, to their divine Master, win for themselves a token of fidelity and draw down a special blessing upon their lives?

Leaning over the cradle of the dear little Virgin, we beg her to shower abundant blessings upon the privileged ones, who are impatiently awaiting

the moment when they will have the happiness of sealing their mystical union. We also think of asking her to intercede for those of our Sisters who, in our different convents, are to renew their annual vows this morning, and to prepare all her novices for their religious profession, which they are most eagerly awaiting.

The Profession Ceremony is held at half-past two this afternoon, and is presided over by Reverend Father Belanger, S. J., who also kindly delivers a sermon fitting to the occasion. He takes as text the following words: "Lord, I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest," which he fittingly develops.

The sermon over, the sixteen Sisters make their way to the foot of the altar to pronounce the holy vows which will forever unite them very closely to Jesus, and to receive the ring of fidelity which will unceasingly remind them of the infinite condescendance of their God, who has deigned to choose them. They are:

Sr. St. Maurice (Juliette Simoneau, of Gardner, Mass.); Sr. St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Jeanne Aubut, of Pied du Lac, Co. Temiscouata); Sr. Gertrude de Jesus (Gertrude Mathieu, of St. Ephrem, Co. Beauce); Sr. St. Louis de France (Marguerite Demers, of Quebec); Sr. Ste. Chretienne (Lucienne Ayotte, of St. Barthelemy); Sr. Genevieve de Nanterre (Genevieve St. Pierre, of Montreal); Sr. Ste. Christine (Jeannette Pinard, of Nicolet); Sr. Marie du Carmel (Marie Pigeon, of Quebec); Sr. Dominique du Rosaire (Helene Deserres, of Montreal); Sr. Marie Leonise (Rachel Gerin, of Montreal); Sr. Marie Ruth (Emilienne Cantin, of Quebec); Sr. Marie de Lourdes (Irene Champagne of, Montreal); Sr. Ste. Catherine de Sienne (Therese Forest, of St. Paul de Joliette); Sr. Ste. Solange (Ida Brochu, of St. Benoit Labre, Co. Beauce); Sr. Ste. Louise (Monique Dussault, of Les Ecureuils); Sr. Ste. Rose (Jeanne Sanschagrin, of Charlesbourg, Que.)

In the far-off mission fields: Sr. Ste. Emilie (Cecile Baillargeon, of St. Anselme, Co. Dorchester); Sr. Marie Xavier (Berthe Paradis, of Tingwick, Arthabaska); Sr. Blandine de Jesus (Blandine Simard, of Roberval).

Present in the sanctuary are: Reverend Fathers Rondeau, Assistant General of the Foreign Mission Seminary of Pont Viau; Paul Belanger, S.J.; F. T. Ennis, S. J.; E. Belleville, S. J.; A. Hermann Pinard, S. S. S.; R. Hamel, O. P.; C. Foy; J. Gariepy, chaplain at the Novitiate; and Reverend Brother Martial, E. C.

Mondau, September 9

To-day, most of the Sisters who made Final Profession yesterday returned to the Mother House. Four of the happy group, however, remain at the Novitiate, and we have the happiness of assisting at the plain little ceremony of the depositing of their wreaths of lilies. It is with the greatest confidence that they confide to the Blessed Virgin these touching symbols of their spiritual nuptials, which they received yesterday evening while the *Veni Sponsa Christi* was being sung, for full well do they know that if they are

protected by our Blessed Mother, they will be sure to be faithful here below' and sure, also, of one day enjoying eternal bliss.

Sunday, September 15

This morning, we loudly praise our loving God who, in His Providence, feeds the little birds, arrays the lilies of the fields, and, with the most watchful care, regulates the smallest events in our lives.

As it is the patronal feast of our dear Sister Assistant General, we pray very fervently for her, and ask God to shower upon her the choicest heavenly graces and blessings. Sister Superior conveys to her the best wishes of all in the Novitiate and, upon her return, tells us of the little celebration held on this occasion by our Sisters of the Mother House. Our Mistress brings back with her a copy of a pretty song entitled, "The Little Bridge," a gift to the Novitiate, the like of which has been sent to each of our convents. It is not about the bridge at Avignon, but about the one at the Mother House: a little bridge which has witnessed many, many intimate things, a faithful friend, whose history is sweetly related to us. It seems to us that it has preserved the perfume of all the conversations, and of all the pious, grave or comical events which have taken place thereon. The very sight of it is as eloquent to those who have had the happiness of living in Outremont, as is a souvenir album.

This evening, Reverend Father Urbain Marie, O. F. M., kindly gives us some lantern slides on Egypt. A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of listening to his conference on the difficulties met with in the attempts to convert the Mussulmans there. To-day, Reverend Father invites us to follow in spirit the Holy Family, from Palestine to Egypt. He tells us of the many interesting legends concerning the holy trip, and gives us a historical account of the principal towns and the most important sanctuaries along the six hundred miles travelled. On examining the different cards shown us, we see for ourselves that Egypt, on account of the fanaticism of the Mahommedans, who are bitterly opposed to all social and religious innovations, has remained the same as it was in the time of Our Lord.

Monday, September 16

All day long, we keep thinking of our dear Sisters who, this evening, will leave for China and Japan. On Saturday, they paid us a flying visit, and we said good-bye to them then, but, just the same, we did not fail at noon to load down the Sisters who went to represent us at the Mother House on this occasion, with affectionate messages for them. This evening, the latter tell us all about the traditional Departure Ceremony, which, in spite of the fact that it is often repeated, seems to hold a special charm for us.



The saints affirm that we obtain everything we ask of Mary if we are zealous in honouring her Immaculate Conception.



The Children's Page

DEAR CHILDREN,

Whithout doubt, many of you know that, from the 31st of August to the 8th of September, a beautiful Missionary Exhibition was held in "Trois Rivieres". Some of you went to see it, but, for the sake of those who were not able to go, your *Great Friend*, is going to tell you about it.

ONE PARTICULAR EXHIBITION BOOTH

The booths, illustrating the works of the Missionaries in pagan lands, contained a great and varied collection of Chinese, Japanese, African, and Indian curiosities. All the things displayed were very interesting and instructive, and even of a nature to touch one's heart, but one booth in particular, that of the Association of the Holy Childhood, touched the heart of your *Great Friend*.

Ah! yes, dear Children, I would have liked to have had a "fairy's wand", and to have carried you, in an instant, to this attractive booth which was specially for you, and which strikingly showed forth the great marvels wrought upon earth by the children who belong to the Holy Childhood Society.

On one of the walls of the booth, could be read the following eloquent report: "Since its establishment in 1843, the Association of the Holy Childhood has baptized over 28,000,000 pagan children." Just think, if these 28,000,000 children had not been helped by your wonderful Association, they would never have received the Sacrament which makes one a child of God and an heir to the Kingdom of Heaven. Their superstitious parents would have got rid of them by leaving them in a corner of the back yard, by throwing them into a river or on the roadside, by burying them alive, or by letting them be devoured by swine, dogs, rats, etc... At the top of a big tableau, adorning the back of the booth, these innocent little creatures were represented as little angels flying to heaven and escorting the Virgin Mary, the Queen and Mother of all mankind.

There was also another beautiful report, and it stated that, at the present time, the Association of the Holy Childhood supports four hundred and seventy-three missions, eleven thousand foundling-homes, forty-two thousand workshops, baptizes yearly over 700,000 pagan children, and supplies the needs of more than a million, three hundred thousand in its divers establishments. Is it not, indeed, an admirable work!...



THE HOLY CHILDHOOD BOOTH AT THE THIRD CANADIAN MISSIONARY EXHIBITION.

AND WHEN I REFLECT...

And when I reflect that such wonderful results are due to the prayers, alms, and sacrifices of the Holy Childhood members, I am filled with renewed zeal, and very eager am I to cause their beautiful Association to thrive, and to make it known and loved.

So, dear Children, in no other way can you please your *Great Friend* more than by striving to be fervent members of the Holy Childhood, according to the wish of our Blessed Lord who, through the instrumentality of its founder, Bishop Forbin Janson, caused the great Work to spring up, and according to the wish of Our Holy Father the Pope, who would like all the children of the Catholic world to belong to this beautiful Association.

But there may be some children who do not yet know about the Holy Childhood Association. If there are any, they must hurry and find out all about it from their parents, from their teachers, or, better still, from the parish priest, so as to learn how they may easily become true "saviours of souls."

Your *Great Friend*,

THE PRECURSOR.

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.

I am enclosing a donation in thanksgiving for a favour received. F. C., **Kingston, Ont.** — My request has been granted, and I am enclosing this small offering in thanksgiving. Mrs. B., **Ottawa, Ont.** — Thanks to our Blessed Mother, my grandchild has recovered from her illness. Enclosed you will find my renewal subscription, as promised. Please remember me in your prayers. Mrs. A. Sherwin, **New York.** — I have obtained a position, but it is only a temporary one. Pray for me, and if I ever get steady work, I will publish my thanksgiving in **THE PRECURSOR**. D. K., **Ste. Anne de Bellevue, Que.** — Enclosed please find a small offering, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Once again I am in great need of prayers. Will you kindly make a novena for me. Miss L., **Ottawa, Ont.** — Enclosed please find a small offering in thanksgiving for favours received. I would ask you to pray that another request may be granted me. A Friend, **Leamington, Ont.** — I have obtained a favour through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and am sending you an offering, as promised. Will you kindly make a novena for me. If my request is granted, I will send you a donation every month. Mrs. A. B., **Collinsville, Mass.** — I have obtained a favour, and am enclosing a small thank-offering. Miss L. D., **Lyndonville, Vt.** — Enclosed please find an offering for a few novenas of lights, in thanksgiving for the great favours that have been granted me. Mrs. E. L. — I have obtained the favour I have been asking for, and now wish to return sincere thanks to the Blessed Virgin. May this tender Mother continue to watch over me. Mrs. H. — I am very grateful for the favour I have received through the intercession of our Blessed Lady. A Subscriber. — Enclosed please find an offering for the ransom of a Chinese baby, in thanksgiving for a favour obtained. Mrs. T. — I am sending you my renewal subscription and an offering to ransom a Chinese baby, in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for several favours received through her intercession. Mrs. A., **Montreal.** — Find enclosed a small offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby, in thanksgiving to our dear heavenly Mother, who has come to my aid. Miss P. — I have received a favour, for which I return most heartfelt thanks. A Subscriber, **Montreal.** — I am most grateful to our dear heavenly Mother, who has obtained me a wonderful favour. Mrs. J. B. — Enclosed please find a Postal Note in favour of the Missions, in thanksgiving for a request granted me through the intercession of our Immaculate Lady. Mrs. P. — I am feeling much better after having had recourse to our Blessed Lady, and I hasten to thank her for all that she has done for me. Mrs. J. H. — I am enclosing an offering to ransom a Chinese baby, in thanksgiving to our Immaculate Mother, who has obtained me a favour. Mrs. B. — Enclosed please find a Postal Note, in thanksgiving for two favours obtained through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Mrs. C. G. — I am very grateful to our Blessed Lady for the great favour she has obtained me. The enclosed offering is to ransom a Chinese baby likely to live. Mrs. L., **Salem, Mass.** — With my subscription to **THE PRECURSOR**, I am enclosing an offering to ransom some poor Chinese children, in thanksgiving for a favour received. C. I. — Some time ago, I was very sick, and I promised an offering to ransom a Chinese baby if I regained my health. I am feeling a little better now, and am gladly fulfilling my promise. May our Blessed Lady help me to obtain a complete recovery. J. P. — I am renewing my subscription to **THE PRECURSOR**, in thanksgiving for the favours the Blessed Virgin has obtained me from Almighty God. I trust that my other requests will be granted me. Mrs. M. — I have received a favour, and am sending you my subscription to **THE PRECURSOR** and a small donation, as promised. Miss G. — I have secured a position and, I am very grateful. A. G., **Montreal.** — Enclosed please find an offering for the ransom of four dying Chinese babies, in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin, who has obtained me a favour. C. B. — I am very grateful for the favour I have received through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mrs. I. T. — My son has obtained a position, and I am sending you a thank-offering in favour of the Missions. P. E., **Montreal.** — I wish to return thanks for a special favour received. Anonymous. — Our Immaculate Mother has obtained me a favour, and I am publishing my thanksgiving, as I promised to do. Mrs. L. D. — I have obtained a favour through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, and am sending you my renewal subscription, as promised. I am now asking this tender Mother to obtain me two other favours. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. A. D., **Montreal.** — Enclosed please find a small offering, in thanksgiving for a favour received. M. F. — One dear to me has begun to lead a better life, and I am truly thankful. Anonymous. — May our Immaculate Mother be thanked a thousand times over for the many favours

she has obtained us. Mrs. E. H. D., **Worcester, Mass.** — I am enclosing an offering for the Missions, in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has helped me through a serious operation. Mrs. E. D., **Montreal.** — I have obtained a position, and I am very grateful. Anonymous. — My husband, who was idle for two years and a half, has at last obtained a position. Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. Mrs. L. L., **Richmond, Que.** — I have obtained a favour, and am sending you an offering, as promised. Please publish. Miss I. R., **Taftville, Conn.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription, in thanksgiving for a favour received. Mrs. A. N. — The Blessed Virgin came to our aid when there was sickness in our home. To thank her, I will be a life-long subscriber to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. A. S., **Montreal.** — Some time ago, I promised that I would subscribe to THE PRECURSOR if I obtained a very special favour. My prayers have been heard, and I am now gladly fulfilling my promise. Mrs. A. B. — I am indeed very grateful for a special favour granted me. Anonymous. — I wish to return thanks to the Blessed Virgin, through whose intercession a cure has been obtained. Mrs. J. A. L., **Montreal.** — I have received a favour and I am sending you a small donation, as I promised, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin, to thank them for granting it to me. A Subscriber, **Montreal.** — Enclosed please find a donation, in thanksgiving for a favour received from the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A. P., **Westmount, Que.** — I am enclosing an offering for the Missions in thanksgiving to God for keeping my mother in good health. Will you kindly remember her in your prayers. W. B. C., **Montreal.** — Enclosed please find an offering, in thanksgiving for the many favours I have received from our divine Lord. A. A., **Amherstburg, Ont.** — I am enclosing a Money Order in gratitude to our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and St. Anthony for answered prayers. This offering is to be used for the Missionaries or their work. Mrs. H. S., **Norwich, Conn.** — Enclosed please find a donation in thanksgiving for a temporary position received by a friend of mine through the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Teresa. M. G., **Montreal.** I return most heartfelt thanks to our dear heavenly Mother for a favour granted me through her intercession after I had promised to publish my thanksgiving and to renew my subscription to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. N., **Montreal.** — I have secured a position and am sending you my subscription as promised. G. P. — My husband has found work. Please accept the enclosed thank-offering. Mrs. M., **Cohoes, N. Y.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription, in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin for obtaining me a favour. Mrs. J. J. — Enclosed please find an offering to ransom six dying Chinese babies, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Lady of Victory. Miss T., **Schenectady, N. Y.** — My baby has been cured of eczema through the medium of the Miraculous Medal. May our Blessed Lady be thanked a thousand times over. Mrs. J. L. — I have received some favours, for which I am very thankful. Miss S. S. A. — I have secured a position, and am enclosing an offering for your missionaries, as promised. Anonymous. — I have received a favour through the medium of the Miraculous Medal. Enclosed please find an offering in honour of Our Lady, to be used for the poor Chinese children. A Subscriber.

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Petitions

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

Please find enclosed my renewal subscription. I would ask you to kindly beg Our Lady of the Sacred Heart to obtain the cure of one dear to me. Mrs. M. D. — A friend of mine has been idle for some time past. Please pray that he may soon find work. Anonymous. — I wish to obtain three special favours. Kindly remember me in your prayers. An old Subscriber. — I am out of work, and would ask you to pray that I may soon find something to do. Anonymous. — I would ask you to pray that three of my relatives may find work, and that I may be successful in business. N. L. — Kindly pray that one dear to me may soon be restored to health. Anonymous. — Enclosed you will find an offering to ransom four babies: Patrick, Francis, Philomena, and Laurana. I am in much need of a special favour. May I ask for a special intention for it. Miss M. McG., **St. John, N. B.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription to THE PRECURSOR. I have a daughter just finished school and I am very anxious for her to obtain a position. I wish you would remember her in your prayers. Mrs. J. C. — Please make a novena to our Immaculate Mother for me, that I may obtain two special favours. If my requests are granted, I will send you an offering to use as you see fit, and will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for one year. Mrs. M. J. M.,

Danville, Que. — Will you please make a novena to the Blessed Virgin for my sister. She is sending an offering to ransom a dying Chinese baby, and if she gets her request, she will ransom two more. I wish you would also make a novena for me, that I may be cured without an operation and that I may keep my strength. I promise to subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for a year if I receive these favours. **Mrs. F., St. Eustache, Que.** — Enclosed please find an offering for the ransom of a dying Chinese baby. Please ask our Blessed Lady to obtain me the many spiritual and temporal favours I am asking. **Miss G. W., Montreal.** — I wish to obtain two special favours. Will you kindly make another novena for me. **Mrs. C., Timmins, Ont.** — I would ask you to pray that a gentleman may stop drinking, and that peace may reign in our household. Anonymous. — Will you kindly pray that my husband and my little ones may be restored to health, and that I may obtain a very special favour. **A Subscriber.** — Two of our flats are empty. Please ask the Blessed Virgin to help us to find tenants. **C. S.** — If I obtain the favour I am asking, I will send you an offering to help along the missionary work. **Mrs. F. R., Quebec.** — I would ask you to pray for my husband, who is obliged to undergo an operation, and for my little boy, who has not been well for some time past. **Mrs. F. C.** — My husband left me several years ago. Please pray that he may come back to me. **A Subscriber.** — I wish you would pray that the father of several little ones may soon find work. **Mrs. H. P. C.** — May our Blessed Mother help me to discover my vocation and obtain me the grace of being faithful to it. Anonymous. — I trust that the Blessed Virgin will crown with full success some very important undertakings. **A Subscriber, Montreal.** — My husband is addicted to drink. Kindly offer up prayers for him. **Mrs. G.** — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. May our Immaculate Mother come to the aid of my brother-in-law, who is out of work. **Mrs. O. B.** — For the last eighteen years, my husband has been suffering from rheumatism, and he is now unable to walk. Please unite with us in asking our Blessed Mother to cure him. **Mrs. N. C.** — I have not been well for some time past. Please pray for me. When I am better, I will send you a donation for oil for the sanctuary lamp. **Mrs. R. L.** — My husband has been leading a reckless life. Please pray for him. **A Subscriber.** — I would ask you to pray that I may discover my vocation. **Miss L., Montreal.** — I have been in poor health for the last three years, and I have six children to look after. Kindly ask our Blessed Lady to cure me. **Mrs. J. A.** — I am very anxious to obtain a position. Please remember me in your prayers. **G. R.** — I have had a nervous breakdown, and it is in all confidence that I am asking our dear heavenly Mother to cure me. If my prayers are heard, I will be a life-long subscriber to THE PRECURSOR, and will give the dowry of a nun. **A Friend of the Missions.** — Enclosed please find an offering for a light to be burned in honour of the Blessed Virgin. Please ask this loving Mother to help my little one to get over an operation. **Mrs. P. R.** — My husband is out of work. Please unite with me in asking the Blessed Virgin to obtain him a position. **Mrs. R. P., Montreal.** — Please pray that one dear to me may soon obtain a position. **Mrs. E. L.** — A friend of mine has been ailing for some time past. Please pray that he may regain his health. Anonymous. — I wish to obtain a very great favour, and am again asking you to remember me in your prayers. **E. D.** — One dear to me has been idle for quite a while. Please pray that he may soon find something to do. Anonymous. — I would ask you to pray that I may obtain a position, and that I may be successful in an important undertaking. **Mrs. B. M., Montreal.** I recommend to your prayers a gentleman who has not been living up to his religion. Anonymous. — Enclosed please find my renewal subscription. Kindly ask the Blessed Virgin to obtain me a special favour. **L. D., Woonsocket.** — Will you kindly pray that I may be successful in an important undertaking and that some persons dear to me may lead better lives. **Mrs. J. E. B.** — Enclosed please find an offering for your Missions. I am in great distress, and would ask you to pray for me. **E. P., Montreal.** — I am asking our Immaculate Mother to grant that my son may obtain a position, and that I may be successful in business. If my prayers are heard, I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for five years. **Mrs. R. D.** — Will you kindly make a novena for the mother of several little ones, who is seriously ill. Please pray that if she is obliged to undergo an operation she may get over it. **A Subscriber.** — Please pray that I may discover my vocation, and that I may obtain another special favour. Anonymous. — A young boy has been leading a very reckless life. Please pray that he may mend his ways. **J. P.** — I am enclosing an offering for the ransom of a few Chinese babies. I would ask you to pray that I may obtain a position. **F. B., Verdun.** — I wish to obtain some very special favours. Please pray for me. **A Subscriber.** — A mother of several children would like to obtain some very great favours. Kindly remember her in your prayers. **M. F. D.** — Please pray that I may secure a position. Anonymous. — I would ask you to pray that I may become resigned to God's Holy Will. **C. S., Montreal.** — I am writing to ask you to please ask the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Virgin to grant that a dear friend of mine may get back the position he has just lost. If this favour is granted, I will send you a donation. **A Subscriber.** — I am enclosing an offering for a novena of lights at Our Lady's altar. Will you kindly pray for my intentions. I am asking special graces from the Sacred Heart of Jesus through our dear Mother Mary. **T. F., Montreal.** — I am asking the Sacred Heart and the Blessed Virgin for a very great favour. Please pray that my prayers may soon be heard. **Mrs. P. L., Fitchburg, Mass.** — I wish to obtain several great favours, and am praying to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, St. Joseph, and St. Ann. Please make a novena for me. If I am granted at least a few of

my requests, I will send you a small donation every month. Mrs. M. C., **Montreal**. — Please ask our Blessed Mother and St. Ann to obtain me a special favour. Enclosed is an offering for the ransom of four dying Chinese babies. Mrs. J. K., **Montreal**. — I have many great favours which I would love to obtain, and I am writing to ask you to beg Almighty God to grant them to me. If my prayers are answered, I will send you a substantial donation and subscribe to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. D. H., **Springfield, Mass.** — I am writing to ask you to kindly remember us in your prayers. If I receive a very special favour, I will send you an offering. Mrs. L., **Verdun**. — Will you please ask Our Mother of Perpetual Help and the Little Flower of Jesus to obtain me five great favours. If my requests are granted, I will send you an offering and subscribe to THE PRECURSOR for one year. J. H., **Windsor, Ont.** — I wish you would ask the Blessed Virgin, St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, and St. Jude to obtain me a very special favour. If I am granted this request, I will send you an offering for the ransom of some Chinese babies. G. O., **Dwyer Hill, Ont.** — Please ask the Little Flower of Jesus to help my brother to find employment. A Subscriber. — Please commence a novena to the Little Flower for our special intentions. If our requests are granted, I will send a donation for the Missions. A Friend, **North Bay, Ont.** — Will you please make a novena to St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, asking her to obtain me two great favours. If my petitions are granted, I will send you a small donation every month. Mrs. L., **Farnumsville, Mass.** — I would like to obtain a special favour. Please pray for me. Anonymous. — Please make a novena to St. Joseph and the Little Flower of Jesus, asking them to continue to bless our undertakings. Mr. L., **Verdun, Que.** — Please pray that my husband may obtain a very special favour, and that my son may mend his ways. A Subscriber. — I am sending you a small offering for your missionaries, and would ask you to pray that I may be granted two great favours. Anonymous. — If my son stops drinking and begins to live up to his religion, I will be a life-long subscriber to THE PRECURSOR. Mrs. F. — I wish to secure a position. Kindly unite with me in asking the Blessed Virgin to obtain me one. Miss A. B., **Verdun**. — Please pray that a young woman may lead a better life. Mrs. D., **Lachine**. — If I obtain a position, I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR. Miss L. M., **Verdun**. — I am asking the Blessed Virgin to obtain me two great favours. Mrs. J. H. — Please pray that I may obtain a great favour. Mrs. A. T., **Newport, Vt.** — I am asking our Immaculate Mother to help my husband to find work. Kindly join in my prayers. Mrs. A. — Please pray that three persons dear to me may lead better lives, and that peace may reign in two households. Mrs. W. P. — If through the intercession of our heavenly Mother I succeed in selling my property, I will send you an offering for your Works. L. L. — I wish to obtain a good position. If the Blessed Virgin intercedes for me, I will subscribe to THE PRECURSOR. L. H., **Montreal**.



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