#### FATHER FRASER'S LETTERS FROM CHINA

We are now giving to our readers died away we knew we were far some of the Father Fraser's letters from human kind and then how opwhich for one reason or another were not published at the time they were received. These realistic pictures of the dogs were startled at the unusual active Chinese missionary work are, we believe, well calculated to Nobody but the priest would venture stimulate interest in the later and to make that journey at night. Two still more important phase of Canadian participation in the glorious laid and murdered and now even the work of the conversion of China to which Father Fraser is now consecrating his energy and his zeal enlightened by a rich experience.

Catholic Mission Taichowfu, Dec. 9, 1916.

tired and weary from a distant sick call when I was handed your letter and check. I leave you to imagine the consolation it gave me. It seemed like an immediate reward for the work of mercy I had just performed. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the space you allowed me to occupy in your valuable paper and express my gratitude to all who have so kindly contributed toward my mission. May God bless the CATHO-LIC RECORD and all its readers!

The sick call was a night journey of forty miles through mountains and valleys, lonely fields and dismal villages, past gloomy ruins and innumerable tombs in the dead of night, starting at noon and arriving at 1 o'clock the next morning. An old man brought me word of the sick person. He had been on the road two days, so it would be fortunate indeed if we found the person alive. The letter he presented, written by the catechist of Sienku, ran as fol-Courteously I address you. Spiritual Father, great personage in your presence I reverently narrate: the wife of the late catechist of Sienku, Mrs. Lee, is sick in Garden of - Floating - Trees. Her daughter, Big Sister, asks me to present this epistle and kneeling to beg you, Spiritual Father, to come and administer Extreme Unction so that she may attain to the bliss of Heaven. The bearer is a catechumen seventy one years old named Old mountain The bearer is a cateconument seventy one years old named Old mountain Choo who renounced idolatry in the eighth month of this year. From his birth he never tasted meat, being of the sect of Fastere. He now desires ardently to go and see the cantral church and station in Taich.

The city of Sienku is only a few miles from there. If we only had a priest stationed in the new church I built there this year it would have saved me all this journey, not to speak of the good a priest would do in evangelizing the region. Do pray McDonald, in her eightieth year. I, the sinner, pray you to accept him and strengthen his heart that hereafter he may hope to obtain the eternal happiness of Heaven. Virtue and peace to you. I. the sin-

when we were a mile on the road I sent him back for my breviary which in my haste I had forgotten. He caught up to me when I was seven miles away. We were making good time—the first ten miles without a When the bearers were tired carrying me I would walk and when I was tired I mounted the chair I was tired I mounted the chair again. I knew that was our only chance of making the whole journey in a single stretch. In fact the bearer said it was only possible to make twenty-eight miles that day and leave the remaining twelve miles for the next morning. It was 3 o'clock in the afternoon when we finished the first ten miles and after a few minutes rest and a bite to eat we started off again. It was pitch dark when we arrived at a town famous for its highwaymen. Though we were fagged out and hungry we we were fagged out and hungry we to the next village five miles further of several hundred categoriument to the next village five miles further lodged with me and the sisters, prehad made twenty-eight miles, and I paring for baptism.

Wishing you and your readers a Wishing you and your readers a large main. assure you needed a rest. I said that we would begin by taking supper and ordered some bowls of vermicelli and pork. Whilst taking our meal some pork. Whilst taking our meal some villagers stood around. They said that a Protestant mission had been in that town for thirty years but no Catholic mission. They knew one of my catechists, a recent convert from their sect, and said he used to propagate it there many years ago. I told them the difference between the Catholic the difference between the Catholic and Protestant religion and the origin of both. "Oh, then," they said, "the Catholic religion is the trunk and we are only a branch." They were very hospitable and invited me chist there at the earliest opportunity. My chair bearers and baggagecarrier fully intended to put up there for the night but I jollied them along. How could I rest in peace and an old woman crying for the ized into a system of zones. Each priest only twelve miles further on. zone has a Supervisor and from fifty I resolved to make it even if I had to walk every step. My men were obliging, so off we started again in with the Army of Occupation. The to the night. It was a gruesome, gloomy tramp the next twelve miles.

The Chinese bury their dead in the When in Belgium, on an inspection

swarm of frogs croaking, to which they bore a striking resemblance from a distance. In fact we rather liked to hear their bark, for then we were near some habitation, but when the last echo of their chirping had pressive was the stillness of the night. The country was as silent as the grave tains, leopards and wolves, but they are of a timid nature, and do not dare to attack grown up people on the highroad. Nevertheless the fact Dear Friend,—I had just returned peaks did not add to our comfort and we glanced uneasily now and then in passing tombs, ruins or clumps of trees. But God is good to his missionaries and we met neither robbers nor beasts of prey. Towards midnight, however, we passed three suspicious looking characters loitering along, the only persons we saw the whole night, but they said nothing. At long and at last to-wards 10 o'clock in the morning we arrived at our destination, having been thirteen hours on the road.

> miles—this will give you an idea of what the Chinese can do on a rice and spinage diet.
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> How happy I was to find the old woman alive. She could hardly believe her eyes when I entered. She had waited three days for the pricet. and spinage diet. had waited three days for the priest striking her breast and almost in despair of receiving the last sacra-ments. I prepared her for death, then said Mass, gave her Holy Com-munion and Extreme-Unction, took some refreshments and finally retired to bed at three in the morning Upon arising I looked into the next room, the door being open, to see what was stirring and here if it

I had lightened the task of the chair-

but the baggage carrier, however he stood the strain I do not know—to

work all the forencon and carry a weight of a hundred pounds all after-

noon and night, a distance of forty

bearers by walking half the way

wasn't the pig pen! evangelizing the region. Do pray that some one will soon come!

Before leaving a polite old gentle-man came in, profuse in compliments and offered me two big oranges. He irtue and peace to you. I, the sin-er, Propagating Fatherland Chang, dear little fellow called Santo (Holy.) kneeling relate."

I scanned these lines, ordered a chair and bearers, called a man working in the garden to carry my Mass box and blankets, swallowed a hasty dinner and was off, followed by my faithful acolyte. Poor fellow, I have hopes of making a catechist of the old gentleman when its learned. of the old gentleman who is learned and a man of prestige, and who knows but Santo may become a priest.

The old man pointed to a grave in the middle of a rice field saying: "There's the grave of Mr. Lee, the late catechist of Sienku." "Lord rest him!" I said, "he was a fine type of Catholic and all the converts

chowfu to continue my instruction of several hundred catechumens

K. OF C. WAR ACTIVITIES IN THE STATES

Mr. William J. Mulligan, Chairman of the Knights of Columbus War Activities Committee, has just re-turned to New York after having been

His mission Overseas has been to re organize the relief work of the Knights of Columbus and, in order to to stop there for the night. I resolved on the instant to place a catechist there at the earliest opportunadditional workers have been sent to

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without relaxation, the tremendous labours he has borne since the begin-ning of the War. He expressed his appreciation of the help Canada and the United States had extended to Belgium. It came, he said, at a most

opportune time."
Cardinal Mercier is coming to America in May or in the early fall, and Mr. Mulligan invited him to be the guest in this country of the Knights of Columbus. The Cardinal then told him that his visit was certain, and he expressed a keen desire to make the trip.

Mr. Mulligan is expected to leave

for Europe about the middle of May. He will visit the Pope before return-

ing to America.
Mr. William J. Wall of the Civil Service, Ottawa, accompanied Mr. Mulligan on his recent trip and has just secured a further leave of ab

DIED

Sullivan.—On Monday, April 7, 1919, at 883 Somerset street, Ottawa, Mrs. John J. Sullivan, in her fifty eighth year. May her soul rest in

McCREADY .- On Friday, April 5, 1919, at the residence of her brother, Jos. F. Meagher, 89 Hinton Ave., Ottawa West, Helen Meagher, beloved wife of F. J. McCready, late

McDonald, in her eightieth year May her soul rest in peace.

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