

From the Mission Fields.

SECHELT, B.C., Oct. 16, 1918. Dear St. Peter's Bote:—

We all deeply regret to see you change the language of your paper, but:

"Mit des Geschickes Maechten Ist kein ew'ger Bund zu flechten," and so we have to take the inevitable.

Last week I was absent from Sechelt and had gone north 150 miles from here. The Influenza is at Vancouver, and so I thought it my duty to go and visit all the Indian camps and prepare the people for the hour of danger. The Indians were all fishing, some were working at the canneries and others were dispersed in different bays. This made the trip harder than usual, as I had to go and stay in very poor huts with the theft. Their fishing houses are of a very primitive type, where cleanliness is altogether impossible. The food was poor too as there are no stores at such isolated places. But the poor people did their very best. Their joy at seeing me was the greater as I came unexpectedly. They had never thought that I would venture out so far and under such adverse conditions. To sleep in an Indian bed and use their own blankets is no fun. But the joy and gratefulness of the people was a recompense for all the hardships. After a voyage of seven days I came home last Monday. A three days' rest was needed.

Fishing was very poor this fall. The sockeye-fishing (best salmon) was a failure altogether. The hump-backs (now "pinks") were more plentiful, but the dog-salmon (now "chum") is a rare thing this year. Many fishermen quit on account of the scarcity of fish and because they were not satisfied with the prices fixed by the government. I am afraid that my Indians will have a hard winter before them.

The logging business was good last year and up to July this summer. But then the prices dropped as the market was overstocked and the sawmills had the choice in buying. I am afraid that most of the smaller logging-camps will be bankrupt next winter. Only those camps that are working for the munition-board and had a good price guaranteed for their logs are doing well.

Fishing and logging are the principal industries in B. C. So the near future does not look very bright here.

The funniest thing is, that although the prices for logs dropped over a third, the lumber is just as high as ever. There are many mysteries in this funny world.

Our school is running all right. Some boys have not returned from their vacations yet, but are expected soon. They help their parents at fishing and want to make some money for their clothes.

The Influenza has not made its appearance here yet, but it cannot be far off. I hope our Lord will not be too hard on us. That's the wish I have for all the benefactors of this mission too, for whom we pray every day.

Rev. W. Brabender, O. M. I.

CORRESPONDENCES.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, WINNIPEG. Editor of St. Peter's Bote:—

On account of the Influenza all public meetings being suspended, the Bazaar for the benefit of St. Joseph's Church had to be postponed indefinitely. Many outside friends already sent their presents for the Bazaar, which are well stored up. Others surmising that the Bazaar had to be postponed on account of the Influenza, withheld sending presents but will send them later on.

St. Joseph's Parish lost one of its best young men, one of its most

zealous workers whenever there was an undertaking for the benefit of the church: Mr. Martin Kolla. He was struck by the Influenza and died after a few days on the 17th of October. Only a few days before he was playing on the stage for the benefit of the Church. He died as a good Catholic young man, entirely resigned to God's will, after receiving the Holy Sacraments with the greatest devotion. He was buried by the St. Joseph's Men's Society, whose active member he was for many years.

Little Ernest Motz, who met death by an accident with a falling shotgun at Raymore, Sask., where he was visiting his relatives, was a well liked schoolboy of St. Joseph's. His schoolmates will miss dear little Ernie very much. Meanwhile they pray for him.

Saturday, Oct. 27, Mrs. M. Wachs died at St. Boniface Hospital after an operation. She leaves her husband with three little children. She was a member of the St. Elizabeth's Ladies' Society. To all the relatives of these deceased ones our deepest condolence.

Since the churches are closed, there is a depressive feeling among the whole population. Now everybody recognizes what a beneficial influence the Church with its public worship exercises upon poor mankind. How desolate mankind would be without the Church and its inspiring public services! Cor.

American Missionaries for China

On the occasion of the departure of the four missionaries who left the American Foreign Mission Seminary recently, Bishop Hoban said: "Tonight will be historical in the annals of the Scranton Diocese. We are gathered here to honor and say good-bye to these men, who have dedicated their lives to spreading the gospel in far-off China."

He explained that it was time that the American Catholics realized the importance of sending Catholic mission fathers to China to carry the teachings of Jesus Christ and the doctrines of Holy Mother Church among the natives of the Orient.

"America stands fore-front in the eyes of China today," continued Bishop Hoban. "No longer can France, Germany, Italy, poor Belgium, and Spain send mission Fathers to the Orient. The Chinese of today understand what is back of the great American ideals and they greatly respect and honor a mission Father from the States."

It is noteworthy that just four hundred years after the first missionary efforts of the great missionaries of the past—the intrepid Francis Xavier and his confreres—began their conquest of Asia to Christ, America should send forth her first band of priests to the very portion of China, Canton, which Francis Xavier aimed to evangelize. St. Francis Xavier died gazing on the field he was never to reach. These American priests will continue his work, animated by his zeal for souls and anxious, if need be, to offer life itself in witness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

These men do not go away as military soldiers to fight the foe for liberty and democracy, but as soldiers in Christ's army under the banner of Christianity. They go away with that apostolic spirit, confidence in God, love of Jesus Christ and willingness to die if necessary to carry out Christian work among the pagans and heathens."

ESTRAY

A dark-red bull calf of this spring. I will pay a reward of \$3.00 for information leading to its recovery. John Van Bergen, 3 miles northwest of St. Gregor, Sask.

Prayer against Epidemic Diseases.

(Approved for the Diocese of Prince Albert by Bishop Pascal, O. M. I., on August 30, 1918, and endowed with an Indulgence of 50 days, which can be gained once a day by the Faithful within the said diocese.)

Antiphon. Remember, O Lord, thy covenant and say to the destroying angel: Now hold thy hand, that the earth may not be desolated, and do not destroy every living soul.

Lord have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. Lord have mercy on us. Our Father (silently). V. And lead us not into temptation. R. But deliver us from evil. V. The Lord sent his word and healed them. R. And delivered them from their death. V. Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to him. R. And his wonderful works to the children of men. V. Lord, remember not our former iniquities. R. Let thy mercies speedily prevent us. V. Help us, O God, our saviour. R. And for the glory of thy name, O Lord, deliver us. V. Forgive us, O Lord, our sins. R. And deliver us for thy name's sake. V. Hear, O Lord, my prayer. R. And let my cry come to thee. V. The Lord be with you. R. And with thy spirit.

LET US PRAY.

O God who dost not desire the death, but the repentance of sinners, through the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, look propitiously upon thy people returning to thee, that thou, whilst it remains attached to thee, mayest graciously remove from it the scourge of thy wrath. Through the same Christ our Lord.

ORATIO CONTRA PESTILENTIAM.

Antiph. Recordare, Domine, testamenti tui, et dic Angelo percutienti: Cesset jam manus tua, et non desoletur terra, et ne perdas omnem animam viventem.

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Pater noster (secreto).

V. Et ne nos inducas in tentationem. R. Sed libera nos a malo. V. Misit Dominus verbum suum, et sanavit eos. R. Et eripuit eos de morte eorum. V. Confiteantur Domino misericordiae ejus. R. Et mirabilia ejus filiis hominum. V. Domine, ne memneris iniquitatum nostrarum antiquarum. R. Cito anticipent nos misericordiae tuae. V. Adjuva nos, Deus salutaris noster. R. Et propter gloriam nominis tui, Domine, libera nos. V. Propitius esto peccatis nostris, Domine. R. Et libera nos propter nomen tuum. V. Domine, exaudi orationem meam. R. Et clamor meus ad te veniat. V. Dominus vobiscum. R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

Oramus.

Deus, qui non mortem, sed penitentiam desideras peccatorum: per intercessionem beatae Dei genitricis, virginis Mariae, populum tuum ad te revertentem propitius respice: ut, dum tibi devotus existit, iracundiae tuae flagella ab eo clementer amoveas. Per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

Approbatum pro nostra diocesi. Concedimus indulgentiam 50 dierum semel in die lucrandam fidelibus has preces infra fines nostrae dioceseos pie recitantibus.

IMPRIMATUR. ALBERTUS, O. M. I., Die 30 August. 1918. Episcopus Principis Albert.

Gebet gegen epidemische Krankheiten.

(Von Bischof Pascal, O. M. I., am 30. August 1918 gutgeheissen für die Diocese Prince Albert und mit einem Ablass von 50 Tagen versehen, der täglich einmal innerhalb der genannten Diocese von den Gläubigen gewonnen werden kann.)

Antiphon. Gedenke, o Herr, deines Bundes und befehle deinem strafenden Engel: Halte jetzt ein deine Hand, auf daß die Erde nicht verödet werde, und töte nicht jede lebende Seele.

Herr erbarme dich unser! Christe erbarme dich unser! Herr erbarme dich unser! Vater Unser (leise). V. Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung. R. Sondern erlöse uns von dem Uebel. V. Der Herr sandte aus sein Wort und heilte sie. R. Und entriß sie ihrem Tode. V. Sie sollen danken dem Herrn für seine Barmherzigkeit. R. Und für seine Wunder unter den Menschenkindern. V. O Herr, gedenke nicht unserer alten Missetaten. R. Daß eilends uns zuvorkommen deine Barmherzigkeit. V. Hilf uns, Gott, unser Heiland. R. Und um der Ehre deines Namens willen erlöse uns. V. Sei gnädig unsern Sünden, o Herr. R. Und befreie uns um deines Namens willen. V. Herr, erhöre mein Gebet. R. Und laß mein Ruf zu dir kommen. V. Der Herr sei mit euch. R. Und mit deinem Geiste.

Lasst uns beten!

O Gott, der du nicht den Tod, sondern die Bußfertigkeit des Sünders willst: durch die Fürbitte der allerbarmlichen Gottesgebärcin und Jungfrau Maria befähigt, blicke herab auf dein Volk, welches sich wieder zu dir wendet, auf daß du, während es dir getreu bleibt, die Geißel deines Zornes barmherzig von ihm abwendest. Durch denselben Christum unsern Herrn.

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