



ST. PETER'S SEMINARY, LONDON, ONTARIO

A GREAT WORK BEGUN MOST IMPORTANT MEETING OF PRIESTS EVER HELD IN LONDON

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost I break this ground for the erection of St. Peter's Seminary. May God bless this work begun in His name and make it for all time to come do great things for the welfare of the Holy Catholic Church both within and without the Diocese of London."

With these words His Lordship Bishop Fallon started the actual work of building the new St. Peter's Seminary in Sunshine Park, London. Messrs. Pigott and Healy of Hamilton who have the contract will begin operations at once.

Immediately after the turning of the first sod Bishop Fallon returned to St. Peter's Parish Hall where the priests of the Diocese were assembled to discuss the ways and means of carrying out the great undertaking. "This," said Bishop Fallon, "is the most important meeting of priests ever held in the history of London Diocese."

And it was with a full realization of this truth that the reverend clergy canvassed the whole situation. When completed the Seminary will cost a half million dollars. More than half this amount is already available, and the immediate object of the meeting was to devise ways and means of raising the balance.

After a full exposition of the financial position of the Seminary Corporation and answering many questions His Lordship withdrew to allow the freest possible discussion amongst the priests themselves.

As the endowment fund is already about four hundred thousand dollars there is no anxiety as to Seminary maintenance; the one and only problem to be solved was the completion of the building fund before the time the money now available is exhausted.

Eventually a large Committee was nominated with power to add to its numbers so that all the priests of the diocese will be in touch with developments. The spirit of willing cooperation was so manifest that everyone felt that success is assured, failure impossible.

One of the ways of raising funds was the endowment of rooms. There will be one hundred students' rooms and twelve rooms for the staff. The proposition was that the gift of \$1,000 would endow a professor's room and \$500 a student's room. Monsignor O'Connor, V. G., proposed that before throwing this opportunity open to the laity the priests of the diocese should be given the privilege of thus associating themselves with the work of the Seminary for all time. Some forty rooms were taken up at once by the priests present. Such enthusiastic good will is the sure pledge that the great work will be carried through to a triumphant conclusion.

Following are the names of the priests attending the meeting on Wednesday, February 4th instant: Right Rev. D. O'Connor, V. G., Very Rev. J. F. Stanley, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell, Rev. A. P. Mahoney, Rev. M. A. Brisson, Rev. J. H. Pocock, Rev. L. M. Forristal, Rev. F. J. Brennan, Rev. J. B. Foulkes, Rev. W. T. Flannery, Right Rev. P. J. McKeon, Right Rev. M. J. Brady, Rev. F. G. Powell, Rev. J. H. Chisholm, Rev. E. L. Tierney, Rev. T. Valentin, Rev. J. T. Foley, Rev. J. C. Kelly, Rev. P. L'Heureux, Rev. M. N. Sullivan, Rev. R. H. Dignan, Rev. B. Gaffney, Rev. J. G. Labelle, Rev. F. P. White, Rev. F. X. Laurendeau, Rev. W. Langlois, Rev. G. L. Blonde, Rev. P. J. Gnam, Rev. P. E. Webber, Rev. A. Fuerth, Rev. T. P. Hussey, Rev. J. Mahoney, Rev. J. P. Gleason, Rev. W. J. Kelly, Rev. J. L. Quinlan, Rev. W. T. Corcoran, Rev. M. D. O'Neil, Rev. M. Baillargeon, Rev. J. N. Campeau, Rev. L. P. Lowry, Rev. M. J. Fallon, Rev. J. Dantzer, Rev. F. Costello, Rev. T. Moran, Right Rev. J. T. Aylward, Rev. L. W. Power, Rev. T. J. McCarthy, Rev. E. Goetz, Rev. W. T. Moran, Rev. G. Pitre, Very Rev. J. A. Hanlon, Rev. J. A. Jordan, Rev. J. A. Mackeay, Rev. D. J. Egan, Rev. P. Quinlan, Rev. I.

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HOW PROBATION WORKS

Dr. J. G. Shearer, Social Service Council of Canada

Probation of adult persons who are before a Court for sentence after conviction for some offence, is new in Canada. It has for years been used in the Juvenile Courts, but it was not until 1921 that an Act providing for the probation of adult persons in Canada was passed, on the initiative of Judge Mowat of Ontario, then a member of the House of Commons.

What is meant by probation? Not parole, or extra-mural permit, or ticket-of-leave, all of which are methods of dealing with persons who are serving time in prison for some offence of which they have been convicted. Probation applies only to a convicted person in lieu of imprisonment for a stated period. Suppose a young man of previous good record has been convicted on a charge of theft or fraud; if the Magistrate or Judge is of opinion that he has learned his lesson, and that if given another chance he may be restored to good citizenship, where a sentence might only confirm him in crime, he (the Judge) may—

(1) Let him off on suspended sentence.

(2) Put him out on probation under a designated officer, naming such conditions as he considers wise, such as (a) he must do whatever the probation officer requires of him, accept a job secured for him, allow the officer to collect his wages, report at regular intervals to the officer, etc. (b) he must agree that his wages shall go to the support of his wife, family, or dependents.

(3) Determine the duration of his probation, or make it indeterminate, and discharge him as being satisfied of the bona fides of the man's good intentions and sufficiency of his discipline; (The man is then entirely free so far as the legal consequences of his offence are concerned.)

(4) Order him to make restitution for the offence he has committed. Probation thus serves several purposes in cases concerned: (a) saves the convicted person the stigma of having become a "gaol bird" and makes it easier for him to regain his self respect. (b) it provides for his dependents, (c) constitutes an economic saving to the State costing in the individual case in Ontario at the rate of \$30 per year whereas in prison he would cost \$300, (d) it makes his reformation and lasting good conduct more easy and probable, which should be the one great object of the administration of justice, (e) it provides, however, for punishment of those who show that they are not deserving of social confidence.

How does it work? It is in actual operation only in Ontario for the reason that as yet no other province has organized a Probation System and provided Probation officers. It might not be impossible but it would be difficult to operate the system without employed officers, and the ordinary policeman would not prove an ideal or even an efficient Probation officer. It calls for not only Christian sympathy, but wisdom, tact, patience, and unselfish devotion to the interests of those on Probation. The Probation Association of Toronto and York County recently issued its first annual report. This shows that 436 persons were placed on Probation, 345 men and 91 women. Of these, 157 were under twenty years of age, 128 were between twenty and twenty-five and 151 over twenty-five; 425 persons were dependent on these probationers. Ninety-six per cent lived up to the regulations. The remaining 4% were brought back and sentenced. It does therefore really work. Ought it not to be introduced in the other Provinces of Canada?

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS LETTER

OUR LADY CONFOUNDS SUPERSTITION

Grace sometimes comes by miraculous intervention, likewise, the faith of neophyte Christians in pagan lands is strengthened by the intervention of the miraculous. A story comes to us from Sudan, Africa as follows: A little baby, the son of Christian parents, was dying. The pagan relatives blamed the Christian parents because they would not employ the traditional superstition and sorceries. "This God and this religion," they said, "may be good for whites, but is of no use to the blacks." By bitter reproaches they sought to persuade the parents to have recourse to sorcery, and when their little son seemed at the point of death, and the people began to cry loudly, the parents suddenly rose and brought the motionless infant to the church. Kneeling before the altar of Our Lady of Lourdes, they prayed: "Great Mother of God, tell your Son to save our baby and show to these pagans that He loves black people as well as white." And then, the infant, almost lifeless, opened its eyes, fixed them for a moment on the statue, and smiled merrily.

CHARITY OF A CATHOLIC NOBLEMAN

The Catholic University of Poland has attained vigorous growth within a year through the charity of a Catholic nobleman who devoted his entire fortune to this work. Already 1,500 students are enrolled though the university was founded but last year.

OUR NEGLECT

We hear of marvels accomplished by missionaries in spreading our Faith; of the re-modeling of barbarous creatures into men and women who, having learned the value of their immortal souls, direct their future lives so well that the virtues they display are truly heroic; and we are confounded on reflection, with our own coldness and lack of practical aid towards the spreading of God's Kingdom on earth.

Two thousand years ago, Christ shed His blood for the ransom of souls. Out of a population of one billion, six hundred million, do you know how many pagans there are in the world? One billion, one hundred million! "This shows," states a recent writer, "that souls are not to be bought by the dozen. That, in the field abroad, each soul must be striven for, labored for."

If this is so, why couldn't we, who remain at home, perform the labors and sacrifices, and send a stream of supplication that the merits of these good works may be placed in the hands of the apostles of Christ who are striving so generously to win the souls in distant fields. Why leave all the sacrifices to them? The work we might accomplish on the missions by this means is worthy of reflection, isn't it?

SUMATRA

The Piepus Fathers have been given a new mission field. It is Sumatra. It was established in December, 1923, but it was not until July, 1924 that the Prefect Apostolic set out for his charge.

DEMONS OF CHINA

"There are several ways in which demons take possession of men, according to Chinese demon lore. There is, first," writes Dr. R. Francis of St. Columban's Medical Mission, Han Yang, "the form of possession that induces the ordinary diseases. Vows and offerings to pagan gods are the remedies suggested to those afflicted in this way. The next form is more serious, for in this case the demon is supposed actually to dwell within the sufferer and to possess his mind. The Chinese declare this condition is different from ordinary lunacy. The worst case of all, however, is that of the man who, when possessed, yields to the demon and worships him. Abundant riches will come for awhile to this man but, by way of retribution, bad luck will one day overtake him and his ill-gotten gains will vanish."

The adult pagan as well as his little child in China, is a believer in

spirits, demons, fairies and goblins, all of whom must be pacified by various methods. This will be so until the true Faith is firmly planted in Chinese soil. The hearts of these millions of souls are filled with wretched fears and superstitions instead of with the love of Christ. There is one real demon behind it all—Satan. He is to be fought by missionary zeal, supported by prayer and sacrifice.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb. 22.—St. Peter's Chair at Antioch. It is attested by many of the Saints that before going to Rome, St. Peter the Prince of the Apostles, founded the see of Antioch which was then the capital city of the East. St. Leo says we ought to celebrate the chair of St. Peter with less rejoicing than the day of his martyrdom because, as in the latter he was exalted to a throne in heaven so in the former he was installed head of the Church on earth.

Monday, Feb. 23.—St. Peter Damian, was born in 988 and after studying at the University of Parma joined the monks at Font-Avellano, of whom he later became the Superior. He was an advisor of seven Popes. For his great services to the Church he was created Cardinal Bishop of Ostia. He defended the Church against Henry IV. of Germany and labored in defense of Alexander II. against the anti-Pope, forcing the latter to yield and seek pardon.

Tuesday, Feb. 24.—St. Matthias, was elected to take the place of Judas to complete the number of the Apostles. He was noted for the rigorous mortification of the flesh which he practiced constantly.

Wednesday, Feb. 25.—St. Tarasius, was the first Secretary of State to the Emperor Constantine and the latter's mother, the Empress Irene. He was made Patriarch of Constantinople and took a prominent part in the Council of Nice. He died in 806.

Thursday, Feb. 26.—St. Porphyry, Bishop, was a rich citizen of Thessalonica who left the world to retire into one of the great religious houses in the desert of Scete. There he remained for five years and then passed into Palestine where he took up a more solitary life practicing the severest penances until ill health obliged him to moderate his austerities. He later became Bishop of Gaza where he distinguished himself by the destruction of heathen temples and the erection of churches.

Friday, Feb. 27.—St. Leander, Bishop, was a member of a noble Spanish family, the eldest of five brothers, several of whom were saints. Leander became Bishop of Seville and through his efforts the Visigoths and the Suevo were converted from Arianism. He died in the year 596.

Saturday, Feb. 28.—Sts. Romanus and Lupicinus, Abbots, were brothers who retired to the forests of Mount Jura and there were joined by many holy men. They founded the convent of Le Beaume and several monasteries.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY OF CANADA

BUSINESS METHODS

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

During the time of depression, which happily seems to be drawing to a close, there has been a noticeable falling off in donations to Extension work. It is not a little discouraging to receive appeals for help from places where we know it is badly needed, and not be able to furnish the required assistance. We understand that in many cases people are not in a position to do what they formerly did in the way of helping the Missions and it is consolation to receive a letter like the following:

Catholic Church Extension, Toronto: Dear Sirs,—Some little time ago I presented you with \$250 towards a chapel, and told you then that if my success would warrant it during 1925 that I would contribute the balance of \$250. I beg to enclose you this amount herewith, as success came my way much more quickly than I expected. I find the best investments I ever made are investments in the common good, and those investments which have turned out well have troubled me more than my losses; it is the dollars I have that keep me anxious. I do not think that money ever helps a man morally, and he is a splendid man who can keep money from having him.

I hope to have more money for you this year again and will keep an eye on your progress. Very sincerely yours, D. J. M.

The writer is evidently a business man, not only in a worldly sense, but is also experienced in the great business of salvation. Towards the end of 1924 he sent a donation of \$250 towards a Chapel with the promise of \$250 more if his success during 1925 would warrant it. This is only the first month of 1925, and already the measure of his success has been sufficient to cause the fulfillment of his promise, and we have the amount required for a Chapel. This person realizes that he needs God's help even in his temporal affairs, and as a wise and prudent man of business makes an offering, with a further promise of some-

thing pleasing to God if his project succeeds. He concludes his letter with the words, "I hope to have more money for you this year"—he divides his profits with God.

Our friend is experienced also in business from a supernatural standpoint and to such an extent that he has learned what many fail to realize, namely, that the best investments are those not made from a motive of selfish gain, but for the common good. There is a world of thought in the words "Those investments which have turned out well have troubled me more than my losses. It is the dollars I have which keep me anxious." These are things which keep a lot of men anxious, so anxious that they have little or no time left for thoughts of God and salvation.

What wisdom it is to realize that life is short and how much more beneficial to ourselves, the good we do along the way with the money God permits us to acquire than the chance we take of some one else fulfilling our requests when things of this world are no longer of interest to us.

Contributions through this office should be addressed: EXTENSION, CATHOLIC RECORD OFFICE, London, Ont.

Table with columns for DONATIONS and MASS INTENTIONS, listing names and amounts.

BURSES

"IN THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW"

During this month of the Holy Name, we ask our friends to add a mite to our Burses, especially Holy Name Burses. Such donations will be used expressly for the education of a missionary for China, whether he will carry the Holy Name of Jesus to multitudes who have never heard it. If you aid him to accomplish this project, you will have a share in this glorious apostolate. Help to carry to a pagan land the Name whereby all men shall be saved. Could there be a higher or a holier way of beginning the New Year, or a surer means of drawing down upon yourselves God's best gifts?

Table listing various Burses (Queen of Apostles, St. Anthony's, etc.) and their current and previous amounts.

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MANUSCRIPT GIVEN TO JOHN M'CORMACK

The original manuscript of "Kathleen Mavourneen," composed nearly a hundred years ago, has been presented to John M'Cormack by former Judge John J. Patterson of Philadelphia. The presentation followed a concert here at which M'Cormack sang the song. Judge Patterson, who was present, had the manuscript of the song with him intending to show it to the famous singer. When the two met,

however, the Judge said: "Mr. McCormack, I have the manuscript of the song you just sang. I had intended only to show it to you, but after hearing you sing it, I understand that it can never mean as much to me as it does to you. I am going to make you a present of it."

McCormack and Judge Patterson are both enthusiastic collectors of manuscripts. Only a short time ago the singer outbid the Judge for the manuscript of Eugene Field's "Little Boy Blue," and there have been other manifestations of friendly rivalry between them.

You can't make an impression by acting important, if you aren't important!

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