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Catholic Mission Taichowfu, May 1, 1916.

great work lies before me if I am tog instruct all these and bring them to the waters of baptism, for the greater part of them are recent converts not "La Tercia" followed by the blessing yet baptised. With a heart overflowing with gratitude to you I celebrated Mass, for without your aid I could not have filled this church with worshippers of the True God. Forty miles from here, in the city of Tientai, my curate celebrated the feast. The big new church there was also filled. So here you have two also filled. So here you have two big congregations where a few years swaying palms. The procession with ago only a handful could be gathered for the festivals. And when you consider that they come from a hundred different towns and villages you will realize that the Faith is picturesque service is calculated to being spread far and wide.

children. It was preceded by a three of the King by some of the same days' retreat in which they joined people at least who five days therewhole - hearted fervor. A after cried "Crucify Him." marked difference in their demeanour between the first and last days of the First Communion, but I got over the difficulty by dressing them in souplacing their right hand on the book of gospels, whilst in their left they held a lighted candle they pronounced

I hope you will not be anxious bout me. It is true that China is in the state of civil war but not much fighting is being done and none whatever in Che Kiang, our province. It is hoped the storm will pass over without much damage. At any rate the missions are not likely to suffer. The officials are busy issuing pro-clamation, for their protection.

Yours in the Sacred Heart, J. M. FRASER.

THE SEASON OF LENT

IN MEXICO BY MRS. FRED. A. HODGSON

to be hoped that the beautiful cus. interesting of the week, and is only town so long practised during the Holy Season of Lent in that old Re City of Mexico. creating "matracas" and to the cries of the hundreds of vendors of toys, food and candies, and generally enjoy the "feria" which delights everylody.

withheld many of the faithful from | blas" tions have been allayed, full vent suppressed emotions, and all through this lotus land the Holy Season will be full of color and incident, reflect

and pleasure all the time as they do in Mexico? Being a little short in clothes or many meal times away from a feeling of fullness, does not trouble the native if any form of

have a special predilection for this peritential eason, for in many parts of the country they are never punished no matter how mischievous. The services of the "Monumentos" especially the higher literary studies ished no matter how mischievous they may have been; but a carefully itemized account of every misde.

The services of the "Monumentos" are likewise imposing and beautiful and the music is invariably sublime.

o'clock Holy Saturday as the officiatis the signal that the time is up. It is a gruesome hour for the children whose parents adhere strictly to the custom; some little ones, however, prefer to pay on the instal-ment plan while a promise of being extra good in future secures remission of all punishment for the fortunate children whose parents have no special liking for deferred punishment.

are, we believe, well calculated to On the Friday before Good Friday stimulate interest in the later and is the festival of Nuestra Senora de los Dolores (Our Lady of Grief), and is in commemoration of our Lady of work of the conversion of China to Catholic Calendar this feast falls on which Father Fraser is now con- the third Sunday in September, but somehow long ago when Catholicism was new in Mexico, it united itself with the Aztec festival for the opening of Spring, and so instead of a day of mourning, became one of the contributed to my mission. The church which, you know, is now enlarged was packed to the doors.

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bring to mind thoughts of the long past scene near Jerusalem when Yesterday we had a beautiful cele-past scene near Jerusalem when bration—the First Communion of the Jesus was heralded with the homage

Outside the churches, enterprising vendors offer palms for sale which retreat was discernible. I kept them vary in price from a few pennies to near me during the whole time of fifty or sixty cents apiece; some of their preparation, even during the the leaves measure as much as four night, for fear they should lose the and six feet in length; these are fruit of the retreat by intercourse usually left free to open at their will with their pagan friends and relations. This I could not have done if it were not for your alms, dear friends. Many of the boys were too poor to buy decent clothes for their First Communion, but I got over the carry their blessed palm branches home and weave them into the bal tanes and surplices, and they looked real nice and edified the whole congrailings or place them reverently over the doors in the form of a gregation. In the afternoon they gregation, the afternoon they are the doors in the form of a cross, where they will remain until replaced by fresh ones on next Palm

During the afternoon the fourth held a lighted candle they pronounced the renewal of their baptismal vows. I hope you will not be applied. Cross takes place. This very solemn ceremony dates from the Christian conquest of the Moors in Spain, the Victory of the Cross over the Cres-

Mônday and Tuesday there are no special functions in any of the churches; on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock the last of five cere-monies known as the "Sign" takes place. This ceremony is performed five times in memory of the five wounds of our Saviour. The service, which is full of significance, centres a very large flag, which has emblazoned upon it a red cross Those who take part are in black from their enveloping hoods to the end of their extremely long vest-ments. As all of the movements as Following Carranza's declaration well as the occasional chants are that religious persecution will no longer be tolerated in Mexico, it is

openly living up to these religious practices during the past few years; but, now that the disturbed conditions have been ellered a conditions have been ellered a conditions have been ellered a conditions have been ellered. obscurity altar is placed the will undoubtedly be given to their which contains a triangular frame in suppressed emotions, and all through this lotus land the Holy Season will about a central white one. The former represent the Apostles, while ing the spirit of the people and the country.

I wonder if there is any other place in the world where the people have so great a capacity for religion the desertion of the followers of our positions of the people candles are extinguished to signify have so great a capacity for religion Blessed Lord; the white candle is not extinguished but covered, signi-tying that there is no real death for the Saviour.

Thursday is a day full of solemn Thursday is a day full of solemn claim the religious or patriotic festival is to take place. They are a wonderful race, and it is indeed a pity that a Pullman car window or a hotel balton, the fides its happy home life, is all the hidse its happy home life, is all the knowledge so many travellers get.

Devoutly religious the Mexican people are ever truly Catholic, but never so much so as in Lent and especially during Holy Week, which until Easter marks the end of all worldly recreation, for public enterminents are never given and private as a sole of the first of the repose of the sole of the first of the fir tainments are never given and private amusements are entirely suspended. During Lent special respects are paid to all members of the clergy; although at all times they are the object of distinction on the part of the layman. Children have a special predilection for this journey from the supper room to

tion or chanting of the history of the passion of Christ as recorded in the Book of John. One priest usually chants the portion which is strictly narrative; another reads the words spoken by Jesus; another or others the words spoken by single indi-viduals, while the whole choir intones the exclamation attributed to the multitude present at the crucifixion. The ceremony closes with the words When Jesus therefore received the vinegar-He said: 'It is finished.' and He bowed His head and gave up the ghost. The priest and congregation kneel, and a moment is spent in silent prayer. The churches on this day present a spectacle of darkness and mourning which is posi-tively startling on entering from the outer light of day, for the Altars, which the night before had been ablaze with light and adorned with beautiful decorations, are now covered with purple hangings against which rises a realistic lifesized image of our Saviour on the Cross, below which is placed the When I turned round to deliver the sermon I was amazed to see such a crowd and thought to myself what a kneeling figure of the Master Dolo instead plain gowns, and modest rebosas on their heads, their raiment

adds to the solemnity of the occa-Another ceremony known as "El Pasame" and "La Soledad," which means the hour of sorrow of Mary the mother of Jesus, is held in the evening, at which time the "Miser-"Stabat Mater" and other beau tiful hymns are sung to an orchestral

accompaniment. In Interior Mexico the reproduc tion of several passages of the Passion play on Good Friday stands fore most in the line of special ceremonies; traffic is suspended; people are not permitted to bathe and deadly silence prevails all around; processions representing Christ carrying the o Calvary take place; Jews in Jewish attire, Roman soldiers, men wearing garments of the coarsest fibre with wreaths of thorns upon their heads walk barefoot through the corridors of the buildings where the processions are en route and all in death-Most of these practises, especially those involving the impernation of Christ or his Saints by individuals, have been forbidden by the Archbishop of Mexico though they are still followed in many of the

smaller towns and villages. In Mexico the strictly religious ceremonies of Holy Saturday are the same as those in other Catholic countries, including the kindling of the new fire. The similarity betwee the ceremony of lighting the new fire and from it the fires of the people

tervals, is noteworthy.

Mass is said in all the churches but the greatest interest centres about the Cathedral, and when the Gloria in Excelsis Deo is reached, the great bells of the City ring in unison and the Capitol fairly reverberates with the sound. Simultaneously the purple hangings will roll back from the Altars, the period of mourning will be over and the preparing for the celebration of Easter will begin.

A custom fast becoming extinct is the burning of Judas. It is a strictly secular custom and affords much pleasure especially to the younger people. These hideous images of people. These hideous images of the arch traitor, usually filled with sausages, bread, sweets and fire-works, are suspended in mid air, and Holy Season of Lent in that old Re public, may be resumed in all of their religious and artistic beauty.

Apprehension for their safety has withheld many of the faithful from withheld many of the faithful from blas" symbolizing the obscurity. Season of Lent.

OBITUARY

SISTER GENEVIEVE

The funeral of the late Sister Genevieve took place Wednesday morning, April 2nd, from the Mother House of the Grey Nuns, Water St., Ottawa. A Solemn Mass of Requiem was chanted at 7 o'clock in the Convent Chapel, after which the remains were conveyed to Notre Dame

cemetery.

The esteem in which the deceased was held by her many friends in the Capital was evident from the number pleasant pathways radiant with new

light and beauty. lover of the true, the beautiful, and the good, in life as well as in liter bons, St. Vincent, aged thirty ature; gifted with literary ability of a high order she was ever ready, notwithstanding her delicate state of

among our Catholic women.

Although American born and American bred she was too broad minded to be national; and her whole souled loyalty to her native land did meanor is kept by the parents, for which the little culprit must pay in full when due, and the ringing of bells in the churches about ten

Imposing in the extreme are the morning ceremonies in all the larger churches throughout the Republic on Good Friday. There is the recitational and her whole souled loyalty to her native land did not lessen a whit the love and admir-

ation she bore her Ottawa friends among whom her name has long been a household word.

Christian friendships last beyond the tomb, yea, even throughout eternity; and so in the blessed hope we are comforted. Meanwhile Sister Genevieve's name is in benediction in our homes and in our hearts. May she rest in peace

A FORMER PUPIL.

REV. SISTER MARY, GOOD SHEPHERD Ottawa Journa

Rev. Sister Mary of the Good Shepherd, nee Bridget Conway, died of pneumenia at the City Hospital, Ogdensburg, N. Y., on February 10, after a short illness. The Reverend Sister was born in

Ottawa, of an old and highly respected family and was, at the time of her death, sixty eight years of age, forty-six of which she had spent as member of the Grey Nuns' Community, thus making a long honorable, meritorious career de voted to the work of teaching and to

the sacrifices of a religious life.

She had been stationed successively at Buffalo, Lowell, Haverhill, Ogdensburg, where her zeal and devotedness will be remembered with gratitude

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Catherine Coulter, and by four nephews and a niece, namely, the Hon. Charles, Mesers. John, Henry and Edward and Miss Minnie Murphy. Judge Latchford, of Tor-onto is likewise a cousin of the

Sister Mary Good Shepherd was buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Ottawa, from the Mother House of the Order, Water St.

THOMAS L. HAWKINS

The remains of the late Thos. Leo Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mich. Hawkins, of Bogart, whose demise occurred at Hotel Dieu, Montreal, on Wednesday, Mar. 26th, were brought to the home of his parents on Taurs-day last from whence the funeral took place the following day. n High Mass was celebrated at St. Carthagh Cnurch by Rev. Father Quinn at 10 a.m. and in honor to the departed who was studying for the priesthood at the time of his demise, the body remained in state in the church until 2.30 o'clock p. m. after which the funeral cortege proceeded to Stoco where the remains were placed in the vault to await

The deceased was twenty-five years of age. He began his college days at the Ottawa University in 1913, which he attended for some time. He after-wards attended St. Michael's College, Toronto, and for the past two years was a student of the Seminary of Philosophy, Montreal, at which institution his illness occurred.

The cause of death was pleura.

pneumonia resulting from an attack

The Rev. Father Gagon, of the Seminary, and Rev. Father Mc-Donagh, of Merrickville, were pres ent at the obsequies.

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McNamara.—At Hawtrey, Wednesday, March 26, 1919, John B. McNamara. Interment at Catholic Cemetery, La Salette, Ont. May his soul rest in peace.

LOUGHLIN.-At Belmont, Lot 16 P. E. J., on January 28rd, 1919, George Autony, aged one year and nine months, son of Peter Loughlin. Loughlin. - At Belmont, Lot 16, P. E. I., on January 25tb, 1919, Mary Catherine, beloved wife of Peter Loughlin. May her soul rest in

FITZGERALD. - At her late residence, 222 Turner St., Ottawa, on luesday morning, Dec. 10, 1918, Philomene Gauthier, relict of the late Patrick Fitzgerald, aged eighty-one years. May her soul rest in peace.

leasant pathways radiant with new gbt and beauty.

Sister Genevieve was an ardent wife of Patrick W. Molloy, daughter wife of Patrick W. M bons, St. Vincent, aged thirty years. May her soul rest in peace.

McDonald. At Arnprior, Ont., on Thursday, March 20, 1919, Donald Hugh McDonald, aged seventy-six years. Interment at St. Finnan's Cemetery, Alexandria, Ont. May his soul rest in peace.

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