FOREIGN MISSION NEWS LETTER

A NEW WAY TO BECOME A SISTER The catechist visited Father Byrne, one of the American Missionaries in Korea, simply to put a question to him. The question was this:

this:
"If a good little girl cuts off her
good little finger, so as to become a
Sister, can she become a Sister?"
The good little girl had not asked

The good little girl had not asked the question first. No, she sawed off the good little finger first. The idea in her stoical little head seems to have been: "If I can't stand the pain of cutting off my finger, I am not worthy to become a Maryknoll Sister. Sisters must make many great sacrifices—I must see if I have courage enough to make a sacrifice."

Well, she had courage enough to

Well, she had courage enough to cut off the little finger of her left hand, and moreover, she did it with

a dull knife. The catechist's question could not be answered there and then—but the missionary sent for the miss of thirteen years; told her to be a better little girl, to wait patiently for a few years, and, meanwhile not to disturb any more of her digits, as they might come in handy later

ANOTHER QUEER ONE

A little Korean boy of ten, a pagan, comes to church regularly. His father disapproved most forcibly: "Every time you go to church you get a beating from me," was the parental ultimatum.

WARSAW'S ANGEL OF MERCY

Before Sister Elizabeth entered Before Sister Elizabeth entered religion she was the Countess Czacka, a young and refined member of the nobility, engaged to a nobleman and the marriage-day actually fixed. Then an accident occurred which the world called a tragedy. Horse-back riding was the favorite sport of the Countess, and one day the horse she was riding bolted, throwing her violently to the ground.

When consciousness returned, she was in a hospital with her eyes tightly bandaged; and when she was well enough to bear the news, the doctors pronounced her doom: she was totally and permanently

She was then just twenty-two, and resolved to devote her life to God in the service of the blind. She first learned to read raised writing, and then gathered other blind girls into her father's house and taught them. Soon the community grew too large and extra accommodation had to be provided. Then the Countess entered a convent and in due course was professed. Shortly after with the consent and blessing of the Holy See, she founded a new order of Sisters to care for the

Today, the young Foundress may be seen in the streets of Warsaw gathering the blind together, an unforgettable scene—the blind leading the blind; begging money from door to door to feed and clothe them; selling the baskets and other articles she teaches them to make; and conducting the entire business of her new Order. No wonder the people call her "Saint Elizabeth."

out the city alon and unattended, but whenever she steps from the foot-path to cross the busy street, all traffic stops to give undisputed right of way to War-saw's Angel of Mercy.

THE TOWN IN THE DISTANCE

The beauty and charm of the scenery in China add a refreshing touch to the missionary's journeys, for instance, Father Galvin writes: "Ahead of us to the west, thirty miles away, we could see the temples of the city of Anlu glistening in the sun. Bélow us spread the rich fertile plain, one maze of little plots of rice and wheat and vegetation in endless variety. The country here is densely covered with little villages nestling in the groves. Each village shelters a family or clan, all together farming the neighboring land. Every avail-able inch is cultivated, and as no



supporting.

"The little villages themselves as they lie far away in the distance or nearer the foothills present a quaint appearance with their slate coloured tiles and white walls peeping through the green groves tinted with cherry blossoms."

TURK PRIEST LECTURES IN ROME The Holy Father is keenly interested in the conversion of the Mussulmans, and expressed a wish

that Missionaries entrusted with the task of preaching the Gospel to them, be given an opportunity of studying closely their language, religion, customs and manner of thought.

In compliance with the Popels wish, a priest who is a native Turk, has come to Rome from Aix-en-Provence to give a course of lectures on Moslem doctrines in the Pontifical Oriental Institute.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUES

From October 22 to 23th will be held in Rome the 6th Triennial Congress of the International Union of Catholic Women's Leagues. Delegates of forty different nationalities will be in attendance, over a degree height from the countries of family razor strop is getting wan and worn, and pa's right arm must be rather tired of the floggings administered to little Junior with such regularity and exactness. sorship in cinemas and theatres, posters, advertising; reform in vomen's dress and many other sub-

jects.

Miss Margaret Fletcher, of Oxford, author and lecturer, will give an address on "The Family and Christian Society." Princess G. Bandini, a member of one of the Commissions of the League of Nations, will give an account of the activities of that body. The C. W. L. of England will bring before the meeting a resolution leading to the establishment of an international secretariat within the Union having secretariat within the Union having for its work the betterment of conditions affecting emigrants and their proper enlightenment as to the requirements of the different countries open to them, as well as follow-up work once they are settled. The Catholic Women's League representing a country which receives many immigrants, has been asked to second this resolution which will be done by Mrs. John McMartin, of Montreal, who is attending the Congress as voting delegate for Canada. The meetings will be presided over by Mme Steenberghe-Engeringh, of Holland and His Eminence Cardinal Merry del Val, Cardinal Protector of the will be present at all sessions.

CATHOLIC TRUTH SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 8TH IS CATHOLIC TRUTH SUNDAY IN

explanation of the aims, methods, and then died.

Truth Society, and, in certain cases, it is very probable that some of the noble Polish fan Pastors may exchange pulpits on

olics are more curious about the Catholic Faith today than ever before. All the splendid publicity that has been given to Holy Year all these great pilgrimages to Rome
—the universal devotion to the
Holy Father — could not but
heighten in non-Catholic minds the unique position of the Pope. This position of the Pope became very evident during the World War and the Modernist-Fundamentalist conflict must have proven to many the absolute need of a divinely constituted Authority in matters of faith

Hence it is very obvious that hundreds of thousands of earnest men and women the world over are searching for a rock on which to

we know this from the reception given to a series of paid advertisements which appeared recently in a Pittsburg paper explaining the doc-trines of the Catholic Church and from the great interest shown in the broadcasting done from St. Louis of short explanations of Cath-olic belief.

For further evidence we have the tremendous expansion of the Cath-olic Truth Society in England and corresponding with it, the enormous increase in conversions to the Cath-olic Faith—the result of a holy

Then there is the movement in the Church of England towards submission to the Holy See. It is not too much to say that outside the Catholic Church there is a yearning for the Truth and if those inside the Church have a spark of generosity they will light the path of the searcher.

Too many Catholics are satisfied to sail through life in comparative safety on the barque of Peter and

and distortion that has been flung against the Church for centuries.

It is a body of laymen. It does not seek controversy. It simply makes it easy for a timid non-Catholic soul to find an answer to any question of faith without applying opening to any person. openly to any person.

The Catholic Truth Society, Mon-

The Catholic Truth Society, Mon-treal branch, has just published a little pamphlet a copy of which can be secured from The Catholic Truth Society, 660 Union Ave., Montreal.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, November 8.—The Feast of the Holy Relics. Some non-Catholics regard the veneration which the Church pays to relics of the Saints as sinful and contend that this pious practice is merely a remnant of paganism. On the contrary, as decided at the Council of Trent, the bodies of the martyrs and saints who were living members Salette, Ont., aged seventy-three. of Jesus Christ and temples of the Holy Ghost, are entitled to the honor of the faithful.

Monday, November 9.-St. The odoro Tyro, martyr, was a soldier in the imperial army in his youth but when his superior officer ordered that all Christians should sacrifice to the pagan gods, he refused. The commander tried to win him over with gentleness and allowed him to remain at liberty. When this plan failed and Theodore had publicly manifested his contempt for the pagan deities, he was seized and tortured, and finally burned to

Tuesday, November 10. - St. Andrew Avellino, when he was thirty-six years old joined the Theatine Order. He suffered for fifty years from a most painful injury but refused to use a carriage to relieve his sufferings. On the last day of his life he arose to say Mass but was stricken at the altar. While he was convulsed in agony, Satan in visible form approached to seize his soul. Then while his brethren prayed and wept the voice of Mary was heard bidding the Saint's guardian angel send the tempter back to hell. A calm and holy smile settled on the features of the dying man of God and he breathed forth his soul.

Wednesday, November 11.-St. Martin of Tours, when only a boy became a Christian catechumen in defiance of the wishes of his parents. In 372 he became Bishop of Tours. His flock, though Christian in name was still pagan in heart. The Saint went unarmed and attended only by his monks and destroyed the eathen temples and groves. Then by his preaching and miracles he completed the conversion of his people. The last eleven years of his life were spent in humble toil to atone for his faults.

Thursday, November 12.—St. Martin, Pope, sat on the Papal Throne from 649 to 655 He incurred the enmity of the Byzantine Court by his opposition to the Mon-othelite heresy and was seized and taken on board a ship bound for Constantinople. After three months at sea he was landed on the island of Naxos and there held in confine-MONTREAL

The pulpits of every Englishspeaking Catholic Parish in Montreal will, on November 8th, be
devoted exclusively to a thorough

Friday, November 18.—St. Stanislas Kostka, was a member of a noble Polish family. He studied in the Jesuit College of Vienna and that day to attract greater attention to the importance which they attach to this laymen's movement.

It is very obvious that non-Cath-like is very obvious that non-Cath-like is represented by the state of the second of the se to leave Vienna and enter the novi-tiate at Rome. He lived there only ten months, dying as he had prayed he might, on the feast of the Assumption, 1568, at the age of only seventeen.

Saturday, November 14.-St. Didacus, was a native of Spain, born in the middle of the fifteenth century. He entered the Order of

farm is more than an acre in extent, these thrifty peasants must plant a variety of crops in little plots— everything in fact that they need for themselves and their families. For this remote region is almost entirely cut off from the outside world and must, therefore, be self-

MARRIAGE

Lessard-O'Brien.—In St. Joach-im's Church, Edmonton, by Rev. Father Tavernier, on October 5th, 1925, Ethel O'Brien, youngest daughter of Mrs. O'Brien and the late P. O'Brien of Ottawa, to John L. Lessard, of Athabasca, Alberta.

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