OBITUARY

BROTHER MARCELLIAN

At the close of a well-spent life of fifty-three years as a Christian Brother, fortified by the consolations of the Church and surrounded by his Brothers in religion, Brother Marcellian died on the feast of the Holy Rosary, October 7th. His obsequies were attended by relatives, many brothers, including the directors of the principal communities of the District of Montreal. Brother Marcellian exercised the functions of his long apostolate in several of the Canadian cities. His superiors having early recognized his final natural abilities and his fitness for academic work, confided to him many important positions. During fifteen years he taught French and English and Commercial subjects in the Bishop's Academy, and was director of the institution for several of those years. In Ottawa and Quebec also he did some excellent work; was head teacher of academy in the latter city for several years. Many of the successful business men of Montreal were his pupils whose good fortune it was to have come under his personality in their youthful days. The eternal presence of God, a deep spirit of faith, kindness and consideration for every person, especially for the members of his brotherhood and a tender, child-like devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary were the leading characteristics of the deceased. R. I. P.

(For the CATHOLIC RECORD)

THE ROSARY

The rosary is sweet, each bead,
It voices every heartfelt need,
It rings in heaven a tiny bell
Each time a bead is pondered well;
Each time we ask, each time we pray
And in the gloaming of the day,
And up, high up to heaven's bars
It presses on among the stars,
Each bead a ship to waft our prayers,
A tiny ship God's ocean bears
Among the myriad ships that go
Across the twilight sea; e'en so.
Ah sweet it is to gather round
A mother's knee, a joy profound,
And soft intoning join at e'en
Some happy little prayerful scene,
A father's voice so strong and true
With eyes fixed on the deepening blue
As if to scan the ships of prayer
That ply the ether high o'er there;
How sweet his mind, how wrapt his ear
As if those tiny bells to hear.
Ah, rounds of trials and loads of cares
Go floating heavenward unawares
From aged hearts and eager lips
If telling God in these wee ships!
A tiny bell in heaven there rings
When mortals count their rosary strings.

—DR. JAMES HENDERSON

IRELAND AND THE ROSARY

One of the most consoling virtues emphasized during Ireland's great fight for liberty is its confident faith in God, its religion and power of prayer. Adversity, bloodshed, and persecution have only strengthened the bonds which bind it to the feet of its Creator. One Catholic editor has eulogized his faith in the following tribute: The world does not understand the Irish people. This is not strange; oil and water will not mix. But do we ourselves quite understand them? Do we sit at their feet and learn the lesson they teach us? Here is a people that have ever walked with God; to whom it is reputed as a fault that their centre of gravity is in another phant. Here is a people who have suffered as no other people have suffered, and have emerged triumphant. Here is a people who never despaired in the dark night of defeat, but who have always looked forward with hope to the dawn of a tomorrow. Other nations went down before lesser odds and bowed to what they deemed the inevitable; but Ireland refused to be broken on the wheel, or to be cajoled by soft words. Why the difference? If God be with us, who shall be against us? The Irish people survive in all their spiritual strength and national consciousness because they had learned Christ and Him crucified. They lifted their bleeding backs and saw beyond Calvary the glory of the Resurrection. There is a lesson for us in all this—the lesson that if we but keep right with God, all will be well with us in the end. And, when other peoples fell by the wayside, how did the people of Ireland succeed in retaining their soul? Because they kept close to Mary. An apostate Queen might set a price upon the head of the priest, but she could not snatch the brown Beads from Irish hands; education might be made a felony, but Mary proved a better teacher than the University dons. All through the centuries, Ireland kept close to Mary Sometimes the hands that held her Beads were weak from hunger and privation; sometimes the lips that murmured the Aves were blanched from suffering. But Mary heard the broken accents and she comforted them in their sorrows. The miracle of Ireland is explained by the Rosary. Let us learn this lesson that Catholic Ireland preaches in trumpet tones. Let us learn to say the Rosary often and to say it well.

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If we have been careless in the past, let us begin now in this month of the Rosary.—Catholic Transcript.

QUEEN VISITS OLD ABBEY OF ARBROATH

Edinburgh.—A good many recollections of ancient Scottish Catholic history have been turned over during the past week. The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Mary, paid a visit to the ancient Abbey of Arbroath, which has been immortalized by the poem of the Abbot of Aberbrothock and the warning bell which he placed on a dangerous rock.

The Abbey of Arbroath is now mostly in ruins, though part of it is used as a dwelling house. But in the ruins of the church the tomb of its founder, King William the Lion, is still to be seen, and in the old sacristy there is still preserved the King's heart and a number of manuscripts composed by the monks of Arbroath.

Brahan Castle, where the members of the British Cabinet stayed prior to their visit to Inverness, was built by a great Highland chieftain, Colin Mackenzie, who was created Earl of Seaforth by King James VI. of Scotland, who succeeded Elizabeth on the throne of England as James I.

During the Civil War between Charles I. and the Parliamentarians the Lords of Brahan rallied the members of the Seaforth clan on the royalist side. James II. the last Catholic King of England, raised the fourth Earl of Seaforth, one Kenneth Mackenzie, to the rank of a Marquess, and he accompanied James to Ireland, where he fought at his side at Derry. In the later attempts to restore the Catholic Stuart monarchy the Seaforths came out on the Jacobite side, and at the great rising of 1715 the Lord of Seaforth brought three thousand men of his clan to take the Stuart side.

On the collapse of the Jacobite cause the head of the Mackensies fled to France. Descendants of the family are still to be found domiciled in France, and one of them, a Catholic Bishop, is Vicar Apostolic of a territory in Northern Africa.

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DIED

McIVOR.—At Kinkora, P. E. I., Aug. 30, 1921, Peter McIvor, aged eighty-two years. May his soul rest in peace.

VERSLEGERS.—At the family residence, Gurd Township, District of Parry Sound, on October 1st, 1921, Henry Verslegers a native of Maaysek, Province of Limburg, Belgium, in his eighty-seventh year. May his soul rest in peace.

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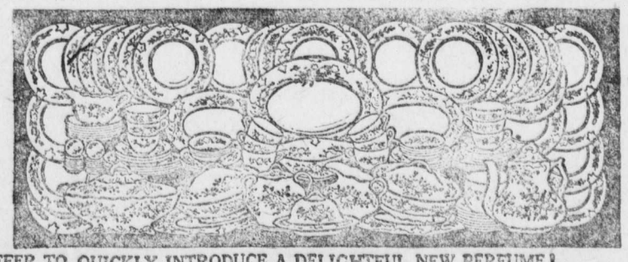

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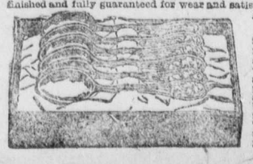

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