

FOREIGN MISSION NEWS LETTER

PATIENCE OF CHINESE

"One thing that impressed me again and again," writes a missionary, "was the easy manner in which Chinamen dispense with many of the comforts of life. Some carpenters were doing work in the Mission. A few of them had no home in the city and were allowed to remain at the Mission. When night came they would take two or three of the boards that had been cut during the day and use them for a bed. They took off their jackets and folded them up to serve as a pillow, and then without any further preparation went to rest for the night."

NO HEALTH INSPECTOR

People in America may feel quite secure about the food they buy, due to pure food laws, inspection of meat and establish, etc. But this state of civilization has not yet reached China, or at least some parts of China. The Chinese do not believe in letting any food go to waste. If an animal, a chicken or a fish is found dead, they cook and eat it just as if it had been killed for that purpose.

Referring to this condition, a missionary relates the following: "One day when standing at the gate of the Mission, my attention was attracted by a man coming towards me dragging something. When near, it proved to be a dead pig that the man wanted to sell. What was my consternation to see him enter the very butcher shop that supplied the Mission with meat. For the next few days my relish for pork was not the greatest. I knew the butcher had other meat and hoped that we would miss that particular pig."

THE BURNED VILLAGE

Thaw, the best village of the district of Yado, Eastern Burma, which was giving such a good example of piety and generosity is a heap of ashes. A woman was cooking rice. She went out for a moment, and the hut was suddenly in flames. In a short time twenty-five houses of the village were destroyed. At the time of the disaster the people were working in the fields, an hour's distance. The cracking of the bamboo, the dense clouds of smoke, and the ashes brought by the wind soon told the poor laborers the news of the awful havoc that was raging.

The few women and boys at home, unable to stop the fire, ran into the woods, while poultry, pigs and other animals also flew away in fright. When the men came at last from the fields, they found nothing but a smoking heap of ashes. Work tools, stores of food, blankets, clothing, all were gone. The 25 families now have not even a shed under which to sleep.

The zealous catechist of the village came last. He bore with resignation the loss of his house and personal effects, but when he saw his beloved little chapel in ruins, he cried like a child. Then he addressed his Christians: "We must resign ourselves to the will of God. We shall live in the woods and sleep on the ground, just as the hermits of old did. They had riches and left them for God's sake. God has taken our miserable things. May His Will be done!"

This story reveals in striking manner the uplifting power of the new Faith which had come to these natives. It gave them a supernatural strength to bear misfortune such as this in a heroic and inspiring way. From the depths of the woods their prayers and hymns must have gone straight to God, Who had been pleased to prove them in such a way.

GREATER LOVE THAN THIS

Three lepers found their way to the Catholic Church in South Rhodes. All of them were baptized at the mission and two have already exchanged this miserable world for a better. They were real beggars for they were driven away by their own kin to die where and how they chose. But the charity of the Catholic Mission welcomed them.

The first was Joseph. His whole body was full of wounds, discharging constantly and poisoning the air around him. He often came to Mass on Sundays and was allowed

to go to the Sisters' chapel to receive Holy Communion. One could not remain long in his presence without becoming nauseated. The priest and Sister Julia had the privilege of visiting the kral the day after his death. He was not yet buried. A hole had been made some distance from the old hut, but nothing else was done. After much persuasion the good missionaries induced some men to carry him to the pit, tied with bark to two poles. The priest performed the last rites of the Church over that poor body, and then covered his remains assisted by Sister Julia. For the natives were afraid of infection. Is it any wonder that missionaries attract souls to the Catholic Church, with such sublime examples of heroism.

DIOCESAN CONGRESS

THE ORDER OF THE SARNIA EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1925

On the day previous at the Church of Our Lady of Mercy and at St. Joseph's Church. 8.30 p. m.—Confessions. 7.30 p. m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions. On the day of the Congress at both churches.

6.00 a. m.—Low Mass and Holy Communion. 7.30 a. m.—Low Mass and Holy Communion. At the Church of Our Lady of Mercy.

10.30 a. m.—Pontifical High Mass in open air.

Celebrant, The Right Rev. Bishop of London. Assistant priest, The Very Rev. Dean Downey, Windsor. Deacons of Honor, Rev. Gilbert Pitre, Stoney Point; Rev. John A. Rooney, Windsor.

Deacon of the Mass, Rev. Joseph A. Cook, Wallaceburg. Subdeacon of the Mass, Rev. John Fogarty, Windsor.

Master of Ceremonies and other Officers, Rev. L. M. Forristal and the Seminary, London. Preacher, Rev. R. H. Dignan, Chatham.

Immediately after the Pontifical Mass.

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, during which the church bells ring, and hymns are sung by the children and members of societies, and the beads recited led by Rev. Wilfrid J. Langlois, Riverside.

Cross-bearer, Rev. J. A. Jordan, Stratford.

Canopy-bearers, Rev. Maurice Sullivan, Chatham; Rev. J. G. Labelle, Corunna; Rev. J. P. Gleeson, Leamington; Rev. E. Goetz, Seaford.

The Blessed Sacrament remains exposed in the church all day.

2.30 p. m.—Priest's Conference. Chairman, His Lordship the Bishop of London. The Priest and the Holy Eucharist, Rev. T. P. Hussey. Discussion led by Rev. Fathers F. X. Laurendeau, A. P. Mahoney.

2nd Paper.—The Influence of the Eucharist in the Education of the Young, Rev. H. J. Pocock. Discussion led by Rev. Fathers J. Brennan, L. Marchand.

3rd Paper.—Communion and Confession, Rev. I. Poisson. Discussion led by Rev. Fathers Joseph Emery, F. J. Odrowski.

4.00 p. m.—Visit of the children of the city to the Blessed Sacrament. Sermon by Rev. J. B. Ffolkes, D. C. L.

7.30 p. m.—Holy Hour. Beads. Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart. Five Pater Aves for Intentions of Our Holy Father the Pope. Celebrant at Benediction, Right Rev. D. O'Connor, V. G.; Deacon, Rev. J. G. Labelle; Subdeacon, Rev. T. McCarthy.

Sermon by Right Rev. M. F. Fallon, D. D. Assistants to the Bishop, Rev. E. Doe, Rev. D. Brisson. Historian, Rev. F. Powell. Te Deum.

IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WESTERN FAIR

Since the last Exhibition the Western Fair Association has put forth every effort to improve conditions in all departments for the 1925 Exhibition, which gives promise of surpassing all previous successes.

Many improvements have been made by altering the layout of the grounds and removing a number of buildings, thus providing excellent accommodation for all outside exhibits and amusements. The buildings have also been greatly improved, especially for Live Stock accommodation. A number of new buildings have been provided with the most excellent and modern stabling to be found in the country. The comfort of Exhibitors has also been taken care of by providing excellent sleeping quarters adjoining, but entirely separate, from the Live Stock buildings.

Other important alterations and improvements have been made which will add greatly to the comfort and convenience of the large crowds attending throughout the week.

Monday, Sept. 14th, will be Children's Day, when children under twelve years of age from all parts of Ontario will be admitted free.

People from the rural communities and towns and cities will find it to their advantage to attend on Children's Day with their families. All exhibits will be at

their best, and the Exhibition Board, as well as the exhibitors in all departments, are making a special effort to provide everything that can be desired for the instruction and amusement of the children.

General admission to the Exhibition will be 25c. Strip tickets of five admissions for \$1.00 are also on sale and may be secured up to September 9th. With the special railway rates and special admission rates prevailing, the Exhibition authorities are making arrangements to handle capacity crowds each day.

ADVENTUROUS PILGRIMAGE

London, Eng.—Some Americans in Constantinople have started out on an adventurous pilgrimage to Rome on foot over the route traveled by the Saracens of old, according to a message received here by the Daily Express.

Mr. Edmund I. Ciemiński, who is attached to the American embassy at Constantinople, is one of the pilgrims, and the others are members of diplomatic corps and missions to the Near East. They are all Catholics.

The long march is expected to take at least a month. The pilgrims will travel simply, and it is stated they hope to be received by the Pope at the end of their journey.

The pilgrims will skirt the Sea of Marmora and go through the wildest regions of Bosnia and Albania, heading toward Trieste.

The journey through Albania is likely to furnish excitement. Not only is the country mountainous and the roads precipitous, but there still remain many outlaw bands in the mountainous regions whom the authorities have never been able to subdue. Numerous tales of slaughter, robbery and capture for ransom have come from the Albanian mountains.

OBITUARY

MOTHER M. PHILIPPA, I. B. V. M.

On Saturday, August 1st, at Loretto College, Brunswick Ave., Toronto, occurred the death of Mother M. Philippa, after a protracted illness borne with remarkable patience and cheerfulness. Thoughtful for others and grateful for the slightest service, her last words before the fatal attack, were an expression of appreciation for a mark of friendship. During her thirty years of religious life Mother Philippa had had wide experience as a teacher in Chicago, at Niagara Falls, at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., where she had charge successively of the school and the Community, in her native city of Guelph, and for the last three years at Loretto College School, Toronto. Hers was a spirit that went out to the individual in interest and sympathy, and her influence over her pupils was unusually profound and enduring. Many will regard her death as a personal loss. Devotedly attached to the vocation of a Christian educator, constant sufferings caused little interruption in her teaching career, and in her death the Institute loses not only a loved and valued member, but an efficient instructor.

Mother Philippa was the daughter of the late Mr. Peter Mahon, of Aberfoyle. She is survived by four brothers: Mr. William Mahon, of Alberta; Mr. Thomas Mahon, of Guelph; Mr. John Mahon, barrister-at-law, of Toronto, and Mr. Joseph Mahon, late of St. Michael's College, Toronto; and three sisters: Mrs. J. O'Connor, of Blythe, California; Mrs. Halon and Miss Margaret Mahon of Guelph.

The funeral took place on Monday, August 3rd, at 10 o'clock, from Loretto College chapel, where Requiem High Mass was sung by Rev. John E. Burke, C. S. P. Present in the sanctuary were: Rev. O. Cushing, C. S. B.; Rev. Father Casserly, C. S. P.; Rev. W. E. Hopper, C. S. P.; Rev. H. Carr, C. S. B.; Rev. P. Coyle; Rev. J. McGrand; Rev. Father Cormie, S. J.; Rev. A. Malone, C. S. P.; Rev. Father Hanlon; Rev. Father O'Neill; Rev. Basil Doyle, C. S. P.

Interment took place at Mount Hope Cemetery, Father Hanlon, cousin of the deceased nun, officiating, assisted by Rev. John E. Burke, Rev. W. E. Hopper and Rev. Father Casserly. R. I. P.

AMERICAN MARTYRS HONORED

Auriclesville, N. Y., August 21.—More than ten thousand persons took part in the ceremonies here yesterday on the occasion of the fortieth annual Albany diocesan pilgrimage to the spot where Father Isaac Jogues and his companions, Goupil and Lalonde, were put to death by the Indians. The Albany pilgrimage proper consisted of two thousand persons, accompanied by the Right Rev. Edmund F. Gibbons, Bishop of the Diocese.

Bishop Gibbons celebrated the Pontifical Mass and delivered the sermon in which he called upon the clergy and laity of his diocese to assist in the project of erecting a suitable shrine chapel here. The bishop also suggested that action be taken to have Lake George re-christened "Lake Jogues" in honor of the missionary, who is believed to be the first white man to have seen its waters.

The Rev. Francis A. Breen, S. J., resident pastor of the shrine here, was honored by a group of Iroquois

Indians from the Caughnawaga reservation, Canada, as a part of the ceremonies Sunday. Following out the ritual which was ancient when Father Jogues and his companions were martyred, these modern descendants of the aborigines conferred upon Father Breen the rank of the Chief of the Iroquois, with the title of "Chief Big Horn."

Addressing the great throng which had come to attend the ceremonies, the Rev. John J. Wynne, S. J., told of the beatification ceremony in Rome last May at which Father Jogues, Goupil and Lalonde were declared Blessed.

IRISH BACHELORS FACE REDUCTION

Dublin, Ireland.—A startling innovation is understood to be contemplated in the Irish Free State Civil Service. Unmarried men entering the Service are to have only the same pay as the women of their grade. On marriage the men will receive a lump sum as bonus, and will be entitled to an immediate increase of salary. Women of the lower grades must retire on marriage, but it is intended in future to give each of them an appreciable dowry.

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