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IN APRIL

BY UNCLE AUSTIN.

Oh I love the gladness April time, When beauteous Spring is in her prime, And the birds, all back from the Southern clime. Upraise their tuneful voices; When the brooks, released from their icy thrall, Rush down their courses in good-humored brawl; When the great big snail raindrops fall, And the whole wide world rejoices. Oh I love the month when the flowers peep From out the beds where they've lain asleep. And the green leaves swift o'er the bare trees creep, Their unsightly boughs to cover; When the breeze blows soft as an angel's sigh, When the sun laughs down from a bright blue sky, And Nature's spirits are brimming high, Oh! yes, I'm an April lover. -Ave Maria.

APRIL WISDOM.

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In the Land of the One.

Father McVeigh, speaking upon some of his experiences and those of other priests in the efforts to Christianize the Chinese, said in a recent interview with a representative of the press at New Orleans, that a difficult task was in store for all who made the effort even to the present time. He drew a picture of the mass-acre in China, from which he had escaped, at which two priests, ten Sisters of Charity, including Sister O'Sullivan of Syracuse, N. Y., and 300 of the orphaned children under the care of the Sisters, were killed. One of the priests was cut down at the altar, and the other had just time to pronounce a final absolution when he was killed, the congregation slain, the church burned and the victims' blood thirly savaged the hearts of the slain while still warm. The sacrifice of those people, said the Father, was only an incentive for the missionaries to become stronger. At that time there was a total tally of 3,000, three bishops, twenty priests and ten members of religious orders, but at the present time the force was thirty bishops, 600 missionaries, 1,000 members of religious orders, and more than 2,500,000 converts. The general impression in this country was that there was not much sincerity about the reformation of the Chinese, that for the least persuasion they would drift back to the old beliefs. That was not the fact; when the priests took hold of a convert he was held on probation for six months and taught in the Catholic schools; he had to become a convert of willingness in all sincerity, and know just what he was doing.

"We missionaries in China," Father McVeigh said, "who have to struggle along on \$125 per annum, necessarily have a hard time of it, but, hard as it is, there are many environments. We have to be match-makers for the Chinese as well as priests; we must also be physicians. Often has a young man come to me and asked me to find him a wife. There is no advance courtship. The young man tells how much land he has, and if I know of a suitable girl, I manage to bring them together. The woman has a sad life there. She is the absolute slave, and may not possess anything after marriage. The husband is at liberty to take as many wives as he pleases. No, there is no jealousy; there would be no use for it; the husband is the master, and he places them all on an absolute equality by buying all of the household needs himself, not even giving them a cent for pin-money. Should any of them annoy him, he is free to divorce them at will, or sell them. With such environments you might know that material affection is wanting. In Peking alone last year, the workers of our Church rescued and saved more than 9,000 children who had been deserted by inhuman mothers and left to starve. Well, yes, it is a difficult task endeavoring to induce the natives to become cleanly. That is an unknown quantity with them, although some progress of that character is being forced on them gradually. The pigs and the dogs are the scavengers; all filth is thrown

on the streets and left for them to destroy. No other consequence could be expected but that there are disease and death the year round. "About the war with Japan! Well, really that was no war; it was a slaughter; the Chinese had no army to meet the Japanese. Yes, I was one of the followers of the Chinese in the battle. Those charged with the duty of maintaining the army of the Chinese were derelict. They had been given so much for the maintenance of an army, but when called upon there was an utterly insignificant army without the necessary arms or ammunition. The money had been squandered by those in authority. The authorities, knowing what was going on, stood upon any and all things for the rank, and sent them to the front without arms or any of the essentials, with the consequence that they were simply slaughtered. It was no credit for Japan to have defeated them so easily. It is the misfortune of China to have the most corrupt government on earth. It is a systemized blackmail. The emperor robs the mandarins, the mandarins rob the people, and the people naturally try to avoid paying the government anything. One governor whom I knew had been pocketing the pay of two thousand soldiers for ten years prior to the war. When called upon he furnished twenty horses and men, an inspector, who had been sent to report upon him, was bribed and then made drunk. The twenty horsemen were paraded before him again and again until he firmly believed he had seen the full quota."

"The Chinese people are, perhaps, the most obedient people on earth. If the empire is ever divided among the great powers they will not only become modernized, but great Christians. They are earnest in seeking after the truth. We have been hampered for want of funds over there. In a diocese embracing 500 by 100 miles we have an annual appropriation of \$1,000. The social life of the Chinese is something terrible. When a boy or girl wishes to show respect for a parent, instead of selecting some handsome gift as an American would do, a coffin is purchased for the family. This coffin is carefully preserved in the home. The average homes of the poorer classes are ten by ten feet. Should the father of the house die first his body is placed in the coffin, and it is exposed in the little courtyard back of the house. During the scorching heat of summer the stench that arises from the decomposing corpse is sickening and plague-breeding. Both body remains there until the wife dies, which may be in one, or not in twenty years. Then a separate coffin is used for the wife's remains, and both are buried side by side in a private burying-ground, which every family possesses. The Chinese wake is a great feast. They believe in a future existence, and a funeral, after refreshments have been served to all, and the mourners have shoked down their sobs with strong drink, they burn incense in honor of the deceased and in order to prevent the delay which acts as prosecuting attorney of the supreme tribunal, from saying too much, a sticky pudding is provided, of which the god is very fond so that when he eats, his teeth will be stuck together, and he can't talk at all. Father McVeigh has spent eighteen years in China, and is the only survivor of eighteen missionaries who entered the country. Ten of his companions were massacred, and seven died of typhoid fever, during the first year of their mission work. -Sacred Heart Review.

Apostleship of Prayer.

By a decree of the Sacred Congregation of most eminent and revered Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, presiding over the consultation of bishops and regulars, several very important changes have lately been effected in the organization known as the Apostleship of Prayer, in league with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These changes are in accordance with the new statutes given to this association under date of July 17th, 1896. The object of these statutes was to frame for the Apostleship of Prayer a constitution which would conform and confirm the various practices adopted by its members, and by giving it a more distinct form of organization, separate it clearly from every other pious association or confraternity. Henceforth the director general of the Apostleship of Prayer will be the general of the Society of Jesus, who will delegate as his assistant in the practical management of the association a father of that society, who is to reside in Toulouse, France, the headquarters of the Apostleship of Prayer for the world. Very Rev. L. Martin, the present general of the Society of Jesus, has deputed Rev. A. Drive, S. J., for this office. In order to facilitate his work in different countries of the world, he has designated the editors of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart as his chief agents for supplying diplomas of aggregation and the various publications of the association and for transmitting his official communications to the diocesan and local directors of their respective countries. With a view to making this great league of prayer more hierarchical in its char-

acter, a diocesan director will be appointed in each diocese to promote its interests and to assist the director general in meeting the increased demands which its rapid and extensive growth necessarily makes on his time and energy. The director for the Diocese of Philadelphia is Rev. James A. Doonan, S. J., of the Church of the Gesù, Seventeenth and Stiles streets. Applications for aggregation in this diocese must be made to him; applications of the Apostleship must be made, as formerly, to the central office, at the address given below.

As is well known, the Apostleship is a world-wide organization, so constituted that every Catholic, whether living in the world or in the cloister, may become a member of it, and that each one may take up just as few or as many of its pious practices as he may feel inclined to observe. It is propagated by aggregating together every form of Catholic congregation—parishes, schools, convents, societies and institutions of all sorts—the pastors or chaplains of which become local directors, with the power to admit members and extend to them all its spiritual advantages. The secret of its rapid and extensive growth is its organization of promoters, who act as the agents of its local directors not only for admitting members, but also for keeping them constant in the performance of their promises. There are now fifty-five thousand such aggregations, or local centres as they are called, in every part of the world, and it is estimated that at least twenty-five million souls take part in the practices of the Apostleship of Prayer. Of these at least three million are associates of the five thousand centres aggregated in the United States alone, since for the past ten years about three hundred and twenty-five thousand certificates of admission have been issued to the centres in this country. Add to this number the certificates of admission issued from the foundation of the work here in 1863; and those that are issued by the editor of the Messenger for the German-speaking parishes of the country and it will be found that our estimate is by no means excessive. About 100,000 promoters are actively engaged in promoting the practice of prayer and devotion to the Sacred Heart in this vast body.

The wonderful answers of prayers and the well-known fruits of piety and zeal that are manifest in every place in which league of prayer has been established will account for its popularity, and justify all the enthusiasm and labor of its local and diocesan directors. Marvellous as its growth has been in the past, the appointment of the diocesan directors will naturally increase that growth and infuse new life and spirit into all its work in the future. Instead of depending upon one or two chief promoters as formerly, when in most countries there were but one or two acting as central directors of the organization, there will now be as many active and special promoters as there are dioceses. Up to the present fifty of those diocesan directors, all zealous and experienced in the charge of the work, have been appointed and assumed active control in as many dioceses of this country. It is hoped that by the coming month a diocesan director will have been appointed to every one of the eighty-nine dioceses of the country. To assist their efforts and to act as intermediaries between them and the delegate director general in Toulouse, he has chosen those who were formerly central directors and who still remain as the editors of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart, the official organ of the Apostleship of Prayer; the editor of the English Messenger, Rev. John J. Wynne, S. J., having his headquarters at 27 and 29 West Sixteenth St, New York city, and the editor of the German Messenger, Rev. Maximilian Shafer, O. S. F., at 44 Calhoun St., Cincinnati, Ohio.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Avignon.

The following extracts are from a letter to the New York Evening Post:—"When one leaves the boat and drives up to the town, the first thing that strikes the eye is the old city wall, which is remarkably well preserved, as is comparatively few places have repairs been necessary. The gates are for the most part new, and the wall itself with its many towers is quite as interesting as the well known larger area of ground. The population within the walls is now only about half of what it was when Avignon was the seat of the Pope, and one thinks with mingled delight and regret of the gay spectacles the town must then have presented, in contrast to its modern grays and equalor. Now the streets are filled with working people, and the palace of the Pope itself is used as a barracks. "This palace is very imposing as one approaches it, and the visitor passes through the great gate and enters the large open court with a feeling of awe, so strong an impression of age does the pile of buildings give. It is, therefore, a sad disillusion to find everywhere swarms of soldiers in the very homely uniform of the modern French army. The palace still makes a strong fortress, for the walls in some places are as much as seventeen or eighteen feet thick. Still one wishes the modern soldierly

13 RUNNING SORES.

Mr. Stephen Wescott, Freeport, N.S., found (Burdock Blood Bitters) a wonderful blood purifier and gives his experience as follows: "I was very much run down in health and employed our local physician who attended me three months, finally my leg broke out in running sores with fearful burning. I had thirteen running sores at one time, from my knee to the top of my foot. All the medicine I took did me no good, so I threw it aside and tried B.B.B.; when one-half the bottle was gone, I noticed a change for the better, and by the time I had finished two bottles my leg was perfectly healed and my health greatly improved."

swept away, and the place left free to impress with its antiquity. "It is sad to go into the private chapel of the Pope, where, instead of frescoes on the ceiling by Simone Memmi, there are only decapitated figures, because one of the first commandants of the fortress wished to make a collection of heads wherewith to decorate his own chateau.

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STRENGTH CAME BACK.

The April case more rings with the strokes of his hammer.

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nerve have been very weak, my sleep fitful and disturbed by dreams, consequently I arose in the morning unrefreshed. I was frequently very dizzy and was much troubled with a mist that came before my eyes, my memory was often defective and I had fluttering of the heart, together with a sharp pain through it at times. In this condition I was easily worried and felt overworked and exhausted. Two months ago I began taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, since that time I have been gaining in health and strength daily. They have restored my nerves to a healthy condition, and now I sleep well and derive comfort and ease from it. That Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are a good remedy for Nervousness, Weakness, Heart Trouble and similar complaints goes without saying. Price 50c. a box at all druggists or T. Milburn & Co., Toronto, Ont.

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