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IN MEMORIAM

Reverend Sister St. Mary Georgina, of the Congregation de Notre Dame, died of pneumonia, in her convent at Inverness, Nova Scotia, on the 24th day of February, A. D. 1917, in the fifty-fourth year of her age.

This distinguished Religious had been the Mother Superior of the Inverness convent since its establishment twelve years ago. In the world she was known as Mary Josephine Clarke, daughter of Richard Joseph Clarke and Georgina Matthew of Orwell, Prince Edward Island. She entered her chosen religious Order at Montreal, September 14th, 1884, and was professed on November 23rd, 1886. Before coming to Nova Scotia she had been for years a capable music teacher in St. Patrick's Academy, Montreal, and Villa Maria Academy, New York. It was in Inverness, however, that all her beautiful gifts and qualities found their full and fruitful expression.

Inverness is a young, coal-mining town on the North West coast of Cape Breton Island. Like every active centre of industry, it has attracted "a mixed multitude" of divers races, creeds and conditions. It was not an easy task which was assigned to the late Sister St. Mary Georgina when she was commissioned to found a convent school in this newly incorporated town; but the task was accomplished with complete success and general satisfaction.

Besides being a pious and exemplary nun, Sister Mary Georgina was in many respects a rare woman, and in all respects a perfect lady. She was competent, kind, patient, cautious, charitable, and utterly devoted to her great work. Under her efficient supervision the convent at Inverness has risen, indeed, into a shining "Stella Maris" by name and by nature. This convent school is admittedly one of the most valuable assets of the town; it is, also, a public school, conforming conscientiously to the laws of Nova Scotia. It is conspicuously one of the most successful public schools in this part of the province. This is proved and emphasized, from year to year, by honest, actual, results.

But the highest and holiest work of this good woman was outside of the school duties. Every good cause found in her a willing helper. The little children and the poor were two leading objects of her tender solicitude.

All towns, and particularly mining towns, have their ups and downs, their alternate periods of prosperity and adversity. In times of industrial depression many good families fall into want, without any fault of their own. Such cases are usually concealed as much as possible; but the warm Christian heart of Sister Mary Georgina would discover them. She asked not whether they were Catholics or Protestants, or unbelievers without faith. Enough for her that they were the creatures of God in need. Often had she gone out, herself, alone, into the homes of the poor, with bread and other necessities which she knew they required. Of course, her means were limited. Bound by a vow of poverty, she was always constrained to say with the great Apostle, *pecunia non habes*; but what she did have she gave cheerfully, and without stint. We are well inclined to wonder how one woman, weak and poor, could give or so do much. St. Paul gives the all-sufficient explanation. "I can do all things in Him Who giveth me strength."

It was the dear delight of our departed Sister to be with the little children, guiding, leading, lifting them unto a love and knowledge of God. It was a joy for men and angels to see her preparing and presenting those brightly hosts of innocence for their first Holy Communion. And how the little ones did seem to love her! How they seemed to hang upon her every word and wish, as if every throbbing little heart was silently ejaculating: "Mother Mary, Mother mine, show thyself, indeed, a Mother!"

To our human way of thinking, our good and gentle Sister was called away too soon. In the natural course of things there would be many years of useful work ahead of her, and the world had need of such as she. Yes; but He who gives and takes life does all things well, and knows just

how and when to do them. Moreover, the measure of a Life consists not in years, but in service; and in that respect our dear, departed friend had, in a brief span, fulfilled a long life. Very justly, we, who loved her and remain, feel the bitter pang of the separation. Yet, we do not mourn as those without hope. We firmly believe and humbly pray that our good and noble Sister has but passed away from the sorrows of Time into the glories of Eternity. May she intercede for us before the white throne of God!

"Heureuse l'Epouse de Jesus-Christ qui laissera derriere elle le parfum de l'edification et de la vertu."

Strathlorne, N. S., March 17th, 1917.

JAMES GREENAN

In the passing of Mr. James Greenan at the family residence, Glenelg St., Saturday evening, March 10, one of the best known residents of this section passed to his eternal rest, after an illness extending over a couple of years. The deceased was born in the township of Ops, seventy-nine years ago, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Peter Greenan, pioneer residents of the township. He resided in the township until about four years ago, when he took up residence in Lindsay.

The late Mr. Greenan was a man of exemplary character and sterling worth. He was the soul of honor, and although of a retiring disposition, was immensely popular and won the esteem and respect of a large circle of acquaintances, who will greatly regret his passing. He was a devout member of St. Mary's church, and his whole life was a benediction to all with whom he mingled.

At High Mass at St. Mary's church Monsignor Casey paid a warm tribute to the exemplary life of the deceased.

The late Mr. Greenan is survived by his sorrowing wife (Anne Murphy), three sons, Messrs. Peter and Patrick, (Ops) and Joseph, of Toronto, seven daughters, Mrs. D. Farrelly, of Ops township; Mrs. Michael O'Keefe, of Keene; Miss Julia, of Lindsay; Mrs. Fred Steinberg, and Miss Ethel Greenan, of Chapeau; Sister Perpetua, of Parry Sound and Sister Helen, of Douglas, Ont., members of St. Joseph's Community.

The funeral took place from the family residence, Glenelg St., to St. Mary's church, where Requiem Mass was chanted. The Requiem was sung by Very Rev. Dean McColl, rector of Immaculate Conception Church, East City, Peterboro, as deacon, Rev. Father Ferguson, of Warkworth, subdeacon, and Rev. Father Power, master of ceremonies. A large congregation was present and at the conclusion of the Mass the cortege proceeded to the Catholic cemetery.

The pallbearers were: Messrs. Peter, Patrick and Joseph Greenan, sons, and Messrs. Daniel Farrelly, Michael O'Keefe, of Keene, and Fred Steinberg, of Chapeau, sons-in-law of the deceased.—Lindsay Post, Mar. 14th.

THE TABLET FUND

Toronto, March 19, 1917.

Editor CATHOLIC RECORD: I thank you for giving space to the Appeal for the Tablet Fund for the Relief of the Belgians. So far I have received because of this appeal:

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If you would be good enough to acknowledge publicly these amounts in the columns of the RECORD I would be very grateful.

Respectfully yours,
W. E. BLAKE,
Pembroke Street,
Toronto.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Tagudin, Jan. 14, 1917.

Editor CATHOLIC RECORD, London:

Reverend Father: As you are editing a CATHOLIC RECORD, permit me to send you a record of some work done in a mission of the Far East, which is undergoing severe trials at the present time.

The name of our mission is Tagudin, a town of some 10,000 Christians, and at the same time the capital of a sub province numbering at least as many heathens. We are only two missionaries to take care of above mentioned Christians, and to spread the kingdom of God among the heathens scattered upon the province's area. It was in the year 1908 that the first Belgian fathers undertook the spiritual care of this people, and religion was rather slumbering in the hearts of most of the Christians. The father's first annual record gave account of 300 Communions distributed that year. With the grace of God 1916's record is a little more rejoicing to the missionary's heart, as we registered this year 58,000 Holy Communion distributed. Attendance at Mass becomes from year to year better and we have the pleasure to celebrate Sunday Mass before a crowded church. We celebrate two Masses every Sunday in order to satisfy to the place's need.

That is the good side of the medal; there is also a bad side, we may not insist upon; we better keep our mind aloft by looking at the possibilities of the future. The splendid success recorded owes next to heavenly grace to our Catholic schools in the town and surrounding burroughs, which number a school population of 1,500 pupils. The devout sex keep ahead of the movement towards good, and it is possible to reach within some years to the number of even 100,000 yearly Communions, provided we can reach the men and the youths in a more efficacious way. Therefore we plan to erect a patronate and at the same time a retreat house for men. The intermediate school for boys which has only its 5th grade should, furthermore, be completed by 6th and 7th grade. The same building should be used for all these purposes. One third of projected building is in existence, yet another is the schoolroom for the existent classes for boys. One thousand dollars should complete the whole building and make a starting point of a renewed devotion in our beloved mission.

WHY NOT VICTOR HUGO?

Writing to the editor of the New York Sun a correspondent answers with a most emphatic "yes" the question: "Is a lie ever justifiable?" For confirmation of this dogmatic utterance no allusion is made to any text of Holy Scripture, but a reference is given instead to one of Victor Hugo's novels: "Victor Hugo's heroic nun who lied to Javert in order to save Jean Valjean risked her immortal soul without flinching." Whence the correspondent concludes: "Expediency may condone many things which stern duty must weigh with the scales of justice." While there are circumstances, as Catholics know, under which a mental reservation may be justified, there are none under which a lie may ever be spoken. But Victor Hugo, as his admirer evidently implies, holds the opposite. Why not accept the novelist's opinion for our guidance? After all he has as much authority as Sacred Scripture, if, as modern Protestantism is inclined to believe, the Bible is the work of human genius only. What better commission than Victor Hugo had the Wittenberg preacher to oppose the Divinely appointed authority of the Church upon which Christ sent the Holy Spirit and to which He promised His own abiding presence, to keep it from error even to the consummation of time?

Separation from the one and only Church, founded upon Peter, is now showing results in the complete lack of any firm and correct standard of morality. Deprived of rudder and compass, modern civilization has been cast adrift and for many a day has been tossed from wave to wave of changing opinion. Why not accept Victor Hugo for its guide, as well as Luther, Calvin, Henry VIII, and all the rest?

Private interpretation, in place of the safe and certain interpretation of Divinely appointed authority, leaves no hope of even a personal and individual stability, since a man's views may change with each reading of the sacred text. There is no longer any possibility of distinguishing with certainty truth from error. Protestantism is a Babel of conflicting voices. No wonder men mistrust the Scriptures and deny their Divine inspiration. No wonder they mistake expediency for truth. No wonder they regard the standards of morality as changeable. Such are but the natural con-

I am just about to start a mission tour amongst the heathens of the sub-province. Once a month they receive the visit of the priest, and many come to hear the word of God. There are still more settlements it is impossible to reach for the moment; we only wait an opportunity to erect in a settlement a chapel with a rectory, hence the father would make his round trips and reach a valuable part of the heathen population. God grant that our wishes should be fulfilled, and may he find some benefactors to take the place of our friends of Belgium.

Respectfully yours in Jesus Christ,
CARLO DRESMET,
Catholic Priest,
Convento Tagudin, (M. P.)
Philippine Islands.

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LEE.—At Harrison's Corners, Ont., on February 25, 1917, Mr. Francis Lee. May his soul rest in peace.

CAYLEY.—In Lindsay, Ont., Feb. 27, 1917, Joseph Cayley, aged twenty-seven years. May his soul rest in peace.

MCCABE.—At Melancton, on Nov. 19th, 1916, Mr. James McCabe, aged seventy-seven years. May his soul rest in peace.

RAYMOND.—At St. Andrew's West, on February 13, 1917, Mrs. John Raymond, aged fifty-three years. May her soul rest in peace.

GREENAN.—In Lindsay, on Saturday, March 10th, 1917, James Greenan, aged seventy-nine years and four months. May his soul rest in peace.

MCCLOSKEY.—At Hamilton, Ont., on March 14, 1917, Mrs. Chas. McCloskey, (nee Sarah Doherty) late of Glasgow, Scotland, aged twenty-seven years. May her soul rest in peace.

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