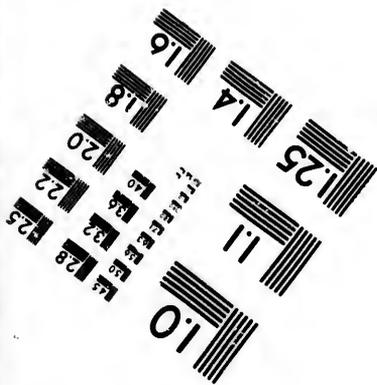
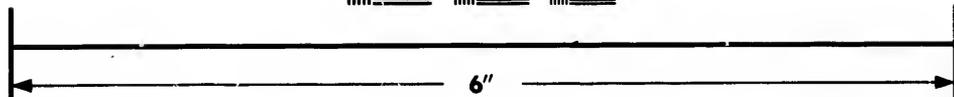
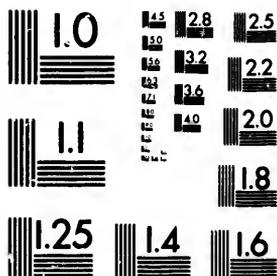


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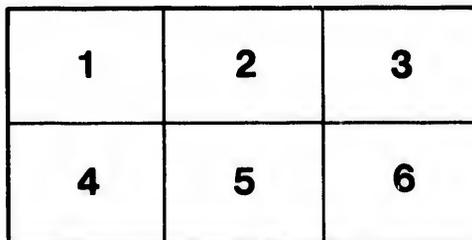
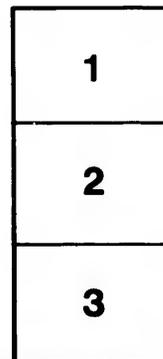
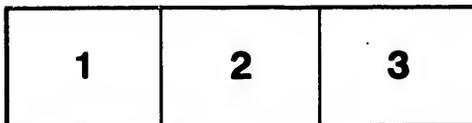
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THIS Religious and Charitable Association, called the ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH, recommended to the Clergy and people of this Diocess by a Pastoral Letter of the Right Reverend the Catholic Bishop of Quebec, dated 20th December, 1836, has for its object to assist with Prayers and Alms, the Missionaries sent to preach the Gospel, in extending and propagating the Catholic Faith, and enlightening with its Divine Light, the Indian Tribes of the remotest parts of this Diocess; and particularly those among them who are still buried in the darkness of Heathenism.

This pious Institution has likewise for its object, the establishment of Missions in various other parts of the Diocess of Quebec, among a large number of Catholics deprived of the benefits of Religion, and unable, through poverty, to provide for the maintenance of Preachers of the Gospel.

The Association for the Propagation of the Faith, as proposed in the Pastoral Letter adverted to, has

been authorised for the Diocese of Quebec, by an Apostolic brief of His Holiness Pope Gregory the XVI., dated 28th February, 1836.

The Association is composed of the Faithful of both sexes, whose conduct is such as to draw down the blessings of God upon the holy work which it has for its object. All persons joining it, enjoy the favors and privileges granted to a similar Institution established at Lyons, and several other Dioceses in France, within the last few years, by virtue of briefs from the Sovereign Pontiffs, Pius VII, Leo XII, Pius VIII, and Gregory XVI, the present Pope.

ADVANTAGES AND PRIVILEGES.

The advantages and privileges granted to the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, by the Sovereign Pontiffs, are :

I. A Plenary Indulgence, on the day of the Finding of the Holy Cross, the 3rd May, that day being the anniversary of the Institution of this Association.

II. A second plenary indulgence, on the 3rd December, the festival of St. Francis Xaverius, Patron of the Association.

III. A third plenary indulgence, once in each month. Each member is allowed to choose the day of this indulgence, provided he has repeated every day of the month, the prayers hereafter mentioned.

REMARKS.—1st. In order to secure these indulgences, it is necessary to confess, communicate, visit the Parish Church, and pray in it according to the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

[Confession may be made, the eve of the day on which it is desired to obtain the indulgence.]

2nd. Pope Leo XII, by a rescript of the 11th May, 1824, dispenses the sick or infirm members from visiting the Church, provided nevertheless that they accomplish, according to the best of their power, and in conformity with the advice of their confessors, the other conditions required.

IV. Besides the above, an indulgence of 100 days may be obtained at any time, when, with a contrite heart, the prayers of the Association are repeated, the prescribed alms, or other alms in favor of the Missions given, or some other work of piety or charity performed.

All these indulgences, granted by a brief of Pope Pius VII., dated 15th March, 1823, are applicable to the souls in purgatory.

OBLIGATIONS

To be complied with in order to obtain the Indulgences above mentioned.

I. Each member will repeat, once every day, the Lord's Prayer and the Angelical Salutation, with this invocation : *Saint Francis Xavier, pray for us*, for the purpose of drawing down the Divine blessing upon the Priests who devote themselves to the service of the Missions ; upon their labors, and also upon the Association which is to contribute to their success.

It will be sufficient to apply to this purpose, and once for all, the Lord's Prayer and the Hail-Mary of the morning or evening prayer.

II. Each member shall give an alms of one half-penny per week ; nevertheless, without their being obliged to limit their generosity to so trifling a contribution.

REMARKS.—1st. The circumstance of the alms required from the members, is not in opposition to the Spirit of the Holy Council of Trent, (Sess. 21, Ch. IX. *De Reformatione*,) nor yet to the bull of Pius V., dated 8th February, 1567, on the same subject ; for there is no question here of begging through the publication of indulgences ; and those who are authorized to cause the faithful

to participate in these spiritual favors cannot be suspected of seeking temporal interests.

2nd. If a person in easy circumstances associates with nine poor persons, and engages to furnish the contribution required, these nine persons may gain the indulgences granted to the Association for the Propagation of the Faith, providing they comply with all the other conditions prescribed.

RULES.

ART. I. The Association may begin in each Parish by the first person who may wish to promote the object in view ; and in order to this it will be sufficient to associate him (or herself) with nine other persons who will correspond with and remit to him or her their contributions, either weekly or monthly. There may thus be formed in each Parish as many *sections* as there are tens of persons willing to become members. The person presiding over each section may, if desirous, keep a list of his or her associates, and will see that the vacancies occasioned by death, absence, or otherwise, be filled up.

ART. II. In every place where the number of sections will amount to ten or more, parties of 100 may be formed, the heads of which shall be chosen from among the persons presiding over the

sections. The chiefs of these hundreds shall be elected by those of the sections. In these cases the heads of sections will be accountable to those of hundreds for the alms they may have received.

ART. III. In each Parish, a person known to be solvent and worthy of public confidence shall be chosen, and entrusted with the office of Treasurer, or Depositary of the alms received. This election will be made by the heads of sections who will assemble for that purpose, at the call and under the superintendence of the Curate. Such person (who may be a female) will remain in office as long as the parties interested may think expedient, and he or she willing to serve. And when it becomes necessary to appoint another in his or her stead, the successor will be chosen in the same manner. All contributions shall be remitted to this person either by the *heads of hundreds*, or those of sections if there are no hundreds. The Treasurer will be careful to keep an account of the sums received. In the city of Quebec the General Cashier of the Association, of whom mention will be hereafter made, will supply the place of such Treasurer.

ART. IV. In the course of the month of February in each year, the Depositaries of Alms of each Parish, will remit them to the Vicar General nearest to their Parish. In the course of the month of March, the Vicar General to whom these alms will have been sent, will remit them with a statement of the amount each Parish will have furnished,

to the Cashier in office at Quebec. The Curates are requested to assist the Treasurers in conveying their respective amounts to the Vicar General.

ART. V. A Board, composed of eight individuals, (Laymen) will be established in Quebec, with whom one of the Vicars General will be requested to unite. The Board thus formed, will choose from among its Members, a President, who will be called the President of the Association, a Vice President, a Secretary and Cashier, and to this latter will be remitted the sums sent to the Vicars General, as by Article IV.

ART. VI. This Board will have a self-recruiting power, that is: in case of death or resignation of one of its Members, the remaining Members will supply his place by electing another.

ART. VII. Towards the beginning of April, in each year, the Board will assemble. In this meeting the Bishop of Quebec will make known through the Vicar General, who will also be a Member of the Board, or in his absence, through another person appointed by the Bishop, the wants of each Mission; and at this meeting the distribution of the Alms will be made according to the respective wants of the Missions.

ART. VIII. In the course of the summer of every year, the Board will draw up a Report of the sums confided to it, and such Report will be forwarded to the Curates for the information and satisfaction of the Members of the Association.

PRAYER

Composed by Saint Francis Xaverius, for the conversion of the Heathen.

O ETERNAL GOD! Creator of all things, remember that thou alone didst create the souls of infidels, framing them to thy own image and likeness—behold, O Lord, how to thy dishonour hell is daily replenished with them: remember, O Lord! that thy only Son Jesus Christ, did suffer for them, most bountifully shedding his precious blood for their redemption: suffer not, O Lord! thy Son our Saviour, to be any longer despised by infidels—but rather, being appeased by the entreaties and prayers of thy Elect, the Saints, and of the Church, the most blessed Spouse of thy Son, vouchsafe to be mindful of thy mercy, and forgetting their idolatry and infidelity, cause them also to know him whom thou didst send, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who is our salvation life, and resurrection, through whom we are made free and saved; to whom be all glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Board is composed of the following Gentlemen, who, at the request of His Lordship the Bishop of Quebec, have kindly consented to accept the office:

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