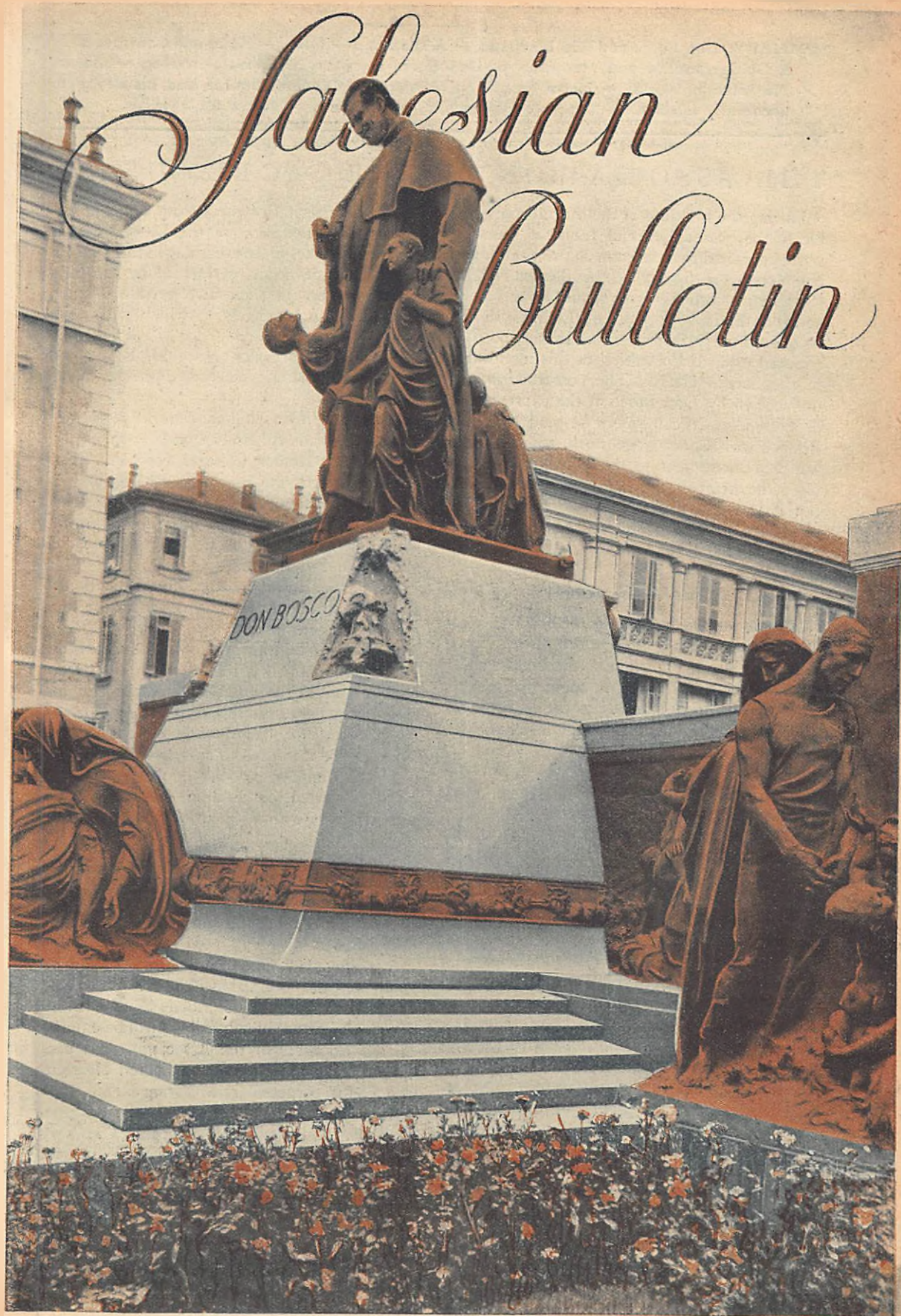


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THE ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART

During the building of the magnificent temple to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, at Rome, it was established that, as soon as the church was completed, the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin, together with other prayers should be said daily, and that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass should be offered every Friday, for all those who contributed towards the raising of this monument to the Sacred Heart. The construction was undertaken by Don Bosco at the express wish of Pius IX. It can safely be said that this Basilica was his last great work, and, not only was it a monument to the burning love that filled the heart of the Saint for Jesus Christ, but it was also a monument to his unflinching obedience to the slightest wishes of the successors of St. Peter.

The Association.

The above brief account is the origin of what is now known as the Association of the Sacred Heart. Upon completion of the building, the desire of Don Bosco was to augment the spiritual favours to be granted to the faithful and also to extend these privileges to an ever increasing band of worshippers. Therefore, there was established this Association, whereby the members participate in the fruits of *six Masses daily and in perpetuity*.

1. The condition of membership is the payment of *one shilling* towards the expenses of the Basilica, which are by no means meagre, and other Salesian works. The payment of *one shilling* entitles the member to the above privileges.

2. Two of these daily Masses are celebrated at the Altar of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, two at that of Mary, Help of Christians, and two at St. Joseph's. We may remark that Don Bosco's revered name is associated with the two last mentioned Altars, for on them he offered the Holy Sacrifice during his last stay in Rome.

The members thus participate in more than 2000 Masses per year, in addition to the Masses they themselves attend.

Advantages.

3. Besides the six daily Masses, members both living and dead, participate in the fruits attached to:

a) The recital of the Rosary and the imparting of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament which takes place every day in this church.

b) The devotions performed by the boys of the Oratory in their own private Chapel, including also the Mass at which they daily assist.

c) All the services, Novenas, Feasts and Solemnities that are celebrated in the aforesaid church;

d) The prayers and good works performed by the Salesians themselves and by their protégés in their Homes, Colleges, Hospices, Oratories, Missions, etc. in Italy, in Belgium, in Spain, in England, in Austria, in Switzerland, in America, in Asia, in Africa — in a word, wherever they are established or may be called by Divine Providence.

4. Participation in the above-mentioned spiritual advantages commences from the moment of the enrolment.

5. The contributor, therefore, of *one shilling* is entitled to put his intentions in all the six Masses and all the other pious works, for his own advantage or for that of his friends, living or dead, and to change the intention *in every circumstance* according to his particular desires.

6. Enrolments may also be made in favour of the departed, of children, or of any other persons, even without their knowledge or consent.

7. Persons desiring to participate more abundantly in these spiritual advantages may do so by repeating the alms of one shilling, thereby multiplying the enrolments as often as they please.

8. The Salesians are in duty bound to fulfill all the obligations of the Charitable Association as above described.

9. The names of subscribers will be entered on the Registers of the Association and preserved in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, in Rome, for perpetual remembrance.

10. The centres for enrolment are in Rome, in Turin and England. Address: The Very Rev. Rector, Ospizio del Sacro Cuore di Gesù, Via Marsala, 42, Rome (121), Italy.

Or, The Very Rev. Superior General, Salesian Oratory, Turin (109), Italy.

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REVEREND FATHER RICALDONE
SUPERIOR GENERAL
IN HIS OWN NAME AND IN THE NAME
OF ALL THE SALESIANS
WISHES ALL OUR COOPERATORS AND FRIENDS
THE PEACE AND JOY OF CHRISTMASTIDE
AND THE BLESSING OF GOD AND MARY MOST HOLY
ON ALL THEIR UNDERTAKINGS IN THE NEW YEAR

Don Bosco and his Madonna



Who can describe Don Bosco's love for Our Lady? It was only second to his love for the Blessed Sacrament, and to those who lived around him it seemed as though Don Bosco lived only for Our Lady. He encouraged devotion to her at all times, recommending it in his sermons, in the confessional, in the intimate talks he had with his boys, with tenderness and enthusiasm. He often visited her Sanctuaries, and always had with him medals and pictures which he distributed willingly, especially to children, telling them to wear them round their necks and every day to say a prayer in honour of Our Lady.

He loved to sing hymns to her with his boys, in the church and in the playground. Often when he intoned the hymn "Noi siamo figli di Maria" (we are Mary's children), he raised his hands and beating time urged the boys on to greater fervour. Canon Anfossi relates how Don Bosco wanted his boys to sing hymns in Our Lady's honour whenever possible. Such was the love he inspired in his boys for Our Lady, that one Sunday evening returning from the Oratory of the Gaurdian

Angels with a large crowd of boys, among whom I myself was, he intoned the hymn "Be Thou a thousand times blessed O most sweet Virgin", and so they swung through the principal square of Turin and along the streets singing the praises of Mary.

Every evening during Our Lady's month as also during the novenas in preparation for her principal Feasts, he gave a talk on one of her virtues or privileges, or recounted an instance of Mary's miraculous intervention. Whenever a Feast of Our Lady was drawing near he told his boys of it beforehand, urging them to honour it by making a good confession and Holy Comunion; and to this end he willingly confessed hour after hour. When he was not able to preach himself on her Feastday he got a preacher who knew how to inflame hearts with love for Mary.

To the externs of the Festive Oratory he recommended the recital of the third part of the Rosary daily and rather than that they should omit it from want of time, he urged them to say a part of it while working or going to and from the factories. He was an apostle of

any practice he knew to be pleasing to Our Lady. He spread the practice of saying the Glory be to the Father after the Angelus, because he learned that Our Lady had revealed to one of her Servants that this practice was particularly pleasing to her.

He began, carried out, and finished all his works invoking her; and had he to send out a circular letter, he tried to arrange that it should always be dated with one of her Feast-days and would often delay the sending of it several weeks to this end. All he did he attributed to Our Lady, and he never tired repeating that any good the Congregation did or would do was due to her goodness. "Mary has always been my guiding star", he would often exclaim.

His boys used to remark among themselves how close the bond which existed between Don Bosco and Our Lady. The people were convinced that Our Lady never denied him what he asked her for. His illimitless faith shone forth daily the more: his blessing drew down on those present and those absent the loving and powerful protection of Mary. To himself he attributed nothing of the wonderful cures effected, but he used constantly to repeat, "how good to us is Mary our Mother".

Our Lady was the real Director of the Oratory. The novenas celebrated in her honour were fatal to evil doers. Don Bosco used to say to his boys, "let us make this

novena well, because Our Lady wants to purify the house and to clear out those who are not worthy to live here; and so it happened many a time.

Just one hundred years ago, on October 25th. 1835, Don Bosco was clothed with the cassock prior to his entering the Seminary. Four days later on the eve of his departure he sat with his mother in the little house. As they rose to separate for the night Mamma Margaret said: "My little John, you now wear the cassock and you know how great is my joy and consolation. But never forget that it is not merely the cassock which must distinguish you from those in the world but the practice of virtue. If unfortunately it should ever happen that you should come to doubt of your present state, leave it I beseech you rather than do anything that would dishonour it. I would much rather have my son a poor peasant than a priest neglectful of his duties. *When you came into the world, I consecrated you to Our Blessed Lady; when you began your studies I bade your honour her and have recourse to her in all your difficulties; now I ask you to give yourself to her entirely, love those who love her, and if one day you become a priest be an apostle of devotion to Our Lady.* That Don Bosco followed this last advice of his mother who can doubt it, and in this, his consuming devotion to Our Lady, lies the secret of his sanctity.



John Bosco receiving the Cassock.



The First Missionary Expedition of 1875.

A Diamond Jubilee

1875-1935.

On Thursday November 11th. 1875, the first expedition of Salesian Missionaries received the missionary cross in the Basilica of Mary Help of Christians and listened to the parting words of Don Bosco. In vision Don Bosco had seen his sons abroad in the mission field working in the forests and bringing the knowledge and fear of God to countless natives. Now God's good time had come and his dream was to be realised. To describe Don Bosco's feelings or the feelings of those present on this solemn occasion would be exceedingly difficult, and yet we who live seventy years after that event and have seen the wonderful development of Don Bosco's work at home and abroad can appreciate in a singular way what that simple beginning meant.

The Missionaries were ten in number and they sat with full hearts in the sanctuary of the Basilica, as Don Bosco mounted into the pulpit. He spoke of Our Lord's command to preach the gospel to *every creature* and

outlined briefly the widespread activity of the Apostles in the early years of the church. He pointed out how the Apostles had not waited to convert everybody in Jerusalem or even in Palestine, but they had dispersed themselves practically through the known world to fulfil our Lord's command. So too in our own days said Don Bosco, missionary activity was not to be left till after Europe should once again be Catholic, but now as always the command (not counsel) of Our Lord was to be fulfilled - go ye and teach *all nations*.

At this moment, he continued, we are beginning a great work, not that we have any pretensions or that we think that world can be converted in a few days: no, but who knows but that this first missionary expedition is a grain of mustard seed that will with the years grow into a great tree.

He asked all present to pray much for the missionaries. Every day at the Oratory Don Bosco said, prayers would be offered for them



The Missionaries from the English Province.



A Section of this Year's expedition.

to Mary Help of Christians and her blessing and protection would be with them in all their labours. He thanked all those who by contributing towards the very heavy expenses had made the expedition possible. The first recommendation he gave to the Missionaries was, that in their prayers and sacrifices they should never forget their benefactors in Europe.

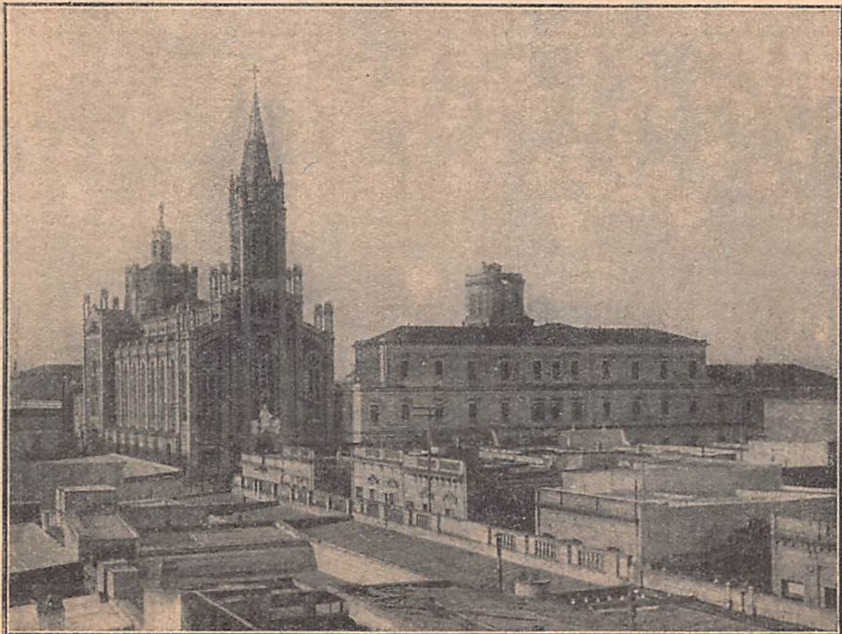
Don Bosco reminded his sons that it was one and the same church in Europe and in America; that Christ Our Lord died to save all souls no matter how diverse the bodies which encased them. With such and similar words did Don Bosco address his first Missionaries until at length his voice growing unsteady, he bade them Godspeed and goodbye and prayed that though they might never again be united on this earth, they would all be united together for all eternity.

The Piazza outside the church was thronged with people; all were looking to where the light came streaming through the open church door into the darkness. Then the Missionaries came out surrounded by confrères and boys, pulling their cassocks, shaking their hands and exchanging promises and wishes. Don Lemoyne, who stood with Don Bosco looking for an instant at the great Crowd in the Square and the carriages that stood waiting for the

Missionaries, turned to Don Bosco and exclaimed, now the words beneath the statue on the cupola are being fulfilled — « *Inde exhibit gloria mea* ». (1)

Year after year succeeding a band of missionaries has set out. This year the Diamond Jubilee of the first expedition one hundred and seventy five Salesians have gone forth to various parts of the world. Among them are six from the Anglo-Irish Province who have just finished their Novitiate, five of them having done their studies at the Salesian Missionary College, Shrigley Park. Four others have yet to follow making a total of ten. The seed has indeed grown. The Society which in 1875 scarce numbered two hundred now counts eleven thousand and seventy (statistics of 1934). As compared with the expedition of ten, that of this year numbers one hundred and seventy five. Not only in America but in every continent the sons of Don Bosco are now working trying to carry on with the same spirit with which Don Bosco animated his first children, the preaching of the Gospel and the saving of souls.

(1) On top of the Cupola of the Basilica Don Bosco had placed a Statue of Our Lady around the foot of which were the words "*Inde exhibit gloria mea.*" From hence shall my glory go forth.



Church and College built by the Salesians in Buenos Aires where the First Expedition landed.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

A Bishop of the Polar Regions and a Prediction of Don Bosco.

The Vicar Apostolic of Alaska Mgr. Crimont S. J. has recently kept the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. As a young Jesuit his health was very bad and it was touch and go whether he would not have to give up all idea of the religious life and of the priesthood. In 1883 he met Don Bosco in Paris; the meeting was a momentous one for Mgr. Crimont and we give the account of it as Mgr. Crimont gave it to Fr. Neil Boyton S. J., author of a life of Don Bosco.

"On May 5th. Don Bosco went to Lille, France. The following morning he celebrated

Mass in the church of les Dames de la Retraite. I was a Subdeacon then and I managed to obtain the privilege of serving his Mass. As soon as Don Bosco had crossed the threshold of the sacristy the throng of people crowded round him in order to ask his blessing and to

Fishing for a meal
in Alaska.



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kiss his hand, so much so that it took quite a quarter of an hour to reach the foot of the altar where he was to say Mass. But what a Mass it was. Don Bosco's face was suffused with light and he was oblivious to all but the sacred mysteries he was celebrating.

The next day Don Bosco celebrated Mass in the chapel of the Adoration where the Blessed Sacrament is perpetually exposed. Once again I had the good fortune of assisting him with the same experience as on the day previous. When he was in the sacristy again



The New Spanish Salesian Bishop.

after Mass, I spoke to him: I told him that I was a young Jesuit in search of health and that I would like to ask him for a favour. Don Bosco asked me what it was, and I answered, "I wish to have sufficient health to persevere in my vocation and to become a missionary". Don Bosco smiled kindly and said: "My son you shall receive this grace, I will pray to God for this purpose every day in my thanksgiving after Holy Mass".

The young Jesuit recovered his health and in 1888 was sent by his Superiors to the missions of the Rocky Mountains, and in 1894 he was transferred to Alaska. Despite the rigorous climate and his advanced age,

Mgr. Crimont is still going strong, and the *Salesian Bulletin* wishes him many more years yet of fruitful labour.

The Basilica of Our Lady.

The demolition of the choir, Sanctuary, and sacresties of the Basilica, is now completed but excavations still continue. Each day from 6a.m. cartload after cartload of earth is taken away, and it seems that the clearing away will never cease. Don Bosco often said that every brick and stone in the Basilica was a thank offering. All the bricks and stones of the demolished parts of the Basilica will be incorporated in the extensions, and so the sacrifices made by our cooperators in the past will mingle in a very real way with those of the present. It is hoped that the Basilica will be finished and quite ready for the meeting of the General Chapter of the Society in 1938.

New Salesian Bishop.

The Holy Father has nominated Bishop of Pampluna in Spain, the Rector of the Salesian House of Madrid, Don M. Olachea y Lozaga. It is the first time that a Salesian has been Bishop in Spain and the nomination has been received with great enthusiasm. His Lordship was born at Baracaldo in 1889 of parents in very humble circumstances. He entered the Salesian Congregation in 1904 and was ordained priest in 1912. He passed many years as Rector and Provincial, and in 1933 was nominated by the Holy See, Apostolic Visitor of the seminaries of Seville, Valencia, and Granada. He was consecrated Bishop in October by the Apostolic Nuncio Mgr. Tordescini, in the Cathedral of Madrid. We wish his lordship a very fruitful apostolate and promise him our prayers.

A Touching Incident.

Speaking of sacrifices a touching illustration is to hand of those made by the Bororos in South America in order to contribute to the very heavy expenses of the enlargement of the Basilica. The Bororos are a very poor tribe of Matto Grosso, a vast region of Brasil, one of the Republics of South America. The Superior General has received



Workshop where pianos are made at the Salesian School in Shanghai.



Tailors workshop Salesian School Hong-Kong.

a letter signed by sixty of them, enclosing an offering of 150 lire (£2.10.0) towards the new altar of Don Bosco in the enlarged Basilica. This sum is in truth a collection of widows mites as the letter shows which we herewith give in full.

"Very Rev. and Dear Father Peter Ricaldone,

Allow us also your children though so far distant, to send a small offering for the new altar of St. John Bosco, the great Saint of children and of the missions, which we want to be as beautiful as it possibly can be. We would have wished to have been able to have sent much more, but we are only poor Bororos, the children of those who, before the Salesians came, terrorised the regions of the forest. Today thanks to the Salesians and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians all that is changed. When we have more money we will be mindful of Don Bosco and his works. Bless us all Dear Father our homes and our children, and pray for us who kiss with love your sacred hands.

We feel sure that such an example will inspire our cooperators to do all in their power for this great undertaking.

Twelve Years in China.

The Rev. Father Hourigan S. C. who has been twelve years in China arrived at the Oratory one evening on his way back to his native land for a brief visit. Father Hourigan is confident of a great future for the Salesian work in China. The Salesians have several Professional Schools in China and by means of these the Chinese are shown that Christianity does not mean merely catechism or attendance at church, but that it is something which has to enter into their work — into every moment of their lives. The authorities in China realise that the Professional School goes right to the root of one of the greatest problems in China.

In China there are 4000 priests in a population of 400,000,000! i. e. one priest for every 100,000 Chinese. It is easily realised how great is the need for missionaries. Recently five Salesians were ordained priests at the Shankiwan Salesian House, by Mgr. Valtorta Vicar Apostolic of Hong Kong.

The occasion was celebrated in the best possible style. The grounds of the house were beautifully decorated and Chinese dragons and lanterns were hung out in abundance. But alas for human enterprise, a tropical

storm broke out on the Saturday previous and not a trace was left of the former splendour. The Chinese Salesian Mission is very grateful to have five more priests, but what are these among so many millions of pagans.

Visitors from England.

The week-end of September 14th. The Rev. Father Dawson O.S.B. of Worthington Cumberland, paid a visit to the Oratory. As our readers know well, Cumberland is one of the areas in England most badly hit by the economic depression, and consequently there is great scope for the work dear to the heart of Don Bosco. The Festive Oratory, worked as Don Bosco would have it has worked wonders in many a land, we are sure that it can do no less for England. Father Dawson has started a club for his boys and young men and has also set one or two trades going to give them occupation, and also to enable them to help their parents. Fr. Dawson came to see Don Bosco's work and to ask his help. A visit was made to Don Bosco's birthplace and the country surrounding, and in the brief day and a half that Fr. Dawson was in Turin he contrived to see much of Salesian interest.

New literature on Don Bosco.

Mention was made in our last issue of a new life of Don Bosco by Mother Forbes to be published by Burns Oates and Washbourne. This life has now been published and we heartily recommend it to all interested in the Saint. The price 2/6 makes it possible for most purses, but on its own merits it is eminently readable and it will appeal to all. Mother Forbes is well known to the Catholic reading public and her biography of Don Bosco will rank among her best achievements. The author presents Don Bosco's life with a freshness that is invigorating. There is a wealth of incidents narrated, new and old, and the greatness and loveliness of Don Bosco shine through this very interesting presentation of his life.

Messrs. Sheed and Ward announce for publication in January the translation of the life recently written by M. Ghéon.

Father Auffray's book on Don Bosco's system of education is also being translated and will appear in due time. The translation is in very capable hands and will be a valuable contribution to Salesian and Catholic literature.

Salesian Ordinations in London.

In the Sacred Heart Church West Battersea on Sunday August 25th., Bishop Amigo of Southwark raised to the Priesthood Revs C. Mc. Donnell, T. Bell, P. Erskine, and G. Gladstone S. C. The *Salesian Bulletin* offers its congratulations to the newly ordained priests and wishes them a long and fruitful life as Salesian priests.

A Novel Distinction.

At the special request of the villagers the christian name of Mgr. Louis Mathias S. C., has been given to the village of Sinagaon, the name being now Louisagaon.

Extension of the Cult of St. John Bosco.

A petition has been presented to the Sacred Congregation of Rites signed by numerous bishops from all parts of the world, praying that the cult of St. John Bosco may be extended to the universal church. We ask the prayers of the cooperators for the succesful issue of the petition.

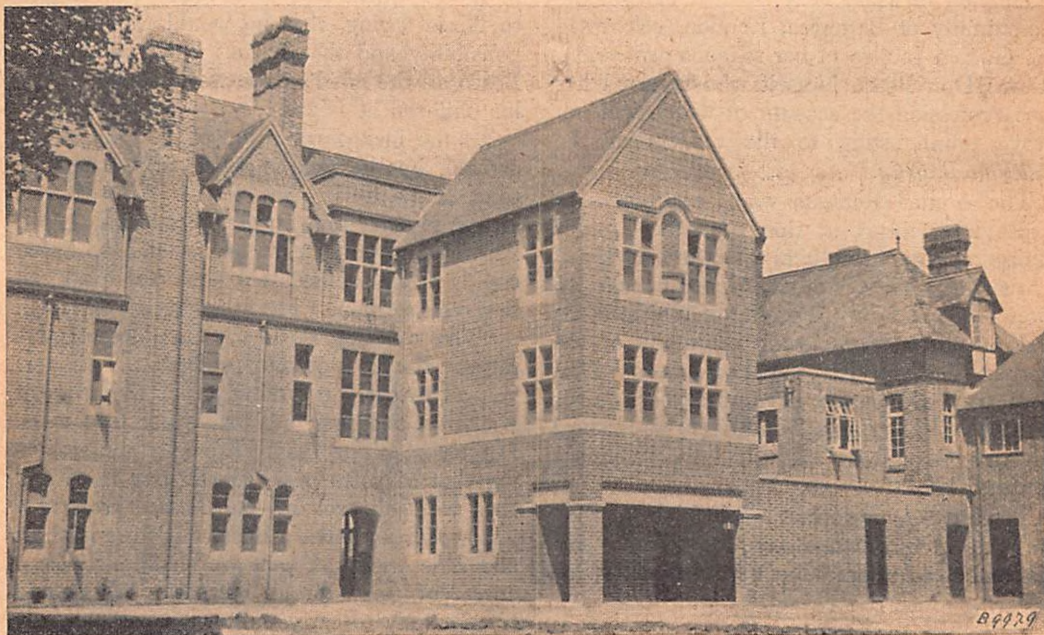
A Record.

This year the Novitiate at Cowley, Oxford began with fifty two Novices. This is the first time that the fifty mark has been reached in the Novitiate in England, and we think it

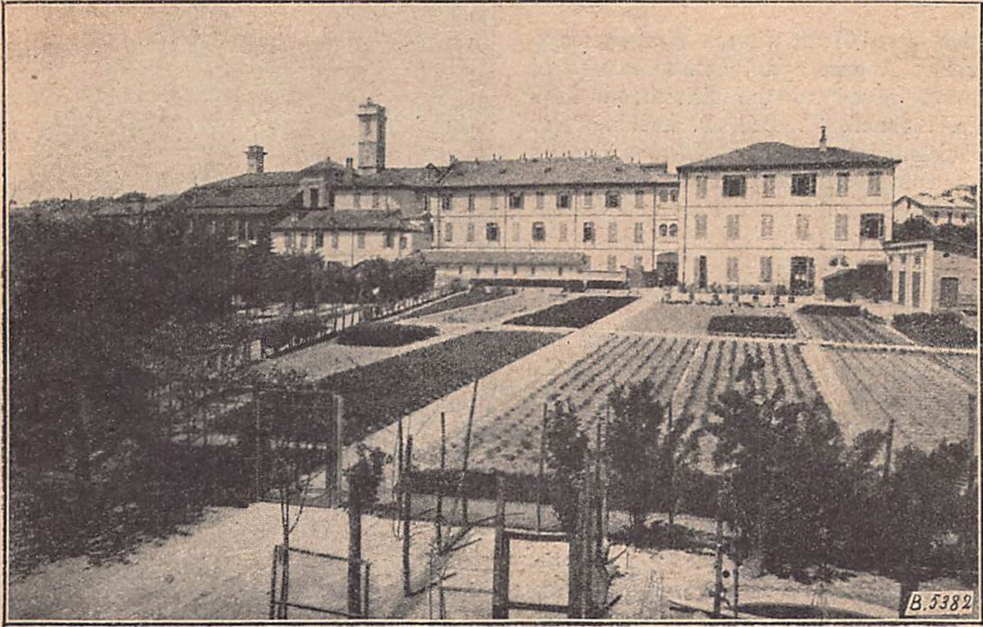


The Second new addition to the House at Cowley.

is a landmark in the history of the Province. Last year two new wings wese added to the main building, but in spite of this there is not enough accomodation for the three sections housed at Cowley.



New addition to the House at Cowley.



The House of the Sisters at Nizza.

A GOLDEN JUBILEE AND MEMORIES OF DON BOSCO AT NIZZA MONFERRATO IN 1885

On August 24th. of this year, Sister Adelaida, a daughter of Mary Help of Christians of the Community of Battersea, London, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her religious profession. It was Don Bosco himself who received her first Profession the account of which will not prove uninteresting to the readers of the *Salesian Bulletin*.

The Annual Retreats were in progress at Nizza Monferrato, at that time the Mother House of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians. The Mother General sent to Don Bosco at Lanzo, begging of him to come and preside at the closing ceremony of the Retreat and receive the Professions. Don Bosco replied, "now I have no authority over Don Bosco — he obeys Don Rua (1) his medical adviser. Should he allow it I will willingly come to Nizza."

There were some who thought it an imprudence to invite Don Bosco, considering his exhausted condition. But Father Bonetti (Sp-

iritual Director of the Sisters), determined to go to Turin and accompany Don Bosco to Nizza saying, that he would take all responsibility and that he felt it would do Don Bosco all the good in the world to be among his children at Nizza.

To the inexpressible joy of all Don Bosco arrived, but he was so weak, that, when the time came to preach, Father Bonetti had almost to carry him up the steps of the pulpit. All were moved to tears, and when Don Bosco could regain sufficient breath to speak he began his sermon. (The following are extracts).

"This morning I had the happiness of giving you the cross of your profession. I exhort you all to carry it willingly, not the cross of your own choosing, but that which God wills. Let us bear our cross cheerfully remembering that as years pass, so will our trials and then we shall exclaim - O Blessed cross now you weigh us down a little, but time is short and it is with you that we shall purchase a crown of glory for all eternity. We should try not only to carry our own cross patiently but to help others to carry theirs, and never to be a burden to those around us...."

(1) At that time Prefect General of the Society, and afterwards Successor of Don Bosco.

« How often we work hard and succeed in doing very little. Let us always have a pure intention and work solely for the glory of God, and the salvations of souls... »

« You have asked me for a souvenir of my visit, which may perhaps be the last one. Well then, never cease doing good; labour untiringly for Our Blessed Lord and always with a good will; don't lose time but work for souls ».

« Do you wish another? Practise your Holy Rule: read it, mediate on it, but, above all, practise it. Then your eternal salvation will be secure ».

« Let mutual charity reign among you... There is much I would like to say on this point, but I am exhausted.

« When you write to your relations, remember me specially to them and tell them that I always pray for them in a special manner. May Our dear Lord bless them and their undertakings. May they one day see in heaven the daughters they have given to our dear Congregation ».

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Don Bosco left the church very slowly. He was soon surrounded by a group of sisters. « Let us be saints » he said, « if we wish the world to speak of us »; implying that only that glory should be sought after, that comes from sanctity.

The Mother General with her counsellors begged Father Bonetti to bring Don Bosco to the little parlour in order that he might address a few words to them privately Seated

in the little parlour Don Bosco said, « ah, if only I could speak, how many things I would love to say to you... » But I *do* want to tell you this. Our Lady loves you all very much, and she is here in the midst of you ». His emotion made Don Bosco stop and Father Bonetti trying to help took up his train of thought.

Don Bosco wishes to say », he said, « that Our Lady is your mother and that she guards and protects you ». « No! no! », replied Don Bosco; « I want to say that Our Lady is really in this house and is pleased with you all: that the spirit now reigning in the Institute is precisely what she desires ». Again Don Bosco was overcome with emotion, and again Father Bonetti spoke. « Don Bosco wishes to say that you will always be good religious, and that Our Lady will continue to be pleased with you ». « But no, no, » repeated Don Bosco with difficulty trying to restrain his emotion. « I want to say that the Madonna is really and truly here - here in the midst of you. She is walking in this house and covers you all with her mantle ».

At these words he extended his arms and raised his eyes full of tears as if to make them understand, that he really saw Our Blessed Lady walking through the house, enfolding all in her mantle.

Words cannot describe the feelings of those present, and they glimpsed for a moment the greatness and intensity of Don Bosco's devotion to Our Lady.

D. M. H. C.



The Mother House of the Sisters at Turin.

ACROSS THE SALESIAN WORLD

Madras - India.

On Sunday July 21st. His Grace Mgr. Mathias Archbishop of Madras, formally took possession of his see and was solemnly enthroned in the Cathedral. Great preparations for his reception were made. To quote the 'Catholic Leader' of Madras:

"For nearly two months, until Saturday last, preparations were going on at the Cathedral under the able direction of the General Secretary of the Reception Committee, Rev. Fr. Anderson, S. C., to give the Archbishop-elect of Madras a fitting reception when he came to take possession of the Archdiocese. Bricklayers, painters, artists, electricians, in fact, everything and everybody were requisitioned to contribute their share to the great reception held on Saturday evening and on Sunday. The whole demonstration carried on in glorious weather was a triumph of organisation and discipline, and these days will ever remain a golden page in the history of the Archdiocese of Madras. Something was here attempted which had never been done before at the Cathedral. The Church compound was decorated by Messrs. Wrenn, Bennett & Co., with flags, bunting and drapery of every description. The Cathedral building, St. Mary's Hall and St. Gabriel's High School were illuminated with electric lights, an arch of welcome was put up at the entrance to the Cathedral, a stage artistically decorated was erected at the northern gate of the Cathedral, loud speakers were installed at the four corners of the Cathedral compound, the inside of the Church was beautifully worked with banners and drapery in which red and yellow predominated. The great span of the arch over the Sanctuary was covered with two large paintings of angels with trumpets, supporting in the centre the Coat of Arms of the new Archbishop bearing the inscription "*Aude et Spera.*" Altogether it was a colourful pageant both inside and outside the Church quite unsurpassed for taste and finish. There was sufficient propaganda about the great event and what helped most people to follow the festivities and ceremonies was a *bulletin* published by Rev. Fr. Anderson, S. C., giving



His Grace Mgr. Mathias.

details of programme, order of procession, hymns to be sung during the procession and the order of ceremonies connected with the veneration and imposition of the Sacred Pallium. One could therefore see that nothing was left to chance, every detail being carefully attended to. Every one therefore who had anything to do with the organisation of the whole programme deserves to be congratulated on the unique success of the magnificent welcome to His Grace Archbishop Mathias."

His Excellency Most Rev. P. Kierkels Apostolic Delegate of the East Indies, invested the new Archbishop with the Sacred Pallium and paid eloquent tribute to the qualities of Mgr. Mathias at a banquet the same evening. Readers of the *Salesian Bulletin* will recall the great work done by Mgr. Mathias in Assam. The motto on His Grace's coat of arms, 'Aude et Spera', dare and hope, well expresses his zeal and spirit of work. His Lordship Mgr. Ferrando S. C. preached at the enthronement ceremony. During the course of the next few weeks various gatherings were held by clergy and laity to welcome the new Archbishop and to put him in touch with his subjects.

Shrigley - England.

During the week beginning August 4th. the first Catholic Scout Jamboree in England was held in the grounds of the Salesian Missionary College, Shrigley Park. Over 200 Catholic Scouts including visitors from Canada and Scotland took part in the gathering, and His Lordship Bishop Mc. Nulty honoured it with his presence.

The Jamboree opened officially on the Sunday with Solemn High Mass in the open air, and in the evening there was a fancy dress parade. On the Monday Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by his Lordship and as on that day there was to be the annual

Garden Fête at Shrigley many of the Scouts gave their services and helped to make it one of the best ever held at the College. The Jamboree was blessed with glorious weather and what with the routine of camp, the aquatic and athletic sports, "wide games", signalling competition, the camp fires in the evening, and many other side issues, the week came all too soon to a close.

Bishop Mc. Nulty who presided at the camp fire on Monday evening, expressed two desires. The first was that within two or three years another Jamboree be held at Shrigley Park but with two or three times the present numbers, and secondly that St. John Bosco be taken as the Patron Saint of scouting.

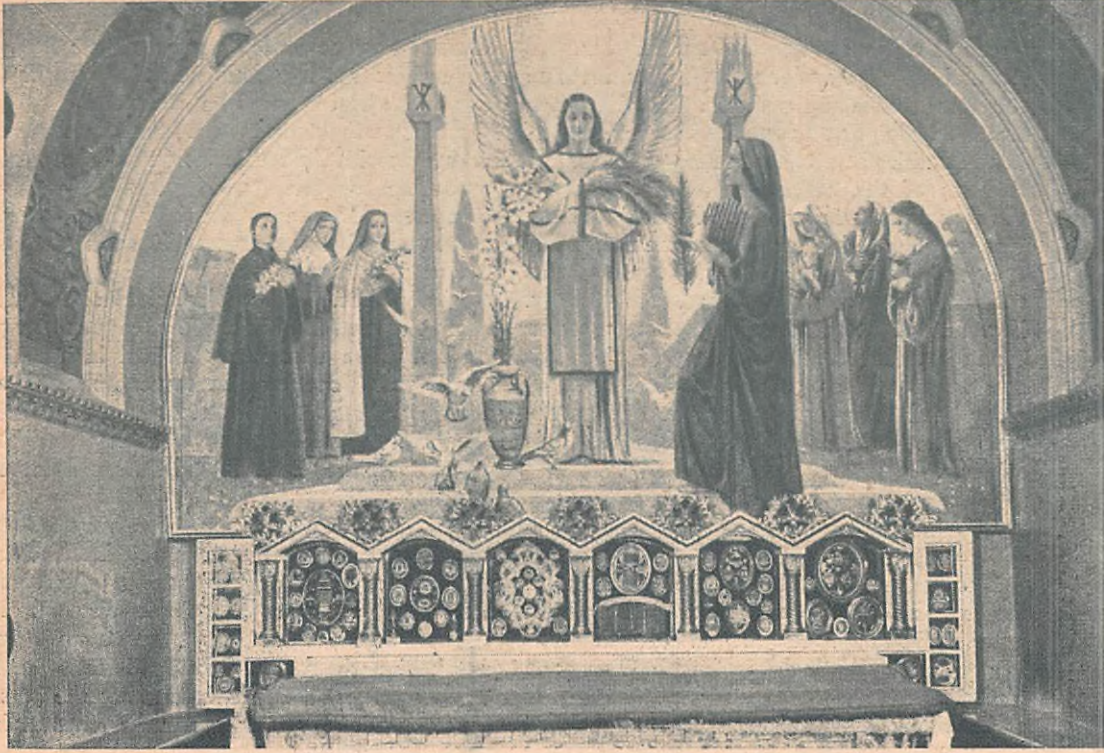
At the concluding camp fire very hearty thanks were expressed to the Salesian Fathers for the use of the Estate, and the Jamboree was voted by all a conspicuous success. It showed that our Catholic Scout Troops are not behind their Non-Catholic fellow scouts. The organisers feel convinced that the Jamboree at Shrigley Park marks a milestone in Catholic Scouting.

U. S. A. Marrero, La.

The boys from the Salesian Industrial School of Hope Haven went into camp during the Summer Vacation. That they enjoyed themselves immensely is evident from the little



Bishop Mc. Nulty chatting with Scout Leaders at the Jamboree Shrigley Park.



In the Chapel of the Relics in the Crypt of the Basilica of our Lady Help of Christians
They represent: 1. The Saints Virgins. - 2. The Saints not Virgins. -





ns in Turin, these paintings have been recently set up over the lateral altars.
e Founders of Religious Orders. - 4. The Doctors of the Church.



weekly — "Spirit of Don Bosco" — which they publish and print themselves while in camp. The publishing of this little weekly speaks highly for their initiative and good spirit. Before the holidays the School was visited by an Archbishop, four Bishops, and the Archbishop elect of New Orleans, all on their way to the Cathedral at New Orleans for the enthronement ceremony. It is rare that any School has such a number of dignitaries visiting it at the same time.

Santo Domingo - Haiti.

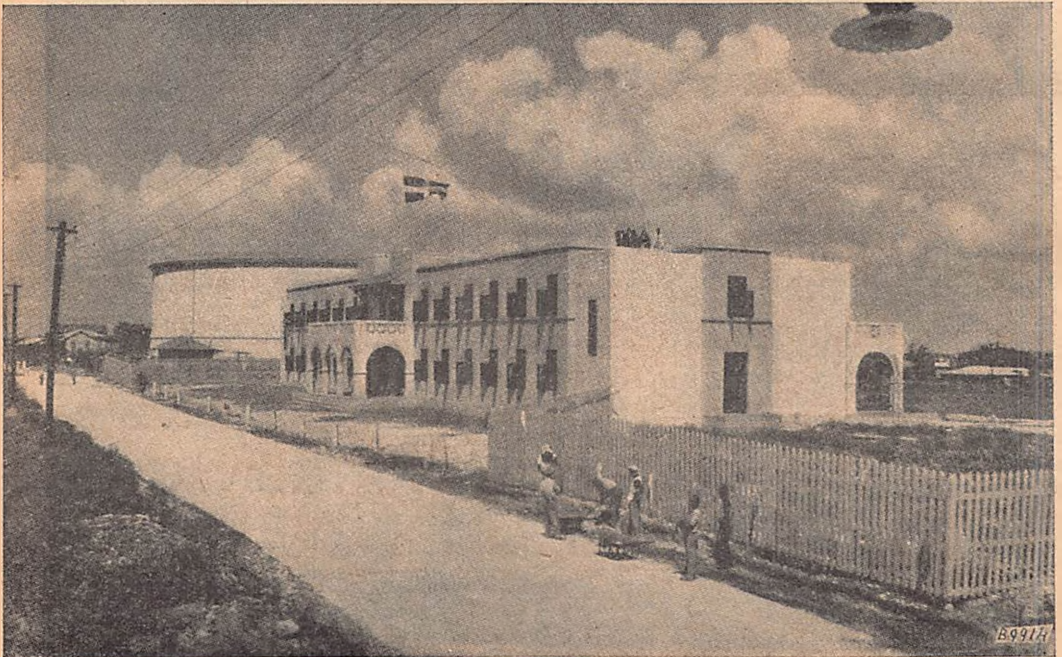
The Salesians have recently opened their first house in Santo Domingo. In 1877 Don Bosco had Santo Domingo in his mind's eye, and in the year of canonisation his dream has been realised. It was in response to the urgent entreaties of the Apostolic Delegate and the President of the State that a Salesian was sent there to study the possibilities of a foundation. The needs were seen to be most urgent so the arrangements for a Salesian house in the Island were completed. A commodious school of Arts and Trades has now been built and accommodation for a Festive Oratory has also been provided.

Inspired by the work in San Domingo, the President of Haiti has requested the help of the Salesians in the most necessitous part of the capital, Port au Prince. The Daughters

of Mary Help of Christians have already started work in the city by taking over an Orphanage begun by the President's sister. A school of arts and trades, it is hoped, will soon be ready for the Salesians.

Battersea - London.

There will be a meeting of Salesian Cooperators at the Salesian College Battersea on Sunday 3rd. November at 4 p.m. Adele Countess Cadogan will preside, Dr. Denis Gwynn will speak on «St. John Bosco and his Apostolate of the press», and Mrs. Dr. Rewcastle national President of the C. W. L. will speak on «Mamma Margaret». All Cooperators are cordially invited and they are asked to bring any friends whom they can interest in the work of Don Bosco. The last meeting at which the Very Rev. Fr. Serié presided was a great success and it is confidently expected that the meeting of this year will be no less so. Those who were present at last year's will remember the very moving address of the Very Rev. Canon Craven on the training of poor boys, Oratory and Hostel work, and that of Mrs. G. Wilson on the Salesian Missions of India and Assam, the result of knowledge gained during years of residence in India. Fr. Provincial's plea for Cooperation and Coordination was received in a very practical manner and thirty three new Cooperators were secured.



The New Foundation at Santo Domingo.

Argentine - Buenos Aires.

In May the President of the Republic of Brasil paid an official visit to the Argentine Republic to return the visit of the President of the Argentine. The boys of the Salesian College of Nitheroy Brasil made profit of the occasion to send a message of fraternal greeting from all the Salesian boys in Brasil to their fellow students in the Argentine.

They succeeded in getting the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Doctor Carlos de Macedo Soares to be their representative and the bearer of their message. When they heard



Mgr. Fietta the Apostolic Nuncio.

of the coming visit, the Salesians in Buenos Aires prepared a magnificent welcome for the Delegate in the College of Pius IX.

In the afternoon of May 28th. all the boys of the seven colleges of the capital were gathered together in the quadrangle of the college.

When the Minister arrived the College band struck up the Brazilian national anthem and the Don Bosco scouts to the number of about a thousand gave the salute. His Excellency went straight to the church to pay a visit and on returning to the quadrangle an address of welcome was read by the Rector of the College. The Minister in reply said that when he



General Trujillo Molina, President of Santo Domingo.

accepted the duty of bearing the message of goodwill from Brasil to the Argentine, he did not for a moment imagine that there would be the great demonstration which he had just witnessed. He had always had a profound admiration and respect for the work of Don Bosco and his Sons; because he considered it, that which most closely served the needs of mankind. He then proceeded to read the message from the Brazilian boys to their fellow Salesian students in the Argentine.

“To the Salesian Boys of the great Republic of Argentine — the Salesian Boys of Brasil. By the hands of the Honourable Joseph Charles de Macedo Soares, Chancellor of Brasil, we desire to send you our most sincere greetings and wishes, and the protestations of our lasting friendship. The Salesian Boys of the other nations of America look up to those of the Argentine, because the Argentine was the first part of the new world to which Don Bosco sent his sons, and he was pleased to call the Argentine his second Fatherland.

When Brasil was honoured with the visit of your President, we the pupils of the Salesian College of Nitheroy, the first founded by the Salesians in Brasil, had the honour of greeting him in the name of the thousands of pupils in the fifty Salesian Colleges of Brasil. Today by means of our Minister for Foreign

Affairs, we of the same College send you in the name of all the Brazilian Youth who march under the great flag of Don Bosco, this cordial and affectionate message. Our two countries are sisters. They have the same aspirations and ideals, and for years they have worked together to realise their true destiny before God. But more than this let us who are all Salesian Boys, sons of the greatest Educator of the nineteenth century find in this, a bond which will unite us even more closely together. It is to this end that today with all the enthusiasm of our young hearts we send you this message of greeting."

Carfin - Scotland.

On Sunday September 29th. there was a great rally of the Boy's Guild at the Carfin Grotto. The boys to the number of three thousand walked in procession in ranks of eight deep, and in the procession the relics of St. John Bosco, The Little Flower, and

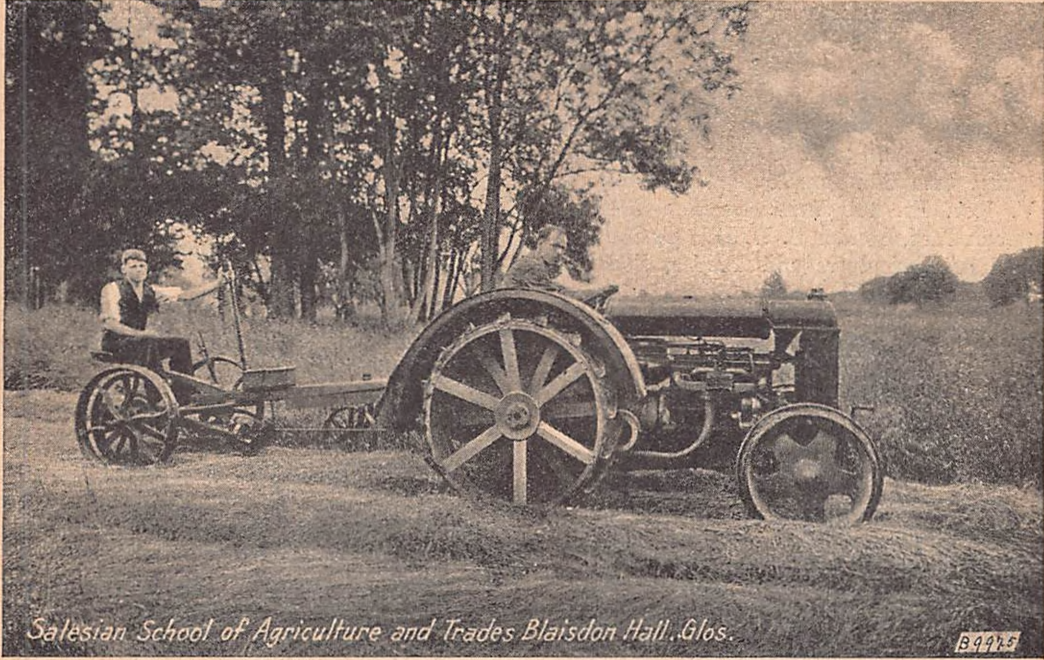
St. Philomena were carried in a beautiful reliquary. The procession started with the singing of the stirring Scotch hymn to Don Bosco and the circuit was made of the grounds of the Grotto. Arrived before the shrine of Don Bosco the boys were massed in the great open space in front, and also behind on the Don Bosco crescent. The Rosary was then recited and various hymns were sung with gusto. A talk on the Saint followed in which many stories of Dominic Savio Cardinal Cagliero, and Grigio, Don Bosco's grey dog, were told. The gathering was then solemnly blessed with the relic of Don Bosco and so the rally came to an end. If there are any readers of the Salesian Bulletin who are in a position to visit Carfin and have not already done so, we urge them to make a pilgrimage there as soon as possible.

Blaisdon Hall - Gloucester.

The School of Agriculture and Trades which was begun last February has been blessed in a singular manner by God during the brief half year of its existence. Much has been accomplished in a short time particularly with regard to the herd and the dairy. The first crops have been gathered and their success gaurantees



The Salesian Boy Scouts giving the salute to the Brazilian Minister.



the suitability of the land for tillage. However these are only the beginnings. Plans are on hand for the building of up-to-date stables and byres, and machinery has still to be bought and paid for. We earnestly recommend the great needs of this house to our cooperators.

The school is a very practical and determined effort to help towards the solution of present day difficulties. There are twenty four boys in residence now and the number will gradually be increased as funds are available. As the title denotes the Agriculture is only one side.



Workshops for trades such as Carpentry, cabinet making, blacksmithing and iron work, printing etc., will be established as soon as is possible. We are sure that Our Lady will inspire many of our Cooperators to assist as far as they can, this great work which is still in its infancy, and being but a child has need of great care and nourishment. Addresses: - V. Rev. Fr. Provincial, Salesian College, Battersea Park, London S. W. II. Or Salesian School of Agriculture and Trades, Blaisdon Hall, Longhope, Gloucester.



Mgr. Comin.

Ecquador.

The President of the Republic of Equador has conferred on Mgr. Comin, Vicar Apostolic of Mendez and Gualaquiza, the Cross of Grand Knight Commander. This is the highest honour that the Republic can confer and it is the first time that it has been granted to a member of the clergy. It is a suitable civic recognition of the great work Mgr. Comin has done in Ecquador. The decoration was conferred in the great square of Cuenca by the Governor.

St. John Bosco's Boy's Club.

The St. John Bosco's Boy's Club Compton Place, London W. C. has been enlarged and redecorated. The sport section has been re-organised a gymnasium having been set up, in which it is hoped regular instruction will soon be given. Football teams have also been formed but there is still room for a few more players. A new library and reading room have been introduced and there is every facility for indoor games from billiards to chess. There is a little chapel in the Club and the boys are encouraged to make private little visits at odd times during the evening. Each evening is brought to a close with night prayers.

Last Midsummer the camp which was held in the grounds of Ampleforth College Yorkshire was a great success and it is hoped to make it an annual event.

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NEWS FROM OUR MISSIONS

Herewith we give a letter from a young Irish Salesian on the Chinese Mission.

Don Bosco Institute Shiu Chow, China.

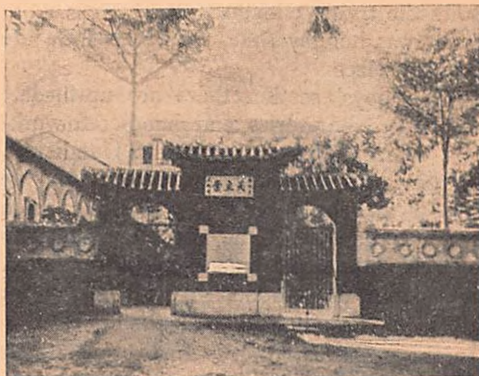
Some of us were on holiday at Ho Sai from the Studentate life at Hong Kong and we soon decided to visit the Don Bosco School and the Institute. This is on the other side of the river in the city of Shiu Chow, of which Ho Sai is what one might call a suburb. It was afternoon when we set out and on the way we got half-baked in the broiling sun for our temerity.

To get there we had to engage one of those *sampans* that figure so much in pictures of missionary life. But what an ordeal to engage one! No sooner had we put in appearance and were recognised as prospective clients, than the boatpeople set down their gangways and stood there inviting us with shrill voices and arms outstretched to beckon us. Being newcomers, we had no idea what they were yelling at us. I could distinguish one man inviting us to come into his "swift and beautiful barque", poetic but doubtful adjectives to use with regard to these boats. We headed doggedly for the nearest one, and when our decision was noticed the cries stopped. Instead, laughs began to go round at the expense, I think, of the newcomers to the village.

The people who row these sampans are nearly all women and children. Those who brought us across were the picture of health with almost ruddy, smiling faces and white teeth. I fear they will not be so well off, poor people soon, as the new and splendid bridge across the river will be completed in a few months.

Disembarking, we had to make our way through throngs of coolies, innumerable stalls, and groups of playing children dressed in nature's garments.

To reach the Institute, we chose the longer way that leads through the town. Shiu Chow has 100,000 inhabitants though it looks too small for such a population. Overcrowding, a common thing in the East, accounts for the malproportion.



The Ancient Chinese Door to the Bisop's House.

The main street is concreted and good for motor traffic. There is however no motor traffic, as the people live simply and prefer to walk. We saw two automobiles there. One was an old bus open at the top and without doors. The other was fairly modern, but it had travelled a long distance and evidently did not belong to the town. We also passed through some back steets on the way. It is rather difficult to give any idea of what these back streets looked like. There is nothing of the misery of a slum about them. They are unique. Try to imagine a narrow, cobbled, crooked street of one-storey houses made narrower by the presence of fruit and sweet stalls without number — mothers and children sitting at the doorsteps of dark houses — puddles at intervals and pigs lying in the puddles; to crown all, imagine the odours that can be caused by the action of a hot sun on dirt of all kinds and there you have the street as it appeared to us.

We met soldiers and plenty of them. Some of them were neat and efficient looking, others decidedly not. — As I intend to tell you more of Shiu Chow later, it will suffice for the present to say that we saw many more interesting things before we reached our destination.

Father Pomati welcomed us at the Institute and kindly conducted us round the building. This is clean and well-kept, thus providing an example in hygiene for those who wish to profit by it. The Institute is divided into two sections, one for the boys and the other for the girls. The latter — eighty odd —

are looked after by the Sisters, and the former — seventy boarders and 250 dayboys — by two priests and two clerics. In both cases, Government teachers are employed. The community seemed to be enjoying good health despite the trying climate.

As it was holiday time, there was little life about the place.

In the boys' section there are up-to-date study halls, laboratories and handicraft workshops. Great attention is paid to Handicraft. Each boy must produce fifty articles for the half-year and he receives a mark for each item. At the end of the term, the one who has received the highest marks is duly rewarded. Three large playgrounds provide space for football, volleyball and basketball.

In the other part of the Institute the girls are no less well cared for by the Sisters. As usual the feminine touch is to be seen everywhere, and particularly so in the chapel. It is a sign of progress that they are adding another floor to the present building.

We were then conducted to the crèche and the Home for the aged women. This is not connected to the main building but is an old house adapted to suit present needs. Three or four Sisters are in charge. It was whispered to us in confidence that Sr. Dominic the Superioress, was next to the Vicar Apostolic in importance. Regarding the ar-

rangements, one long hall served to shelter the aged women and another was reserved for sick children. The cots were empty when we visited the crèche, but one little child had died that morning a few hours after it had been brought in. We went to see it. Someone had been sent by the mandarin to attend to the burial, and he had put the poor kiddie into an empty soapbox. He was already hammering in the last nails when we arrived. Such a mode of burial rather shocked us. We consoled ourselves with the thought that the little soul was already in Heaven, thanks to the care of Sr. Dominic. It is one of the many cases in which she has succeeded in administering baptism before death comes.

While admiring the medical apparatus, we chanced to see in one of the cupboards a large shining silver cup. Someone facetiously suggested that the old ladies might have won it at football. In reply to our enquiry, Sr. Dominic explained its presence with the following story: — A short time ago one of the school-children fell ill and was confined to bed. Her condition became worse and finally she showed signs of approaching death. As a last resort her parents put her in a basket to hang before the idols in the temple, surrounding her with joss-sticks and incense. The Sister came to hear of the incident and forced the parents to take the child away on the



Happy Children of the "Holy Childhood."



The New House for the Native Sisters.

pretence that if it died it would not be able to see its way to Heaven for the smoke! They gave the child into the care of Sister and in a month it was completely cured.

Naturally everybody wanted to know who was the power behind the scene. To show them, the Sister brought them to the church and there explained that it was her God who had wrought the cure. It remains to be seen how many will continue to believe in the Miracle-Worker. A few of the pagans have already begun to adore Him as *one* of their gods.

The story does not end here. This morning a procession headed by the parents of the child wended its way down the street till it reached the door of the Dispensary. Here it stopped and the father made a long speech; then, with a great deal of ceremony, presented Sr. Dominic with gifts of fruit, cakes, sweets and the silver trophy. On it was a small shield bearing the inscription — "To Sister Dominic, the Great Healer".

At tea we tried some of the cakes and aerated waters... as dear as wine out here. Later we went to the Bishop's House adjoining the Institute to pay our respects to Mons. Kanazei S. C., Bishop of Shiu Chow and of what happened there may be left for another time.

The Mission of Krishnagar.

Very Reverend and Dear Fr. Ricaldone

Allow me to present to you a summary of the good work done by your sons in Bengal during the year 1934-1935. With grateful thanks to God and Mary Help of Christians we can record great progress which consoles us and at the same time gives hope for better things in the future.

This year the number of baptisms has increased from 500 to 780; the number of orphans rescued and given shelter in our orphanages has been almost doubled and throughout the mission in general Catholic life has been greatly intensified.

The "Holy Childhood" is perhaps the most interesting aspect of our missionary work here. Every month an average of ten children are brought to the sisters convent, children who have been cast aside by their parents from their birth. They are received by the sisters with christian charity and brought into the kingdom of Christ by holy Baptism. Then they are given over to the Christian women of the district who nurse them for a time. They are once more given back to the care of the sisters under whose loving care they

grow up. My deepest thanks are due to those, who for the love of Our Lord, have adopted these little ones.

The children are well cared for throughout the various stages of their growth, in sickness and in health, and when the time comes for them to work and to establish themselves in the world they are advised and helped. Alongside the church we have the children's hospital a school, a laboratory a medical dispensary and a home for widows. Miserable indeed is the condition of the Indian widow; she is in great need of help and protection. We have thirty of them in our hostel where they work and pray, are looked after and lead a quiet life free from danger.

This year we have celebrated the seventy fifth anniversary of the arrival of the sisters in this mission. The celebrations were on a large scale as a mark of appreciation for the great work they have done here. The highest civil authorities took part, Hindu and Mussulman alike proclaiming their admiration for the work of the sisters. At the same time I also had the consolation of receiving two young girls, one a Bengalese and the other a Santalese into the congregation of native sisters founded by my predecessor Mrg. Tareggia. The native sisters are able to do great work on the missions but it demands a great deal of sacrifice on the part of those who follow this vocation as there is much opposition to be overcome. So far we have twenty professed native sisters and we have been forced to enlarge the buildings to accomodate other young native girls who wish to consecrate themselves to God.

The Salesians have devoted most of their time to the children and so we have developed the work of the orphanage and the school of arts and trades in Krishnagar, besides opening other schools. In this field much remains to be done, as the poverty of the Christians prevents their seconding the efforts of the missionaries in the work of education. During the past two years excessive rain in some parts and excessive drought in others have destroyed

the rice crop; fortunately we have been able to come to the help of the afflicted even at the cost of emptying our own barns.

The diocese of Krishnagar is situated in one of the most densely populated parts of the globe. Most of the people live in small country villages — groups of mud huts huddled together — representing the typical Indian village which has remained unchanged with the progress of time and civilisation. Poverty reigns everywhere; and the bad social conditions of the people make our work all the more difficult. Hindu Mussulman and Christian villages stand side by side, though clearly divided one from the other. The Mussulmen are in the majority, particularly in the north; they are well organised and with their spirit of unity and their work of proselytising they are very strong and formidable. It is consoling to know however that in the mission of Krishnagar we have a group of converted Mahometans who have remained strong in their faith in spite of the pressure from their former co-religionists: this encourages us very much to work even harder in that most difficult of apostolates, the conversion of the Mahometan. To this end we ask for many prayers.

Even among the Benegalese conversions are rare; prejudice of race, of caste, of customs are great obstacles. Just the other day we received a Hindu family into the church; soon after the father was assaulted and badly beaten, only with difficulty being rescued by the Christians. We have brought the matter before the authorities and we hope that justice will be done.

Such, dear Father are the general lines of our work during the past year. We ask your blessing and the prayers of our cooperators that we may multiply our endeavours to save the souls of the seven million pagans entrusted to our care.

Yours devotedly in Christ,

Mgr. FERRANDO S. C
Bishop of Krishnagar.

Offerings towards the erection of the new ALTAR of ST. JOHN BOSCO
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The V. Rev. Superior General, Via Cottolengo, 32 — Turin (109) - Italy.



His Eminence Cardinal Bourne in Happy Mood.

CARDINAL BOURNE'S desire when a young priest to become a Salesian?

As a young priest his Emminence Cardinal Bourne stayed three months at the Oratory in Turin. There has always been a strong tradition that during that time he asked Don Bosco to accept him for his Society. However it was only a tradition for which there was no documentary proof. Recently a letter (1) has come to light which puts the tradition on a scientific and historic basis.

The letter is from Don Rua to Cardinal Bourne, then simply Archbishop of Westminster, to congratulate him on the success of the Eucharistic Congress of 1908. After having expressed the congratulations of the

Successor of Don Bosco, the letter goes on to say... "The writing of this letter to your Grace, calls up memories of many years ago, memories which I feel sure are also fresh in your Grace's mind. I recall the time very well when you my Lord Archbishop while yet a young priest, were so kind as to honour us with your presence at the Oratory, and when you made a formal application to our Venerable Founder Don Bosco to be received as a postulant in the Congregation founded by him. But Don Bosco dissuaded you from this resolution saying that God did not wish you in the Salesian Congregation, but that the field for your Apostolate lay among your own people in England. That his words were true events have amply proved and not the least of them the great success of the recent Eucharistic Congress".

(1) Memorie Biografiche di San Giovanni Bosco, Vol. XVI, p. 497. Turin S. E. I. 1935. (For private circulation only).

GRACES AND FAVOURS RECEIVED THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS AND SAINT JOHN BOSCO

A remarkable cure through the intercession of St. John Bosco.

In the Home of Our Lady of Lourdes, Didsbury, Manchester, on the 26th. Dec. a baby of 18 months developed pneumonia. At first it was thought that she would recover,



but as weeks followed days, the little mite grew worse.

At about 6.30 p. m. on the evening of February 28th. the child was apparently dying; she was blue, cold and clammy and her pulse very weak indeed. Accordingly the Doctor was sent for. Upon his arrival she had rallied again, and on the following morning was taken to the Hospital for X-ray. The little one was extremely emaciated and her recovery seemed beyond possibility.

Several Saints were invoked, but all to no avail. On Sunday, April 15th. a Relic of St. John Bosco was lent by a Priest, and a novena to the Saint commenced. The same evening the child's temperature came down one point, which though ever so slight, aroused great hope. Since December the temperature had been between 103 and 105.

On Tuesday, April 17th, the child was examined by another Doctor but he too gave no hope; she cannot get better.

The writer replied, "You are mistaken, she is getting better". But the Doctor remained unshaken in his opinion.

From this time onwards the little girl's temperature came down very gradually and daily a small improvement could be detected. On the following Sunday our own Doctor came again, but thought the apparent change would not be permanent. To his intense surprise the little one was sitting up a fortnight later; her temperature was almost normal, and her weight had increased. She was showing evident signs of a happy return to health. I asked the Doctor if in the event of her recovery would she ever be strong. He replied; "A fortnight ago that baby was dying; no earthly power could save her. Ask Don Bosco and his men what they are going to do".

A week later the second Doctor again visited the child. He was delighted to find her playing about on the verandah. To this day he cannot understand it. (He is not a Catholic).

Now St. John Bosco's baby is growing into a beautiful child. She is three years old and has not had one day's sickness since. Thanks to St. John Bosco, First Founder of Rescue Work.

St. M. M. BASIL.

Disbury (Manchester) - England - Sept. 1935.

Dear Father Parolin,

I have been trying to get the opportunity to see you and tell you about the condition of my little boy, Edward Whelan, but have been kept so busy both up at the hospital

and at home that I did not get the time to do so.

He is coming along just fine and seems to surprise the doctors that his mental condition and the sight in his eyes is coming along so well. Five weeks ago you first came to see him and placed the relic of St. John Bosco on him and prayed over him. You remember how very serious his condition was at that time. All our friends and relatives made the novena to your beloved Saint and I feel and know that he has pleaded our cause to Jesus and Mary.

For over ten days our little boy lay unconscious with a compound fracture of the skull. After the relic of St. John Bosco was placed on his head his condition seemed to be a little better and later on during the night he became conscious. He has been slowly improving since that time. At present the wound over his left eye is draining. (Operation was performed three weeks ago showing an abscess on the brain). We all pray that this abscess will entirely be dissolved and disappear. It was six weeks last Saturday since he was injured.

Sincerely,

JOSEPHINE MELAN.

San Francisco - April 1935.

Since last July the child has been in perfect condition physically and mentally, only a scar remains.

August 29, 1935.

Dear Father Parolin,

Thanksgiving to St. John Bosco

February last I was attacked by severe Neuritis, combined with acute Rheumatism and Sciatica. Besides, and on account of it, I also was in financial distress. I could not walk without a cane and then only slowly. I could not sit, lie down, bend down or stand without grievous pain. I could do nothing at all, not even the most necessary occupations. In this distress I heard about St. John Bosco. In spite of my pain, I managed to get down to His shrine, obtained medals and leaflets, and was blessed with His relic. Relief was immediate. I went home free of pain. The cane was discarded and I could walk and work as before.

All praise and all thanks-giving be to Our

Blessed Lord and His faithful holy Servant, St. John Bosco.

San Francisco, California.

Miss PHILOMENA BAUMGARTNER.

August 29, 1935.

Dear Father Parolin,

I am writing you this letter to explain the great blessings St. John Bosco has brought to my mother.

Mother was suffering from an incurable foot ailment called "Berger's Disease". Four doctors told her she would never be able to walk again. One doctor recommended the amputation of her leg. She suffered terrible pain night and day from which there was no relief. After praying to St. John Bosco, she seemed better. Then you blessed her with the holy relic and since that time she began to improve. At present she is up and getting around very well. She is able to wear shoes, and, while her feet are still tender, I am sure that in time she will be perfectly well again. The doctor was amazed to see how well she was and after an examination he said she may never again be troubled with her feet.

We are all very thankful to St. John Bosco and feel we can never praise him sufficiently. We will do all in our power to promote devotion to your blessed Saint.

Sincerely yours.

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San Francisco, Calif.

Mrs. ELIZABETH TRUITT.

A. H. C. Co. Tipperary.

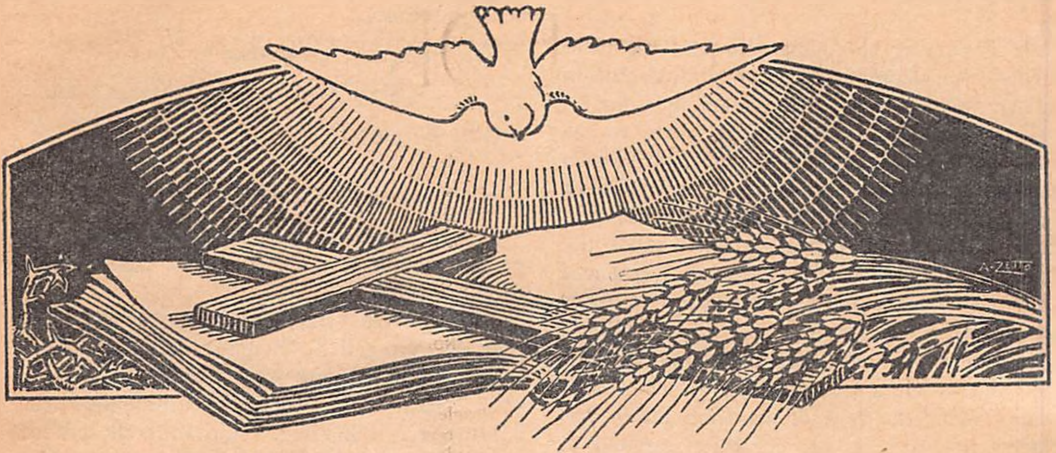
Please publish my grateful thanks to Mary Help of Christians and St. John Bosco for the wonderful improvement in my health after years of illness. I never lost faith in Dear Don Bosco; he never fails to get me what I need.

Mrs. O. Camps. Hayes, Middlesex.

Grateful thanks to Don Bosco for the recovery of my daughter.

K. F. Co. Wexford.

Offering in thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart, Mary Help of Christians and St. John Bosco for favours received.



OBITUARY

Our Co-operators and Readers are asked to pray for the eternal repose of the souls of the following Co-operators who have died recently.

Canon T. Marrs.

With great regret we record the death on September 29 th. last of Canon Thomas Marrs Canon Penitentiary of Shrewsbury Cathedral. From the earliest years of his priesthood he was a great friend of the Salesian work and an appreciative reader of the *Salesian Bulletin*. He had a great devotion to Mary Help of Christians and Don Bosco which showed itself in the great care he lavished on the children and the old folk of the Parish. He would often entertain the old people in his house or on the lawn attached to the church. As a last proof of his goodwill towards the Salesian work he left his theological library to the Salesian theologate at Shrigley Park. He died at the age of sixty one years greatly mourned by Catholics and Non-Catholics alike. May he rest in peace.

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SPIRITUAL TREASURY

A list of the Plenary Indulgences which may be gained by Salesian Co-operators during the course of the year.

1. Once each day by raising up their minds to God by means of any ejaculation, however short. (This indulgence of *Sanctified Labour*, granted by Pius XI, includes also an indulgence of 400 days every time a similar invocation is made. It may be gained also by the Salesians, the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and the pupils and past-pupils of both).
2. Once each month, on any day at choice.
3. On the day on which they make the Exercises for a Happy Death.
4. On the day on which they assist at the monthly Salesian conference.
5. On the day on which they are inscribed in the Pious Union of Salesian Co-operators.
6. On the day on which, for the first time, they consecrate themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
7. Every time they make a spiritual retreat of eight days.
8. At the hour of death, on condition that having confessed and received Holy Communion, or at least being sorry for their sins, they shall invoke with their lips or heart the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

On Each of the Following Feasts.

1) *Moveable:*

- The Holy Name of Jesus (Sunday between the 1st. January and the Epiphany).
The Holy Family (First Sunday after the Epiphany).
The Seven Dolours - First Feast. (Friday before Palm Sunday).
Palm Sunday.
Easter Sunday.
The Ascension.
Pentecost.
Trinity Sunday.
Corpus Christi.
The Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday of the first week after Corpus Christi).
The Sacred Heart of Mary (Day following the former).

2) *Fixed:*

JANUARY

- 1 - Circumcision of Our Lord.
- 6 - Epiphany.

- 18 - St. Peter's Chair at Rome.
- 23 - Espousals of Our Lady.
- 25 - Conversion of St. Paul.
- 29 - St. Francis of Sales.

FEBRUARY

- 2 - Purification.
- 22 - Chair of St. Peter at Antioch.

MARCH

- 19 - St. Joseph.
- 25 - The Annunciation.

MAY

- 3 - Finding of the Holy Cross.
- 8 - Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel.
- 17 - Anniversary of the Coronation of the Picture of Our Lady Help of Christians.
- 24 - Our Lady Help of Christians.

JUNE

- 24 - Nativity of St. John the Baptist.
- 29 - SS. Peter and Paul.
- 30 - Commemoration of St. Paul.

JULY

- 1 - The Precious Blood.
- 2 - Visitation of Our Lady.
- 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

AUGUST

- 6 - The Transfiguration.
- 15 - Assumption of Our Lady.
- 16 - St. Roch.

SEPTEMBER

- 8 - Nativity of Our Lady.
- 12 - The Holy Name of Mary.
- 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- 15 - Seven Dolours (2nd Feast).
- 29 - Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel.

OCTOBER

- 7 - The Holy Rosary.
- 11 - The Maternity of Our Lady.
- 16 - The Purity of Mary.

NOVEMBER

- 21 - Presentation of Our Lady.
- 22 - St. Cecilia.

DECEMBER

- 8 - Immaculate Conception.
- 25 - Nativity of Our Lord.

Apart from the usual condition, it is necessary for all, in order to gain these indulgences, to recite daily an Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be to the Father, for the intention of the Holy Father, with the invocation St. Francis of Sales, pray for us. (Decree, Oct, 2nd., 1904).

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