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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).

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

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Two Important Works.

The happy and successful conclusion of the Cause of Don Bosco is certainly a matter for very real pleasure and gratification. From all sides comes news of great manifestations and demonstrations, both religious and civil, in honour of the new saint. Churches are being raised in his honour, devotion to him is spreading fast. His popularity is undoubted, his work makes an unusually strong appeal. It is, indeed, safe to say that the enthusiasm aroused by his canonization has no parallel in modern times, save perhaps in the cases of the Curé of Ars and the Little Flower, with the possible addition of St. Bernadette.

We wish to urge all Salesian Co-operators and all friends of St. John Bosco to make full use of the opportunities within their grasp. Don Bosco is riding on the crest of the wave of popularity; now is the time to act! Spread devotion to him, encourage others to invoke him and to have confidence in his intercession. Do your part to make his name better known and to increase the knowledge of his works and of those ideals for which the name of Don Bosco stands.

In connection with the canonization, several notable additions have been made

to the literature dealing with the saint; books and pamphlets of varying sizes are now obtainable at prices within the reach of all. Read them, present them, borrow them, lend them, recommend them!

You desire to please Don Bosco and to do something in this, his canonization year, to honour him. In urging others to join the ranks of the Salesian Co-operators and to take an active and practical interest in the work being carried on to-day in your midst by his spiritual sons, you will be doing a work than which it would be difficult, indeed, to find one more pleasing to our saint.

Quite apart from the very great assistance which the zealous members of this modern Third Order are able to render to the Salesian works, they have also the very consoling knowledge that by membership of this Pious Association they are enabled to participate in signal indulgences and other spiritual favours which five Sovereign Pontiffs in turn, themselves members of the Association, have graciously deigned to shower upon it.

The Association of Salesian Co-operators is, further, an organization whose work, aims and methods are closely in accordance

with the spirit of Catholic Action. This is clearly demonstrated in the following extract from the rules for the constitution and government of the Association. *The Association humbly commends itself to the protection and favour of the Sovereign Pontiff, of all Bishops, and Parish Priests, on whom it will absolutely depend in everything that relates to religion.*

It would be a mistake to suppose that the work and scope of the Association begins and ends with the assistance of strictly



The Venerable Dominic Savio.

Salesian works. Its members are, in accordance with the Constitutions, expected to place themselves, in their own particular districts and parishes, at the service of the Bishops and Parish Priests to assist them in whatever work of religion the particular needs of their own districts demand.

The spread of good literature, of Catholic papers and reviews, is another work the saint had much at heart, and which he was accustomed earnestly to recommend. He himself wrote and published books and pam-

phlets of every size as part of his very practical contribution to this good cause.

The distribution of pictures, images and medals of the saint will be a powerful means, too, of encouraging devotion to him.

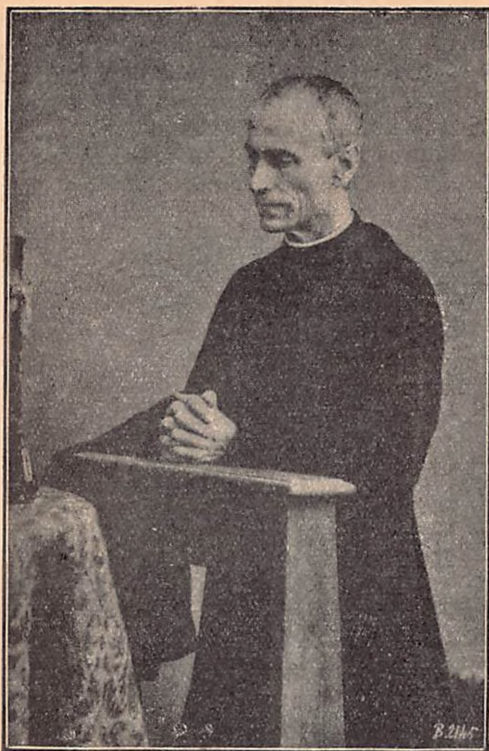
To the few simple ways here suggested, the zeal, love and devotion of the friends of the new saint will be able to add many others, all of which will assist in bringing down upon them the blessing of Saint John Bosco, always so grateful to his benefactors in life, and assuredly not less so now that he enjoys the crown of glory in heaven.

Such, then, is the first work which, as an outcome of the canonization, we recommend to all.

A second, and not less important one, is this. In the Easter number of the *Bulletin*, brief reference was made to the lives and *Causes* of some of the other Servants of God of the wide Salesian Family. We wish to ask very earnestly for increased prayers for the happy exit of them all. Above everything else, miracles are needed. These will only be obtained in proportion to the spread of the knowledge of the lives of these holy persons and the seeking of their intercession.

The case of the Venerable Dominic Savio is a case in point. The Sacred Congregation of Rites is at present engaged on the examination of the miracles adduced for his beatification. Four presumed miracles were originally selected from which the final choice of two would be made; two, however, had to be discarded on account of difficulties in regard to witnesses. Of the remaining two, one has, unfortunately, recently had to be set aside owing to the death of an important medical witness and the consequent impossibility of obtaining the required documents. Hence another has to be found. From examples such as this, the need for adequate reserves can well be understood. Let all pray hard, then, that in this, and in all the other cases miracles may be found.

The Cause of Fr. Michael Rua, Don Bosco's successor and "*alter ego*" is one we strongly recommend. His life is so full of interest, his sanctity so universally proclaimed by all who knew him, — and there are many, for he died only in 1910, — that it should be comparatively easy to draw others to admiration of him. The perfect disciple of St. John Bosco, his life will be found to be as



Fr. Michael Rua.

Polish prince and Salesian priest, is another with a special claim upon all interested in the work of the Salesians in the English Province. Battersea Catholics, in particular, have a debt of gratitude to pay to him. It will be recalled that it was the money given by him to Don Rua for the purpose that more than anything else enabled the beautiful Church of the Sacred Heart there to be built.

For the success of these and all the other *Causes* mentioned in the *Easter Bulletin*, let us once more exhort all friends of St. John Bosco to do their best. Miracles, miracles, miracles! That, in brief, is the need!

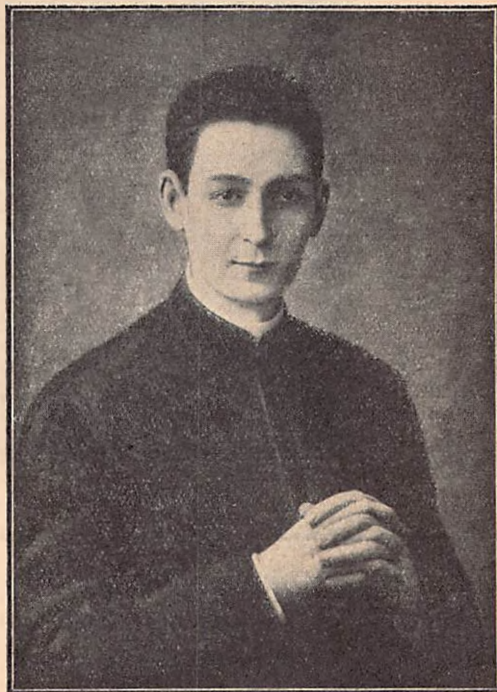
There are surely many readers of this short article who have great needs of their own to recommend, the cure of some one near and dear to them which they wish to obtain, a conversion, maybe, that they have much at heart. Miracles, we repeat, are needed. To obtain them demands fervent prayer. Prayers will not be offered unless the existence of these holy persons is made known. Introduce them to your friends, spread their pictures and devotion among them. Would you not like to think later

fascinating and as holy as that of the saint himself. Don Bosco promised to share all with him. In life he did so; Don Rua must now share his glory, too.

A new *Cause* on which great progress is being made and in which a speedy beatification is hoped for is that of Mgr. Versiglia, the Salesian Bishop of Shiu Chow (China) and his companion, Fr. Caravario S. C., who were brutally murdered by bandits in China on February 25th 1930. The Salesian Postulation in Rome is now at work on the Informative Process of the Ordinary on their presumed martyrdom.

The well-known fact of the keen interest of Venerable Dominic Savio in England and the actual visits paid by Don Rua and Mgr. Versiglia, to that country is a particular reason why English-speaking Catholics should take a special interest in the promotion of these three 'Causes' and do their best to encourage their friends to recommend their special needs to the intercession of these holy persons.

Fr. Augustus Czartoryski, the saintly



Fr. (Prince) Augustus Czartoryski.

on that you had taken an active part in the procuring of the beatification and canonization of a saint? Perhaps the obtaining of one of the necessary miracles has been reserved for you. Work, then, for these Causes and, above all, *pray, pray, pray!*

Acknowledgments of *Graces* and *Favours*

received, and which are attributed to the intercession of one or more of these Servants of God, should be sent to the *Bulletin* without delay. Publication there will help to make the value of this intercession better known and will be a powerful stimulus to others to place their needs under the same protection.



Mgr. Versiglia, late Bishop of Shiu Chow, China.

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The Golden Jubilee of His Eminence Cardinal Bourne.

Much has been said and written within the past two or three months in connection with the attainment, on June 11th last, by His Eminence Cardinal Bourne of his golden jubilee in the priesthood.

It is, indeed, a little difficult, without being guilty of undue repetition, to know what to add to the many tributes which have so justly been paid to His Eminence on this great occasion. To recall the many and well-known facts of the Cardinal's inspiring record of work in the service of God and His Church would surely be superfluous; they have already been amply dealt with elsewhere. Yet the *Salesian Bulletin* cannot let the occasion pass by without placing on public record the sincere and lasting gratitude of the Salesian Congregation to His Eminence for the very great and fatherly interest he has always manifested in the work of the Sons of Don Bosco in England.

In the canonization number of the *Bulletin* there appeared a quotation from the preface written by the Cardinal to the English translation of Fr. Auffray's "Life of Don Bosco." In it His Eminence remarks that the saint never forgot the words: "*Have they made thee ruler? be not lifted up: be among them as one of them: have care of them.*" It is no idle flattery to suggest that what His Eminence declares to be true of Saint John Bosco is, and has always been, well verified in his own priestly and episcopal career. They must indeed be few of whom it could be said that they were more easily approachable than the present illustrious occupant of the See of Westminster; few they who can have carried their exalted dignities with greater charm and with such unflinching consideration for the souls committed to their charge. Cardinal Bourne has, indeed, ever been regarded as the perfect embodiment of all those virtues which go to make up the

prudent and kindly ruler, the model priest and the courteous, Christian gentleman.

From his heavenly patron, St. Francis of Sales — patron, too, of the Salesian Congregation — and from Saint John Bosco, our holy founder, with whom His Eminence had, as is well known, the privilege of personal acquaintance, the Cardinal has certainly imbibed much of their spirit, the ideal Salesian spirit, the *omnibus omnia* of Saint Francis de Sales. It has been always unmistakably manifested in his dealings with the Salesians throughout the forty-seven years of their residence in England. It is traceable back to the distant days of November 1887, when, as a young priest, he met the first Salesians on their arrival in England, and the Sons of Don Bosco pray that they may be privileged still to enjoy it for yet many more years to come.

Messages from the Superior General, on behalf of the whole Congregation, and from the Father Provincial, on behalf of the Salesians of the English Province, were sent to the Cardinal on the actual anniversary.

But gratitude did not end here. On June 11th, every priest of the Province offered up Holy Mass for the intentions of His Eminence, whilst every cleric and lay-brother, together with the boys in our colleges, offered their prayers and Holy Communion for the same end.

The recent participation of His Eminence, despite the delicate state of his health, in the celebrations in connection with the canonization of Don Bosco were but one more reason why such a tribute was fully deserved.

We pray that Almighty God may restore His Eminence to full and vigorous health and grant the Salesians in England and, indeed, the whole Catholic body in that land the benefit of his kindly help and wise counsel for many years to come. *Ad Multos Annos!*

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Three days before the actual Jubilee, on June 8th, to be precise, His Eminence very graciously welcomed a deputation of Salesian Priests and Brothers, Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, and representatives of the Salesian Students. The party was headed by the Father Provincial of the Salesians and the Mother Provincial of the Sisters.

In addressing the members of the delegation, the Cardinal recalled his student days at St. Sulpice and the visit of Don Bosco to lecture to the students, remarking how the saint then impressed everybody as a man of God, and as being full of zeal for souls. He spoke, too, of his personal acquaintance with the saint in Turin and of his being able, a little later, to welcome the first Salesians to England. The Cardinal expressed great pleasure at the vast development of the work in England and Ireland, referring particularly to the most recent development, the commencing of the Festive Oratory work in the heart of London. He mentioned also the very successful work of the Sisters at Greek Street, Soho, in the night school for Italian children and the Club for those in hotel and domestic service. They have already some 160 members of this club, in addition to the hostel which they run for young ladies wishing to study or pursue some profession in London.

His Eminence blessed all the schools of the Salesians and Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and their pupils.

Finally he very kindly showed the deputation over his apartments — the Throne Room, Library, Chapel and Chapter Hall.

During the course of the visit, the following address was read to His Eminence.

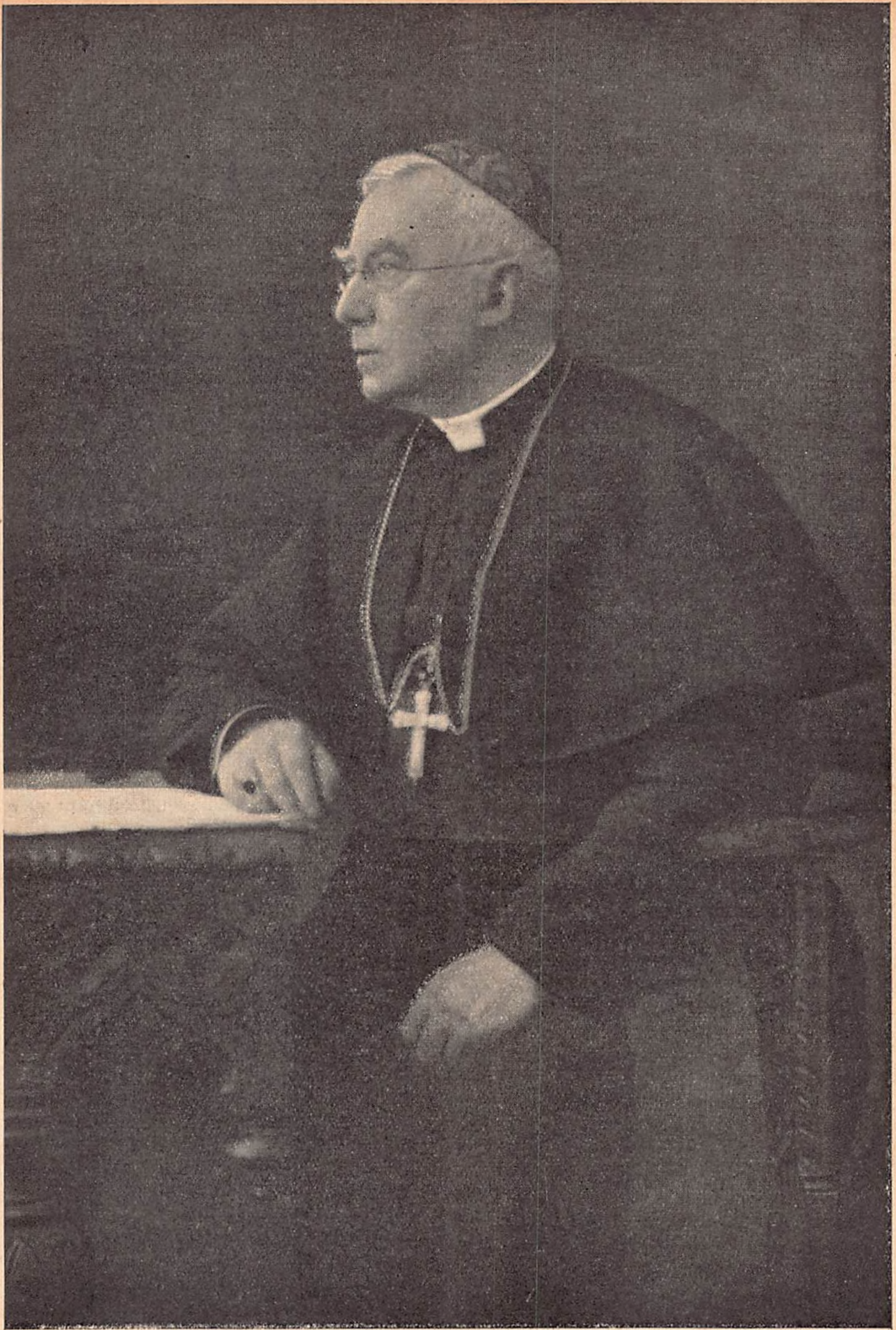
Your Eminence,

All England is rejoicing during these days over the solemn occasion of the Golden Jubilee of her great English Cardinal. All classes are sending in their congratulations to Your Eminence, and many ways of celebrating worthily this welcome event are in preparation. We Salesians, the children of the recently canonized Don Bosco, have every reason to claim that amid so many voices, our words of congratulation and gratitude should bear a

decided, even if a humble part. The beginning of our Congregation in England is closely connected with the beginnings of Your Eminence's priestly career. We cannot forget that as Francis Bourne, the St. Sulpice student, Your Eminence knew, and admired Don Bosco; that as the young Father Bourne, you became a friend of our Congregation, and were the first to welcome the Salesians who came to settle in England; that as Bishop of Southwark you kept in close touch with Father Macey and the Houses at Battersea, Burwash and Wandsworth; that as Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, you were ever ready to give the assistance of your influence and patronage to our work in England. For all these proofs of beneficence and benevolence we have ever been grateful, and many and continued prayers have been offered for Your Eminence's personal welfare and the success of your many projects for the Church in England.

There is a parallel at once evident and full of meaning to us. The past fifty years have seen Your Eminence pass from the status of a simple priest, step by step, to the high dignity of a Prince of the Church, a succession of honours brought about by personal worth and by the patent fact that Your Eminence has nobly and signally succeeded in making the Church of God loved and respected in a land and empire, which, if not hostile, has at least been suspicious and critical of things Catholic. Also during this same period we have seen our Venerable Founder, Don Bosco, raised by successive Decrees to the highest honour given on earth to those whose virtue was heroic, and whose works here below are still powerful and miraculous. It is indeed a source of joy and gladness to us Salesians that the year of the canonization of Don Bosco is the year of the Golden Jubilee of our great friend and benefactor, Francis, Cardinal Bourne.

Your Eminence, to mark the greatness of the event we are celebrating in a manner fitting the occasion, we are making a special offer of prayers, Masses and Communion, coming with gratitude and affection from our Priests and Brothers, from the Nuns of Mary Help of Christians, from the pupils of our Colleges in England and Ireland, from the devoted band of Salesian Co-operators in the British Isles; in short from all the loyal children of our Founder, in whose minds are affectionately enshrined the names of St. John Bosco and Francis, Cardinal Bourne.



The Latest Photograph of HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL BOURNE.

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CANONIZATION CELEBRATIONS

The London celebrations, described in the June *Bulletin*, of the canonization of Don Bosco were but the beginning of a series of festivities which the English Province of the Salesian Congregation is holding in union with the other Provinces of the Society scattered all over the world. Below will be found reports of the various triduums and other functions of which accounts have, up to the time of writing, been received. Some of the houses have yet to hold their feasts. The story of these will be told as soon as possible after the events are held. In arranging the order of the accounts given here, the order followed has been that of time. Thus the report of the South African celebrations appear first, the two houses of the Province in that distant land having been first in the field with their joint commemoration of the great event. We are indebted to the *Southern Cross* for this account.

Rally in City Hall. Bishop's Tribute to Salesians.

At a crowded meeting in the Cape Town City Hall on Wednesday, April 25th, many speakers paid tribute to the memory of St. John Bosco, founder of the Salesians, who was canonised by the Pope on Easter Sunday.

Mr. G. W. Peart, President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the Peninsula, was in the chair, and was supported by His Lordship Bishop Hennemann, His Excellency Count Labia (Italian Minister to the Union), Fr. Ter Maat, O. P. (representing the Apostolic Delegate), Rev. Dr. Colgan, the Superiors of the two Salesian Houses in the Peninsula, Mr. M. W. Clancy (Chairman of the Directors of the SOUTHERN CROSS), Commander Carroll and Commander Callanan, nearly all the priests of the Peninsula and a large gathering of the laity.

Mr. Peart, in opening the meeting, mentioned that that was the first occasion on which they had been called together for the purpose of honouring the canonisation of a Saint.

Rev. Dr. Colgan, speaking of St. John Bosco as an educationist, said that he merited to be ranked as an expert in the education of youth for the reason that he was an expert in the Christian life.

A Fact.

"In the first place Christianity is a fact, and in the second place it alone gives a complete explanation of man. The Christian explanation of man and of life is the only explanation, and it is this because it is true. There is no logic like the logic of facts. When you accept Christianity you accept the Divine Story of the Incarnation as something that actually happened — an event fully authenticated and duly recorded.

"Our Christian life and our Christian theory of life is founded on a fact. What I mean is this: the Christian does not approach life with a theory. He begins with a fact, scientifically and historically established — the fact, namely, of the Incarnation; and from that fact he evolves his theory of life and his rule of happiness and knowledge of himself.

"An examination of that fact and its implications will tell him how to live, what life's purpose is, his relation to his Maker and his relation to his neighbour. He has this advantage over the moderns — the new psychologists, the new-thoughtists, the eugenists, the new-educationists. They start with a theory of life and seek to make the facts fit into it.

"The Christian begins at the other end. He takes the fact of the Incarnation and draws out of that fact all its implications and from these he constructs his theory of life.

System of Action.

"St. John Bosco did not start with a theory of education. Our Lord did not leave us a treatise on life or education. He showed us the Christian life, and in the practice of it is contained an almost inexhaustible source of wisdom. With St. John Bosco education was a system of action. All that he wrote by way of instruction and direction to his spiritual sons aims at deter-

words the Christian theory of life is contained in the practice of the Christian life.

"Christian education rests on these two conceptions as on a foundation: God and the Soul. God the source of authority. This the teacher must always bear in mind, and the first requirement in the teacher is not intellectual but moral excellence. Education was the aiming at moral excellence. Christ was the great Teacher and the Exemplar of all teachers."



His Lordship Bishop Hennemann with members of the Lansdowne and Cape Town communities.

mining in the concrete the particular actions that are educative.

"He aimed at forming virtuous young men, and virtue is not knowledge but a force. The art of the educator aims at creating, developing and strengthening this force in the life of the young man. He took the opposite direction from that of the theorists. He preferred to speak of educative work and action rather than of education. *'Non scholae sed vitae discimus'*

"There is no reasoned alternative theory to the Christian theory of education, just as there is no reasoned alternative to the Christian theory of life. Education consists in the creating and fostering of good habits of life — habits of mind and heart; in other

God the End.

"Now as God is the end of all education the means adopted or the method of education should partake of the nature of the end. God is love. It was for this reason that Don Bosco took St. Francis de Sales as his guide and patron. He was the great exponent of the method of love. To plant the love of God in the hearts of men — that was the life-work of St. Francis.

"The Greater Glory of God' was the motto and expressed the spirit of St. Ignatius Loyola: 'The Love of God' was the motto and the spirit of the life and work of St. Francis de Sales.

"For this reason St. John Bosco selected

St. Francis for his patron and called his work and the spirit of his Congregation 'Salesian.' Love was the foundation of the work of his Congregation. 'There was nothing which love could not accomplish. This was his rule of conduct towards those under him: 'Make yourself loved and then you will have no difficulty in securing obedience. Towards the young always so act as never to send them away discontent or upset.'

"Writing from Rome at a time when he knew his end was approaching he dictated to his secretary: 'Let there be love — love on the part of those who command; love on the part of those who obey; let the spirit of St. Francis of Sales rule among us. I leave you now, priests, clerics and children on the way of love — the way of Our Lord.'"

Wonderful Life.

Mr. M. W. Clancy said that the life of Don Bosco, viewed from any angle, was a wonderful life. Among other things, he was one of the pioneers of the Catholic Press and one of the first to appreciate its value to the Church. From 1884 onwards he was the author of innumerable books and pamph-

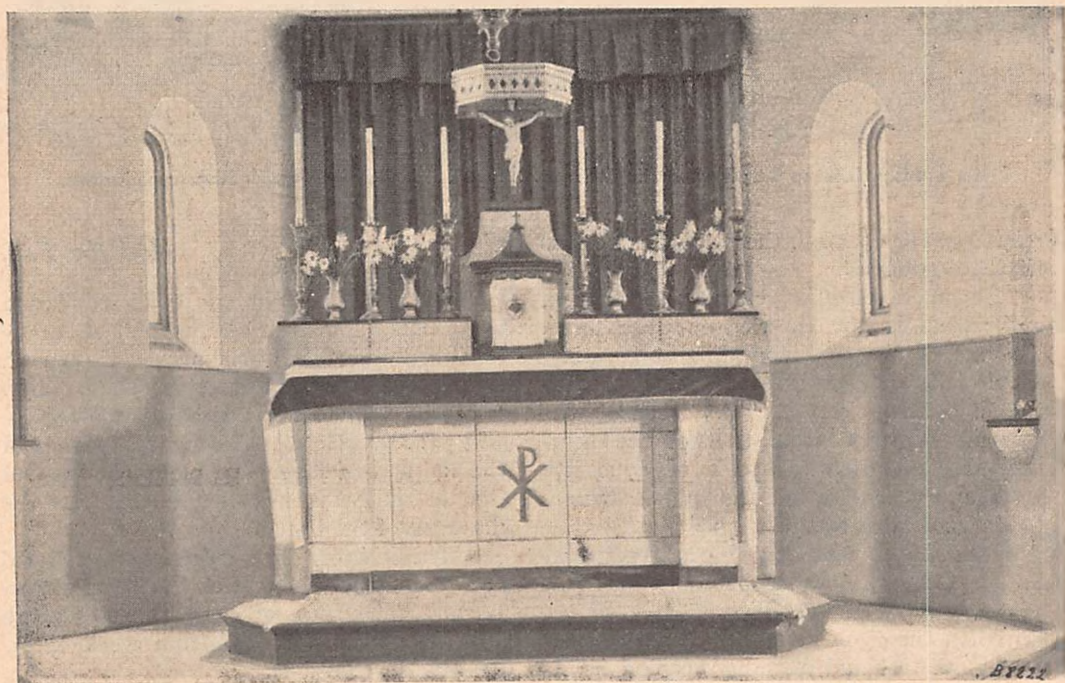
lets and he was the publisher of the first Catholic almanac. For forty-five years he wielded the pen of an able and popular Catholic writer.

St. John Bosco was a veritable wonder-worker, but of all his many and varied activities none was more dear to his paternal heart than the care and education of youth, of whom he was the apostle.

They were all familiar with the work carried on by his spiritual sons in Cape Town. Some 2,000 boys had been trained in the Institute of the Salesian Fathers, which was at once a school, a workshop and, above all, a home. The value of this work has been eulogised by all the civil authorities who have come into contact with it, and the necessity of it is being realised more and more. It is our duty to see that this work is developed and expanded.

He appealed to all friends of the Salesians to contribute towards the upkeep of the two houses, which he described as "an amazing development of an inspired work."

His Excellency Count Labia said that all Italians were proud of St. John Bosco whom they liked to think of as Don Bosco. When they looked at his life, they could not but come to the conclusion that in him was



The High Altar in the new church opened recently at Lansdowne.

manifested in a most striking way the hand of God.

Although at first some people had considered him a lunatic, the great work he had founded had rapidly spread all over the world and grown to gigantic proportions. Don Bosco was above all a godsend to the world and a flaming example to all humanity.

Fr. Ter Maat, O. P., on behalf of the Apostolic Delegate, brought to the gathering His Excellency's greetings and blessing. St. John Bosco, he said, was an example of charity and a model of the Christian life. He expressed the Apostolic Delegate's deep sympathy with, and appreciation of, the splendid and arduous work of the Salesians in South Africa. He hoped that their work might spread all over the country, for the good of South Africa and the honour and glory of God.

Very Rev. Fr. Millen, S. C., Superior of the Cape Town house, spoke of the deep debt of gratitude the Fathers owed to their Co-operators. The first Salesian Co-operator had been Don Bosco's own poor mother, who had accompanied him on his first journey to establish his work. Mother and son had nothing, and she went so far as to tell Don Bosco that if he ever became a rich priest she would leave him.

He described how Don Bosco gathered about him a band of willing helpers, who at first used to wash and scrub, and to mend the garments of his boys. "When you praise the Salesians, you praise first and foremost the Salesian Co-operators," said Fr. Millen, "because Don Bosco could have done nothing of all this great work without the help of his numerous and ever-increasing army of helpers."

He appealed for even greater help from the Co-operators in the future to extend their very necessary work for boys, and urged them to take a greater interest in the work.

His Lordship Bishop Hennemann said that all the Saints were great benefactors of mankind, but the new Saint was this in a special way. *Misereor super turbam* ("I have compassion on the multitudes") were the words of the greatest benefactor of humanity who ever lived, the words of Our Lord Himself, and Saint John Bosco followed the footsteps of his Divine Master. His work was God's work, and that explained his marvellous success.

"It is very seldom in history that a Saint has such a marvellous success in his own lifetime. St. John saw the establishment of 200 houses of his Order, received 2,000 priests as his assistants, counted 200,000 boys in his homes, and not less than £ 4,000,000 passed through his hands.

Greatest Miracle.

Don Bosco's work was so great that it made even Prime Minister Ratazzi, who was far from being a friend of the Church, say that Don Bosco was probably the greatest miracle of the 19th century.

"How can we explain such a wonderful success? As I have already pointed out, St. John's work was and is God's work. The great Saint did his Master's work in the right way when he cared for both the soul and the body of his boys. Charity for the body only is half-charity, and very often not even that."

"Don Bosco practised the right kind of charity. He started his great work by teaching a poor boy the Catechism. And when soon the boys flocked in by hundreds he always cared for both body and soul. His spiritual sons have learned from their father and still follow in his footsteps, caring for the soul and body of their boys.

We have Don Bosco's sons in our midst, and we are all glad of it. For years they have done their spiritual Father's work with great zeal, bearing enormous sacrifices and facing all kinds of difficulties. We all congratulate them to-day on the great honour bestowed on their founder, Don Bosco. It is the greatest honour that our Holy Church can bestow."

Bishop's Thanks.

"I gladly use this opportunity of thanking the sons of the great Don Bosco for all they have done in this Vicariate, and for the whole of South Africa. May St. John Bosco to-day and for all the future bless his sons and their work in the Cape of Good Hope, their great work for Church and country."

Very Rev. Fr. Walsh, Superior of the Salesian Agricultural School, Lansdowne, on behalf of the Salesian Fathers thanked all who had contributed to the "overwhelming success" of the evening, referring in partic-

ular to his Lordship the Bishop, the speakers that evening, and the clergy of the vicariate.

During the evening a musical programme was given by Miss Albina Bini and the Cape Art Circle under the direction of Mr. Joseph Manca, who (in the words of Fr. Walsh) "brilliantly executed a splendid programme." The audience showed their appreciation of several of the items by demanding encores, and greeted all with loud applause. Mr. N. R. Ingleby, F.R.C.O., was at the organ, and at the conclusion played "God Bless Our Pope" and "God Save the King" for the audience to sing.

The Salesian Cadets, smart in uniform, marched to the hall headed by their band, and acted as ushers and distributed the illustrated souvenir programmes during the evening.



In addition to the big rally in the City Hall, there were religious celebrations on three days. On the first feast day of the new Saint — Thursday, April 26th — Solemn High Mass was celebrated at the Salesian Institute, Somerset Road, in the presence of a large congregation.

The celebrant was Fr. F. Hartin, who was assisted by Fr. Haushahn and Fr. L. O'Reilly. The panegyric was preached by Fr. W. Griffin. The Mass was followed by Solemn Benediction and the veneration of the Relic of the Saint.

The two Salesian houses afterwards combined to entertain to lunch the Bishop and the clergy of the Vicariate at the mother house. By a happy coincidence the day was also the twentieth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Hennemann, which gave his priests, at the instance of Dr. Colgan, the opportunity of honouring his Lordship.

On the following day Solemn High Mass was celebrated at the Salesian Agricultural School, Lansdowne, the celebrant being Fr. W. Leeson, assisted by Fr. Alban, O.M.Cap., and Fr. M. McNulty. The preacher for the occasion was Fr. Lallemand, S. J. As before, the Mass was followed by Benediction and the veneration of the Relic.

On Saturday evening the boys of the Salesian School gave an entertainment in St. Patrick's Hall, Somerset-road (kindly lent

for the occasion by Fr. Hartin), before a large and appreciative audience.

The religious ceremonies were brought to a conclusion on Sunday in St. Mary's Cathedral, where Bishop Hennemann celebrated Pontifical High Mass. Fr. Ter Maat (secretary to His Excellency the Apostolic Delegate) was assistant priest; Very Rev. Fr. Millen, S. C., deacon; Very Rev. Fr. Walsh, S. C., sub-deacon; Frs. Marsh and Clegg, S. C., deacons at the throne; and Fr. F. Stubbings, S. C., master of ceremonies. Very Rev. Fr. Ord, C. S. S. R., Superior of the Redemptorists, preached the panegyric. The Cathedral was packed to the doors for the Mass, and the large congregation afterwards filed up to the altar rails to venerate the Relic.

In the evening at the Cathedral there was Solemn Benediction and the Veneration of the Relic. Very Rev. Dr. Colgan preached the panegyric, and the ceremony concluded with a solemn *Te Deum*.

Farnborough. Hants.

Sunday, May 13th, was the day set aside for the celebrations at Farnborough, Hants. The Farnborough commemoration took its place worthily in the cycle of feasts which followed, one after the other, in the various houses of the Province. His Lordship Bishop Cotter, Bishop of Portsmouth, graced the celebration with his presence. It was with particular pleasure that Salesians, parishioners and boys welcomed him back once more to Farnborough after his long and trying illness. The devotion of the parishioners towards St. John Bosco was splendidly manifested in their attendance at the various services.

Pontifical High Mass was sung by Bishop Cotter on Sunday morning, the full ceremonial being carried out in a most impressive manner and with all the solemnity befitting so great an occasion, one which will remain long impressed in the memory of all who were privileged to be present. The panegyric of the saint was delivered by the Rev. John Noonan S. C., who brought out the most striking features of the life and work of St. John Bosco in brief, but eloquent, fashion. The Rector of the College, Father McCourt, acted as assistant priest to His Lordship the Bishop; Fathers Noonan and Dullehan were deacons at the throne, whilst Fathers Field-

ing and Bolton were deacon and subdeacon of the Mass respectively. The beautiful singing of the choir and the packed attendance of parishioners combined to bear eloquent witness to the general joy felt there, as elsewhere, at the canonization of Don Bosco.

After Mass, His Lordship addressed a few words to the congregation and, in the afternoon, administered the sacrament of Confirmation to about one hundred candidates.

The Bishop spent the rest of the day as the guest of the Salesians and their boys, a fact which was the occasion of much rejoicing, for His Lordship has constantly shown himself the best friend the Salesian College, Farnborough, has. Nor is his devotion to St. John Bosco of recent growth; its sincerity has been manifested over a long period of years by continued interest in and support of, the work of the new saint.

Prior to his departure on the following day, His Lordship said Mass for the boys of the College.

Chertsey, Surrey.

Chertsey's festivities were held on Sunday May 27th, in the Church of St. Anne and the Salesian College and at the Convent. An interesting feature of the festivities was the fact that there were persons present who had met the saint and who could speak from their personal knowledge of him.

At 10.30 in the morning, Pontifical High Mass was sung by the Right Rev. Bernard O' Riley, D. D., who as a boy was received and blessed by Don Bosco in 1883, when on his way to Rome for his ecclesiastical studies. In his informal talk to the Salesian pupils in the evening his Lordship was able to portray Don Bosco as he saw him — gentle and kind, a man with a personality which not only attracted but which pervaded and held fast those who came into contact with him.

The preacher was the Very Rev. E. M. Tozzi, S. C., Salesian Provincial, who was a boy in the school of Don Bosco. In his sermon he particularly pointed out how Don Bosco's life was one of complete reliance on Divine Providence and implicit trust in the Mother of Christ, Mary Help of Christians. His devotion to her was so great that he founded a second congregation in her honour, viz., the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.



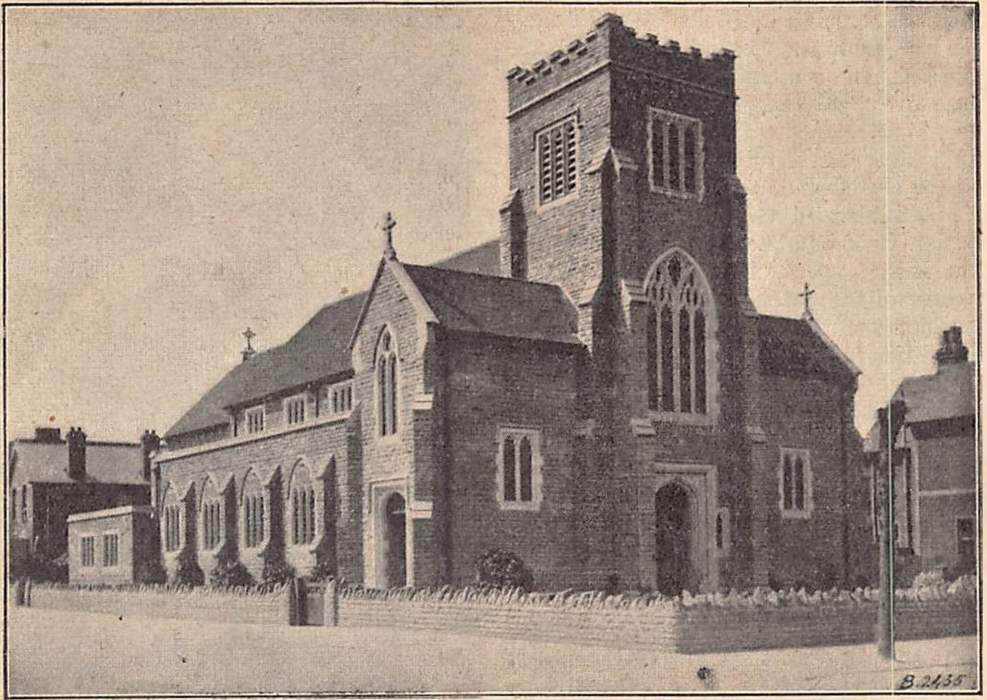
His Lordship Dr. Colfer, Bishop of Portsmouth.

Another person for whom these celebrations were causes of rejoicing and gratitude was Sister Theresa of the Convent, Chertsey. The year of Don Bosco's canonisation has coincided with that of her golden jubilee, and Easter, 1934, must necessarily be a year of joy and gratitude; first, on account of her having completed 50 years as a nun, and secondly, because she has lived to see raised to the altars the saint for whom she worked.

The guests at the luncheon given in the Salesian College, Highfield, included the Bishop, the Right Rev. Bernard O'Riley, the Right Rev. Mgr. Canon Sprankling, V. F., the Very Rev. E. M. Tozzi, S. C., (Salesian Provincial), Very Rev. W. G. Austen, M. A., former Rector of the Salesian College, Chertsey, the Rev. H. Rochford, Ph. D., and the Rev. Fr. Charles, C. J.

Window unveiled.

In the evening Pontifical Benediction was preceded by the unveiling of a stained-glass window in the church to the memory of the



St. Anne's Church, Chertsey.

Very Rev. Charles Bernard Macey, S. C. (R. I. P.), first Provincial of the English Province and first Rector of the College at Chertsey. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Fr. Arendzen, D. D., Ph. D., M. A., who depicted Don Bosco as a transparency of Christ — a dim light of Him who is all perfection. Like Christ, Don Bosco was a worker, always forward in doing the work of God his Father. He was attractive and charming, always in the presence of God, so much so that people could say, 'Here is a friend of God.' In his humility, meekness and courtesy Don Bosco was like a crystal which embodies the light and which now shines around the Heavenly Throne. To his sons, now spread all over the world, Don Bosco left this heritage, that they should work as he did for his fellow-men, and especially for the young.

The preacher concluded with a reference to the holy and zealous priest to whose memory the new stained-glass window has been erected. Father Macey, he said, had been a link between the Salesian Fathers of England and their saintly founder; for it was Don Bosco himself who received Father

Macey into the society and trained him, and finally, in 1887, sent him to England to commence the Salesian work in this country.

Pontifical Benediction by the Right Rev. Bernard O'Riley, D. D., concluded the celebrations. At both the morning and the evening functions a new hymn in honour of Saint John Bosco was sung by the congregation. The words had been written by the Rev. C. Martindale, S. J., and the music composed by a Salesian Father.

Bolton. Lancs.

Thursday, June 7th, saw the scene of activities transferred to the north of England where celebrations were held in connection with Thornleigh College, Bolton. The chapel at Thornleigh is, unfortunately, too small to accommodate more than a handful of boarders, hence, following the private triduum, it became necessary, if the day-boys and the general public were to be catered for, to find a larger building for the main celebration elsewhere. Fortunately, the Rector had not far to seek. Canon Burke of St. Joseph's, Bolton, as on many a previous occasion,

came willingly to the rescue and lent his beautiful parish church for the day's solemnities. The church, and especially the sanctuary, had been artistically re-painted, and the picture of the Saint was prominently displayed in full view of all. In the presence of the pupils of Thornleigh College, some 230 in all, a large gathering of parents and friends, and a distinguished array of clergy from the town, diocese and elsewhere, His Lordship the Bishop of Salford, Dr. Henshaw, sang Pontifical High Mass and preached. Amongst those assisting on the sanctuary were the Father Provincial of the Salesians, and Fr. McCourt, the first Rector of Thornleigh.

After the Mass, the Bishop and clergy made their way to the College where they were entertained by the Rector and Community to lunch.

In the evening a special service was held at St. Joseph's, at which Mgr. Gonne, Rector of St. Bede's, College, Manchester, preached.

His Lordship the Bishop imparted Pontifical Benediction.

The festivities were continued on Sunday, June 10th, when, at the Theatre Royal, Bolton, one of the largest cinemas in the town, a lantern lecture on "The Life and Works of St. John Bosco" was given in the presence of a packed audience by the Very Rev. W. G. Austen, S. C., Rector of Thornleigh.

The celebrations concluded on Sunday evening at St. Peter and Paul's Church, Bolton, the biggest church in the town, kindly lent for the occasion by the parish priest, Fr. J. Mills, who is, like Canon Burke, an ardent Salesian Co-operator, and who has proved himself by his many kindnesses to Thornleigh a worthy successor to the late lamented Fr. Leighton, P. P., who was his predecessor at St. Peter and Paul's, and who was also well-known for his generous and kindly interest in the work carried on at the college. The Very Rev. Fr. Bernard Delaney



A photo taken in front of the new Don Bosco Hall during the canonization celebrations at Cowley.



Bishop O' Riley and the Father Provincial with some of the students, and others, at Cowley during the feasts.

O. P., Dominican Provincial, was the special preacher for the occasion. The Rector and Community of Thornleigh would like, through the medium of the *Bulletin*, to thank the clergy, and, in particular, Canon Burke and Fr. Mills, without whose generous co-operation the festivities could never have reached the same degree of success.

Cowley. Oxford.

The celebrations held at the Salesian House, Cowley, Oxford, in honour of the canonisation of St. John Bosco commenced likewise on Thursday June 7th.

At the Solemn High Mass sung in the morning, the Rev. M. Murray, S. C. preached the opening sermon of the triduum. In the evening Solemn Vespers were sung and there followed a second sermon by the Very Rev. Hilary Carpenter, O. P., Prior of Blackfriars, Oxford.

A special intention was set aside to be prayed for on each of the four days of the celebrations. On the first day the intention was for religious communities.

On June 8th, the feast of the Sacred Heart, High Mass was again sung at 10.30 a. m.,

and a sermon was preached by the Rev. P. Sherlock, S. C. That day's special intention was the Foreign Missions. Following Benediction in the evening, a lantern lecture was given by the Very Rev. Fr. E. M. Tozzi, Provincial of the Salesians. His subject was "The Salesian Foreign Missions." Those who know anything at all about Don Bosco's vast missionary enterprises will understand why the lecturer was forced to restrict his talk to the work done in South America and more particularly in the first missions in the Argentine.

Fr. Tozzi, who was personally acquainted with more than one of the missionaries whose pictures were thrown on to the screen, first hinted briefly at the new approach that characterises Don Bosco's missionary method — how his objective was not the king nor the head of the tribe nor even the head of the family, but rather the child and through the child to the man.

Musical items were contributed to complete a programme that lasted about an hour and a half, and concluded with the enrolment of new Salesian Co-operators.

On Saturday, June 9th, the special intention was for the Pope.

At the Solemn High Mass sung in the

morning. The Rev. T. Bricknell, S. C., preached.

During the afternoon a special service was held for the children.

The Very Rev. Fr. L. Bellanti, S. J., Rector of the Church of St. Aloysius, Oxford, preached on Don Bosco to a congregation composed of about 250 children from the various Catholic elementary schools in Oxford and Cowley.

Bishop O'Riley then gave Pontifical Benediction which was followed by a procession to Don Bosco Hall recently erected in the grounds of the Salesian House.

Here the bishop unveiled and blessed a marble statue of Don Bosco, which stands in a niche in the wall of the building. Fr. Provincial, S. C., concluding the ceremony, reminded the children what that broad smile of Don Bosco meant for them in particular.

A group photograph followed, and then the kiddies were taken down to "Elmthorpe," the convent of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, where tea had been provided for them by generous benefactors. Two short sketches adapted from the life of Don Bosco presented by some of the bigger boys sent a happy audience home to dream themselves into 'Don Bosco's.'

Pontifical Benediction was given at 7.30 and was followed by another meeting in Don Bosco Hall.

His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham presided, supported by Bishop O'Riley and members of the local clergy.

The lecturer was Fr. Ronald Knox who read a paper on "St. John Bosco's loyalty to the Holy See." He pointed out just where Don Bosco's particular difficulties in this matter lay, by emphasising his talents, the purposes to which he might have devoted them, and the vast circle of anti-clericals who counted it a privilege to know and to be on friendly terms with him.

Fr. Knox stressed Don Bosco's uncompromising loyalty in spite of all this and detailed graphic incidents to show how Providence alone saved him from paying with his life the price of his devotion to the Pope.

At the conclusion of Fr. Knox's paper the Archbishop of Birmingham addressed the meeting. A short sketch adapted from the life of Don Bosco concluded the evening's programme.

On Sunday June 10th the special intention was Catholic Action.

His Grace the Archbishop of Birmingham celebrated Holy Mass at 8 o'clock and preached at the solemn High Mass sung by Fr. Provincial, S. C. in the presence of His Grace and of Bishop O'Riley.

In the course of his sermon, Archbishop Williams stressed the trait of simplicity that characterises Don Bosco's whole life and the complete trust in God which was the support that enabled him to build up on nothing but that confidence a mighty work for the good of souls.

His Grace presided at the luncheon which followed and the guests included Bishop O'Riley, Dom Justin McCann, O. S. B., Fr. L. O'Hea, S. J., Fr. L. Walker, O. P., Fr. Bernard Griffin, Secretary to the Archbishop of Birmingham, and Professor de Zulueta.

In reply to an address of welcome read on behalf of the students of the Salesian House, Cowley, His Grace spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to be present and regretted that another engagement made it impossible for him to wait for the evening's service.

At 6 o'clock an outdoor procession was held and Bishop O' Riley carried the relic of St. John Bosco through the streets.

On the return a sermon was preached in the grounds of the Salesian House by the Very Rev. Fr. Brendan, O. S. F. C., (Provincial), and was followed by the final Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given also in the open-air by Bishop O'Riley. During the course of the Benediction the *Te Deum* was sung in thanksgiving.

Throughout the four days of the celebrations the grounds of the Salesian House were illuminated and a film was taken of the concluding ceremonies to form part of a bigger film which will form a lasting record of the various celebrations held in England and Ireland in honour of St. John Bosco.

Shrigley Park. Macclesfield. Cheshire.

From Cowley we pass to Shrigley which was 'en fête' on Sunday, June 17th, on which date the three-day canonization celebrations at the Missionary College dedicated to St. John Bosco reached their climax. The beautiful wooded country of hills and dales in which the College stands was looking at its best, and the magnificent summer



Bishop Moriarty, Coadjutor Bishop of Shrewsbury, preaching during the canonisation celebrations at Shrigley.

weather was tempered by a cool breeze that was a welcome relief to the visitor from town or city.

In honour of the occasion the yellow façade of the College had been festooned with bunting. Beneath the pillars of the portico stood a statue of St. John Bosco, decorated with flowers. To the right of the main building, and directly opposite the site of the proposed new church to be erected in honour of the saint, a temporary altar had been erected, and there was a further altar beneath a sycamore in the college grounds.

All through the early part of the afternoon there was a constant stream of the friends of Shrigley arriving from all over Cheshire and South Lancashire, and particularly from Macclesfield, Stockport, Manchester and Liverpool. In a little while the College terrace provided a scene of the greatest animation as contingent upon contingent arrived, and groups were to be seen scattered all over the grounds. It would be impossible to give an accurate estimate of the number of those present when the procession, the main feature of the afternoon's celebrations, began. Certainly there must have been between two and three thousand.

At three o'clock, Bishop Moriarty, Coadjutor Bishop of Shrewsbury, took his place in the procession. He was accompanied by the Very Rev. P. J. Canon Kearney, St. Joseph's, Stockport, the Very Rev. M. Canon O' Reilly of St. Joseph's, Sale, the Very Rev. P. Canon Cleary, St. Alban's, Macclesfield, and the Very Rev. G. L. Canon Craven, Administrator of the Crusade of Rescue, Westminster, and other members of the clergy, both secular and regular. His Lord-

ship carried a relic of St. John Bosco. At the head of the procession were little girls carrying flowers and little boys bearing wooden crosses with a rose at the traverse. The children were those of the Elementary School at Bollington and they were closely followed by Girl Guides from Stockport. Representatives of other Catholic organisations followed, included amongst whom were a large body of Knights of St. Columba, a contingent of one hundred Salesian Co-operators from Liverpool, members of the Catenians, the Catholic Women's League from Stockport, the students of the missionary college, and many others. The general public brought up the rear.

On reaching the temporary altar in the grounds, His Lordship placed the relic of the saint there, and preached on the life of him whom they had that day gathered together to honour, and on the lessons to be learnt from that life. He dwelt on St. John Bosco's love of merriment and made a special appeal for a wider exercise of the virtue of charity in daily life. "What was the message of St. John Bosco," he asked himself, "what, the key to the heroic achievements of this modern saint, so human, so full of mirth, so enterprising, so full of tenderness for children?" Surely, the key was to be found nowhere else but in the superlative union of his soul with Christ. His wonderful life, to which trials and opposition added incomparable grandeur should be an inspiration to all those who are determined to serve God and the Church in the many activities of Catholic Action which could thrive only when impelled by love for Christ and for souls.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the pro-

cession re-formed and continued through the grounds to the second temporary altar, at which His Lordship gave Benediction.

This concluded the ceremony. Afterwards there was veneration of the relic of St. John Bosco in the College Chapel, and most of the visitors took the opportunity of viewing the beautifully decorated interior of the college.

The College Band, which had provided the music for the procession, gave an open-air concert which brought the evening to a close.

AMERICAN REJOICINGS

From the United States of America, also, news has begun to trickle in which shows that in that land, too, the canonization of St. John Bosco has been the signal for widespread rejoicings and for celebrations on a scale quite as vast as in other parts of the globe.

Sunday, June 10th, was the date for New York's own outstanding celebration. His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of New York presided on that day at Pontifical High Mass, sung by His Lordship Bishop Donahue, the new Bishop Auxiliary of New York, in St. Patrick's Cathedral. His Lordship the Bishop of Syracuse, Mgr. Duffy, preached the panegyric of the saint. Included in the congregation were many distinguished members of both the clergy and laity, together with representatives of various religious orders and congregations.

The joy that all taking part in this magnificent celebration must have felt was expressed in happy fashion by the Cardinal, who, referring to the canonization some time prior to New York's actual celebration, remarked: "The glory that has come, under the Providence of God, through Holy Church to the Salesian Fathers by the canonization of their founder, Don Bosco, is one over which we are all rejoicing. It is most gratifying to realise that within our own times we have witnessed the life and work of so apostolic a servant of God, who did not confine his labours to his own country but extended them throughout the world in a spirit of Christ-like charity, protecting and training Christian youth."

At the Church of the Transfiguration, New

York, which is in charge of the Salesian Fathers, the festivities lasted for a full week, commencing on Trinity Sunday when a large number of young children, who were confirmed later in the day by Bishop Donahue, received their first Holy Communion, and culminating on the following Sunday, June 3rd, with the magnificent external celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi. The services throughout the week were attended by large crowds who presented a moving and impressive spectacle of piety, joy and devotion.



His Lordship Bishop Donahue,
Auxiliary Bishop of New York.

His Lordship Bishop Donahue, who is well-known and deeply loved in the parish, was accorded a rousing and reverent welcome. The new Bishop quickly captivated all hearts by his paternal affability, his felicitous expounding of Catholic precepts and of the particular graces inherent in the Sacrament of Confirmation, and his gracious reference to Don Bosco as foster-father to thousands of children whose hearts flow with the bravery of St. Agnes and St. Tarcisius.

On June 3rd, the Rev. Father Robotto O. P., celebrated the 7.30 Mass of General Communion and eloquently addressed the

parishioners in Italian. At the ten o'clock mass for the younger parishioners, the Rev. Father Patrick O'Leary S. C., preached, drawing deep on his experiences when, as a boy of fourteen, he left Ireland to prepare for his life's work in Turin.

Solemn High Mass was celebrated at eleven o'clock by the Rev. John Voghera S. C., in the presence of His Lordship Dr. Walsh, Titular Bishop of Aseni, Superior General of the Maryknoll Missionary Society. The Very Rev. Ambrose Rossi, S. C., Provincial, preached.

In the early evening the annual outdoor procession in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians took place, reverent and admiring crowds lining the whole route.

In the Church of Our Lady Help of Christians, also in New York, two triduumms, the one in Italian and the other in English, were commenced on May 6th and May 10th respectively.

On Sunday, May 13th, the main day of the festivities, His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Castellani O. F. M., Archbishop of Rhodes, preached at the Solemn High Mass, celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. G. J. Waring, Ph. D., LL. D.

On the afternoon of the same day a rally of the Allied Holy Name Societies, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, was held, the special speakers for the occasion being the Rt. Rev. Mgr. Formica and Brady.

The celebrations continued throughout the following week, the programme including, besides the various religious services in the church, special entertainments for the children of the parish, for parents and parishioners.

Panama.

Going further afield, and reaching Panama, where the Salesians have a large orphanage, we find more celebrations.

Here, Pontifical High Mass was celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Maistegui, Archbishop of Panama, assisted by a large gather-

ing of prominent clergy. The Republican Band was in attendance and its notes gave added splendour to the solemn moment of the consecration. The choir of St. Mary's Church Balboa, provided the music of the Mass.

Following the Mass, the Archbishop blessed the recently constructed large buildings. Amongst those present were His Excellency President Arias and members of his Cabinet, high government officials and prominent citizens of Panama. The new building has been erected in true Don Bosco style, that is, it has been built first and the money for its construction is being collected afterwards. The Director is looking to local friends and co-operators to assist him in the matter.

As a climax to the celebrations, an event in keeping with the best Don Bosco traditions took place. The Director, despite his own dire need of funds, but placing his trust in Providence, which knows how to recompense amply what is done for the poor in the name of Our Lord, had five thousand large, and full bags of food distributed to five thousand of the very poor of Panama. It was a sight difficult to forget; those who witnessed the orderly scramble for these bags of food needed no further proof that those who came were really in need. To many, this bag of food must have been easily the most they had had for a meal for many weeks.

The Salesian work among the orphans of Panama is much appreciated. A prominent official recently paid a high tribute when he said he had yet to find a boy from the Salesian Schools who is not a straightforward, good citizen. Commenting on this, a local newspaper remarks that an institution such as that run by the Salesians in Panama, where the boys' only fault — if fault it be — is that they were born poor, and are orphans, deserves all the help possible and should be in a financial condition such as will enable it to expand and to rehabilitate thousands of unfortunate youths. Assuredly, further comment is unnecessary.

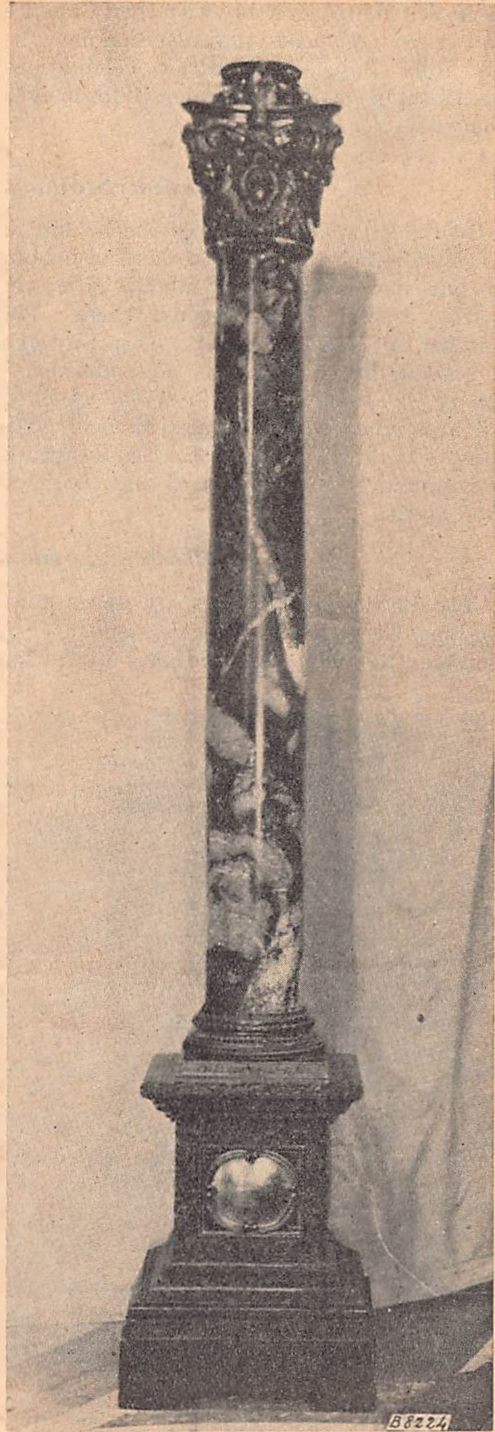
WHAT WE HEAR

Back to Normal.

After the two specially enlarged numbers issued in connection with the canonization, we return with this issue to the usual size. The *Bulletin* will now appear in its normal form of 32 pages every two months, as before. Though from an editorial, or work, point of view the change may be welcome, we hope the good produced by the two special numbers will not be permitted to be lost. From all accounts these *editions de luxe* were much appreciated and found their way into the hands of many new friends. We ask all co-operators to do their best to ensure that these new friends become permanent ones. Encourage them to join the Association of Salesian Co-operators and so to ensure their receiving the *Bulletin* regularly. Thus will they be kept in touch with the work of Don Bosco and, thanks to their encouragement and help, they will have the pleasure of seeing that work increase.

London: Westminster Cathedral.

The concluding celebration of the London festivities in honour of the canonization of Don Bosco — the Pontifical High Mass in Westminster Cathedral on May 6th — was a veritable triumph, a worthy finish to a round of celebrations which were voted by all a magnificent success. His Lordship Bishop Butt sang the Mass in the presence of His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop. His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. Downey, Archbishop of Liverpool, preached the panegyric of the saint. The discourse was in Archbishop Downey's best and most eloquent style, than which no more need be said. A sermon by Archbishop Downey is always a treat. A huge congregation packed the Cathedral as even it has rarely been filled. May St. John Bosco bless all who helped to make the London celebrations such a splendid success! A word of thanks is, indeed, due to all — the members of the hierarchy, the clergy, secular and regular, the various orders of Brothers and nuns, and the laity in general, who, not only in London, nor even in England, but all over the English-speaking world



The beautiful Paschal Candlestick, in marble and bronze, presented by the Salesians to the Vatican Basilica in memory of the Canonization of St. John Bosco. It is over ten feet in height.

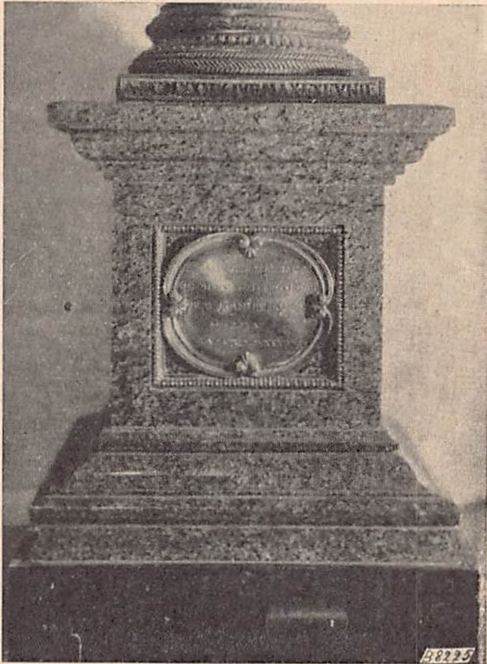
have contributed so nobly with their presence and encouragement towards making the St. John Bosco canonization celebrations successful beyond what was hoped for in even the wildest of dreams.

Carfin: Scotland.

To Carfin, we believe, goes the honour of having the first shrine in Scotland in honour of our new saint. A symbolic group in marble is now being erected there. The number of Salesian Co-operators in Scotland is growing fast and we have no doubt devotion to St. John Bosco will spread quickly. Perhaps some day the Salesians will commence work there, too. In the meantime the ground is being prepared and the good seed sown.

Battersea: London.

The Battersea Old Boys are never quiet for long; they are always in the news. Their Summer Re-union, presided over by Father



A very greatly reduced view of the red granite pedestal of the candlestick. On it, in Latin, is the inscription:

A gift of the Salesian Society on the occasion of the solemn Canonization of Bl. John Bosco. 1st April 1934.

Sutherland, the Rector of the Battersea College, was held recently in London and was once more a great success.

Warrenstown: Ireland.

At the time of going to press, details are scarce, but we hear that the Salesian Agricultural College, Warrenstown, Co. Meath, was recently honoured by a visit from His Excellency Mr. De Valera, President of the Irish Free State, who was accompanied by various other members of the Government of the Free State. The distinguished guests were welcomed by the Rector, Fr. McElligott, who conducted the party round the house and farm. We believe the visitors were much impressed by all they saw.

Bolton: Lancs.

Nothing proves the value of co-operation so much, or so convincingly, as results. A splendid example of what co-operators and good friends can do comes from Bolton. For several years a band of willing workers, the majority of whom are duly enrolled Salesian Co-operators, has been in existence who make it their pleasure to come to the assistance of Thornleigh on occasions when, in aid of the extension fund of this rapidly growing college, various functions are organised. Their help was again much in evidence at the highly successful Garden Party which was held in the beautiful grounds of the college in June. Thanks largely to their efforts a sum which goes well into three figures was realised, a most praiseworthy result of an afternoon's entertainment. Nor is the active co-operation of Thornleigh's friends confined merely to the social side. This was proved clearly when a new feature, a Corpus Christi procession, to which parents, co-operators and friends were invited, was held a short time before. It was a triumph, indeed. Clergy and laity co-operated, the monstrance being carried by Canon Burke of St. Joseph's, Bolton, to whom Thornleigh's debt of gratitude for loyal and continued support can never fully be paid. The Don Bosco celebrations, described on another page, are but one more proof of the sincere co-operation of clergy and laity alike. The Past Students' Association of Mount St. Joseph's, the convent conducted by the

Sisters of the Cross and Passion in the town, deserves a special word of thanks. Its members are always to the fore with help, and a Dramatic Society composed of members of this Association and the Thornleigh Old Boys' Association is in existence, and is always ready to come to the aid of the College or to that of various Catholic activities in the town. We commend the example of Thornleigh's co-operators and helpers to all interested in our schools. Practical co-operation by those who live within easy distance of our houses and schools can always find an outlet and will be readily welcomed. It should be remembered that our schools have, as a rule, the usual Catholic School privilege of a large burden of debt. Hence, co-operators and friends can do great service in giving their zealous and practical help and encouragement whenever the opportunity arises.

A new Salesian Prefect Apostolic.

The Holy Father has recently been pleased to give a signal mark of his pleasure at the increasing success of the labours of the Salesians in their Mission in Siam. The Mission has now been raised to the status of a Prefecture Apostolic and upon Fr. Gaetano Pasotti S. C., Superior of the Mission, has been conferred the honour of being made its first Prefect Apostolic. To Mgr. Pasotti, the newest member of the Salesian hierarchy, our congratulations and best wishes *ad multos annos!*

Bombay: India.

From Bombay comes a report of progress made at the Don Bosco High School during the last scholastic year. During the course of the year a visit was paid by the Delegate Apostolic, His Excellency, the Most Rev. Dr. Kierkels, who expressed great satisfaction at



Mgr. Pasotti, S. C.,
Prefect Apostolic of Rajaburi, Siam.

the work being done. The school is still young, but has already over 200 boys on its books and early extensions are contemplated: The school looks to its many benefactors to give it their continued support during the difficult times of its growing period. With that help assured, it is felt that the school will go rapidly on to much greater things.

Offerings towards the erection of the new
ALTAR of ST. JOHN BOSCO

will be gratefully received by

The V. Rev. Superior General, Via Cottolengo, 32 — Turin (109) - Italy.

NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS

The Feasts in honour of St. John Bosco in Japan.

Dear Fr. Ricaldone,

From newspapers and from friends we have been able to gather some idea of the great world feasts in honour of the canonization of St. John Bosco. How blessed are they who were privileged to be present! Far removed though we, here in Japan, are from these things, we have yet rejoiced during those days and tasted in a form, perhaps more spiritual, the ineffable sweetness of those great feasts.

It was but natural that we should endeavour — I do not say to surpass the world feasts — but to honour St. John Bosco in the best way possible, consistent with our poverty and the special conditions in which we find ourselves placed, conditions difficult to understand for one who, unlike us, is not actually on the spot.

Difficulties and their Solution.

The first and fundamental problem that arose was how to present the saint to the pagan mentality. In what form ought we to show him if we were to produce good in souls? What fundamental colouring and what particular scope should we give to our feasts?

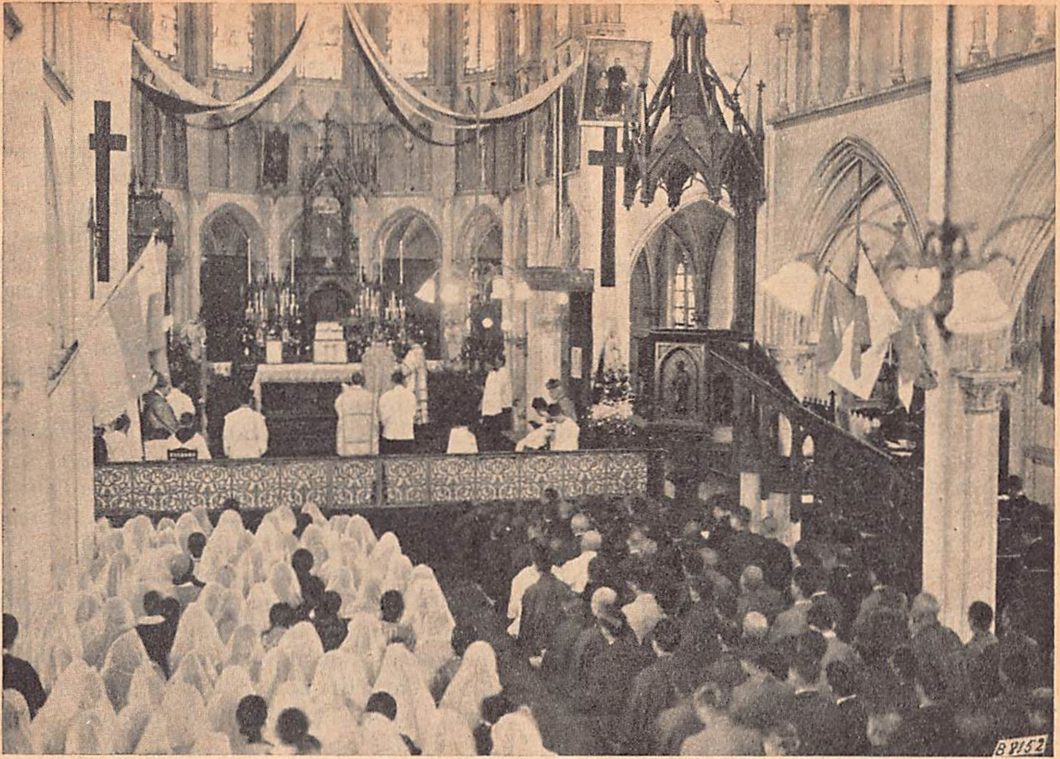
For such as ourselves, deeply imbued with the Christian spirit, a reply would be easy,

but for the Japanese mentality, obscured by thousands of divinities (natural elements, rocks, plants, animals, heroes and spirits), with which their religious life is full, to hold feasts in honour of a saint is to run the risk of hardening them in their convictions. Will they see in the saint a new divinity? What meaning will a procession, in which the image or relic of the saint is carried in triumph, have for them? They are capable of asking you: "What god is that?" "Do you cut in pieces one whom you wish to honour?" A truly delicate position and one which may resolve itself into the impossibility of making the real spirit of Catholic feasts penetrate into their minds! Perhaps the teachings of the Church will be rendered less clear; perhaps the conviction, already firmly rooted in the heads of many, that, at least in these manifestations, there is nothing substantially different between the Catholic religion and their own, will be deepened.

The following decisions were finally arrived at. 1) The new glorification of Don Bosco should be presented to the Christians in the greatest beauty of the Catholic liturgy, they being opportunely prepared to receive the abundance of divine graces by means of triduums, missions and spiritual exercises. 2) To the pagans, and for a country in which the educative problem is an integral part of its strength and greatness, Don Bosco should be presented as an eminent modern educator. To the mind and heart of the Japanese, the figure of the educator who sacrifices himself for the good of the young, is something which fascinates, attracts and imposes itself upon them, no matter what be the fount from which it springs, so much the more so when not only theoretical principles announce his fame, but the practical reality, in the shape of results, as seen in manifold institutions and the testimony of wise practices, such as, in a small way, they can see in the modest works commenced by us, proclaim it, too. 3) As we are in this great nation in the character of missionaries, the feasts of Don Bosco should be, in their preparations, their execution and in their final results feasts of



Miyasaki (13th May): Painting of St. John Bosco, with acclamation in Japanese, on the façade of the church.



Tokio (29th April). — The Mass in progress in the Cathedral.



Tokio — The Delegate Apostolic, the Archbishop of Tokio, and other authorities present at the feast.

propaganda; active, Catholic propaganda. We could scarcely forget our Salesian motto "*Da Mihi Animas*," which recalls the ardent yearning of Don Bosco, the chief scope of missionary work and the great end of the Redemption.

The Feasts.

Having thus determined the basis of action, the development of it could hardly present any serious difficulty, especially when the character of the workers in the scheme is considered, — Salesians, anxious to honour their Father, zealous missionaries filled with the spirit of sacrifice, devoted to the salvation of souls: Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, working in union of intention with the Salesians, and consecrating themselves to the work of the apostolate and prayer: good and zealous Co-operators who, even in Japan, begin to rival the most active scattered in different parts of the earth: the large army of our young oratorians, pupils, artisans and seminarists. All brought to the preparation and carrying out of the feasts the same earnest contribution of activity and helpfulness, the same joyful bustle and gaiety.

Every missionary residence, every religious house of the mission wished to do something to honour Don Bosco, and all merit a fitting record of their labours. Let me note down just a few of the more salient points.

1) On the first of April, the day of the canonization, in all the Catholic missions of the Empire, there was distributed to all the Christian families a special number, issued for the occasion, of our *Bulletin* in Japanese. Contemporaneously, articles and information about Don Bosco were dispatched to the Ordinaries and Superiors of the Missions for press publication.

The most important newspapers in the empire announced the canonization; the Catholic papers and various reviews had long articles and contributions on Don Bosco.

The missionaries distributed pictures and medals of the saint, and our press at *Oita* published the second edition of the *Life of Don Bosco*.

At the end of the day, when the proclamation of the new saint had taken place in Rome, our students of philosophy and the seminarists held an academy, at which dec-

lamations and songs in honour of Don Bosco, the Pope of Don Bosco, and the Salesian Society were given.

2) The Christians corresponded with fervour to the words of the missionaries, and in the sacred missions, triduum and novenas had full opportunity for making abundant use, to the great advantage of their souls, of the special means of grace contained in the holy sacraments: the Christians from the region of *Takanabe* desired, moreover, to make on this occasion the practices for the gaining of the Holy Year indulgence.

3) At *Miyakonojo* (22nd April), at *Tokio* (29th April), at *Nakatsu* (6th May), at *Miyazaki-Takanabe* (13th May), at *Oita* (20th May) and at *Beppu* (27th May), there was a succession of manifestations, well carried out, consisting essentially in solemn religious functions and in commemorations of the saint in the largest halls of the various places, accompanied by widespread distribution of Catholic and Salesian propaganda among both Catholics and pagans. The local papers spoke well and with great deference of the Catholic religion and of the work of the Salesians of Don Bosco. Our clerics and native seminarists, besides participating in the singing and in the various orchestral concerts, etc, had their own special family celebration in honour of Saint John Bosco on the feast itself, April 26th. The Daughters of Mary Help of Christians also had their special family celebrations at *Beppu* on May 24th and at *Miyazaki* on May 31st. The cycle of feasts was brought to a conclusion in the quiet peace of *Tano* at the feet of Mary, Star of the Sea, in the little sanctuary of Saint Teresa, the Little Flower.

Prominent Personalities Honour • Don Bosco.

Amongst the ecclesiastical authorities who participated in the feasts one must mention His Grace Mgr. Marella, the Delegate Apostolic, who was present at the feasts at *Tokio* and *Miyazaki*, His Grace the Archbishop of *Tokio*, Mgr. Rambon, who put the cathedral and episcopal palace at our disposal so that the feasts might be carried out with greater solemnity, the Bishops, Vicars and Prefects-Apostolic, the Superiors of the Missions, of the various religious orders and congregations, both of men and women, who, by their

presence, or by telegrams and letters united themselves with fraternal joy in our celebrations.

But most moving and marvellous of all was the cordial participation of the pagan public authorities, civil, military and provincial, the various prefects and sub-prefects, civil heads, educational authorities and leaders in every walk of life who, by representatives or letters, responded to our

ed to them. They are attached especially to youth and all their works of charity have been done in the name of Don Bosco. They have claimed the young in order to lead them to Jesus; yet the seeming scarcity of results is at times depressing. Conversions are few, yet the phenomenon of which I have spoken above is not without its significance. It shows the missionary is making strides and is winning public esteem. The



Miyasaki (13th May). — The Directors of the Elementary Schools with some of our Japanese orphans.

appeal. They all took the opportunity of assuring the Mission of their sympathy, commendation, and promise of co-operation in the various educational activities. As for the enthusiastic co-operation of our oratorians and their parents and the children and students, artisans, etc, from our various houses and orphanages, one could talk for hours. In all these things we associate also the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians and their pupils and past pupils.

Progress.

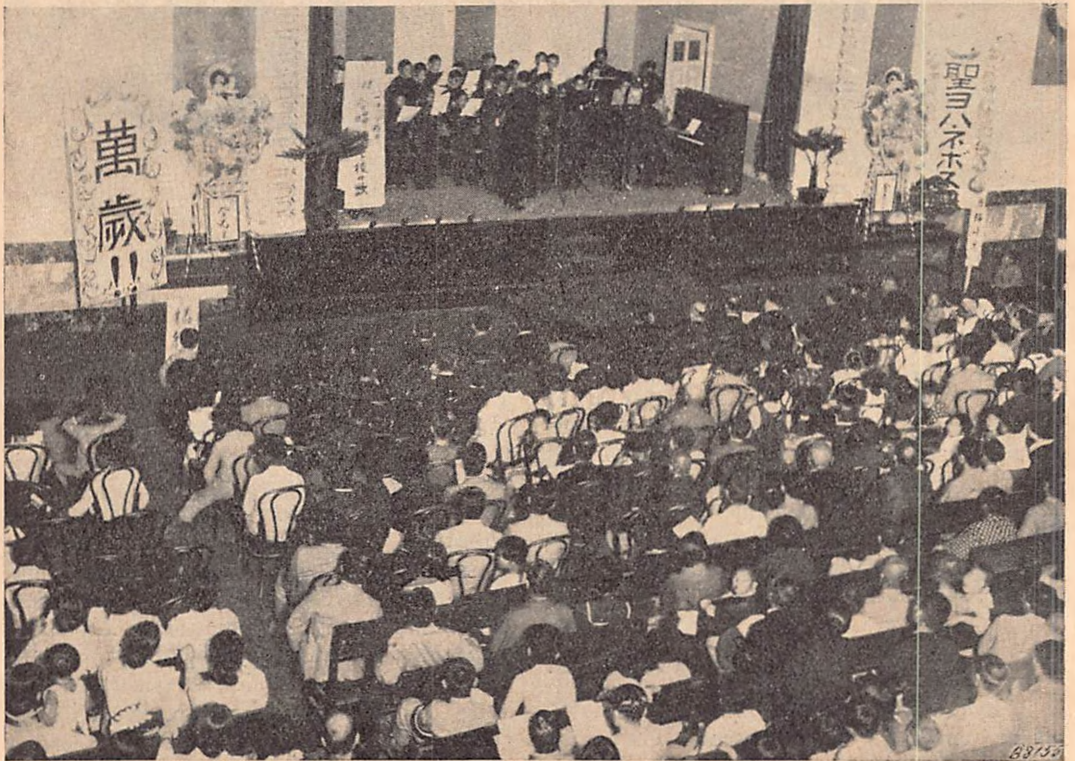
Why all these crowds and all this movement towards Don Bosco? For eight years his distant sons have laboured in Japan and have watered the arid land confid-

young make great propaganda; they open many doors. The seed will fructify in its own good time and will bring forth fruit abundantly.

What shall I say of the speeches made by the pagan authorities who were present at our feasts? At *Miyazaki*, for example, the centre of the Mission, where all the representatives of the Salesian houses, the representatives of the various Christian communities of the Mission, — that of the region of *Takanabe* in full, — were present, there was a magnificent demonstration of good-will on behalf of both the authorities and the people, and at the modest luncheon the city's highest civic authority had words of the greatest praise for the works of charity carried on by the Catholic Mission on behalf of the poor

and of youth. At the commemoration later in the city's large public hall, the thousands of those present could admire in action the manifold manifestations of the work of the missionaries and Salesian educators, in the carrying out of the numbers of the programme confided to the various institutions. And when from the stage the robust voices of the missionaries and the Japanese seminarists mingled with the shrill, silvery voices of the hundreds of young oratorians singing with lusty fervour the hymn to Don Bosco, a feeling of grandeur, mingled with joy, filled all hearts; ours, it is easy to understand, but also those of that imposing multitude who, in that moment, fixed their eyes on the picture of Don Bosco hanging high up in front of all: Don Bosco, who from heaven was certainly blessing those dear souls. What was done at *Miyasaki* was repeated everywhere: the gay, restless and noisy crowds of youths, their families, the authorities and the pagan public all came. What a fascination and winning charm there is about Don Bosco! His holy charity, effusive and diffusive, attracts everywhere.

We must not fail to mention a magnificent coincidence permitted by Providence and which helped in an unforeseen form to give added splendour to our feasts. At *Tokio* the Italian Ambassador sent his representative, and just at the time of the celebrations the "*Quarto*" a ship of the Italian Navy happened to be anchored off *Yokohama*. By kind permission of the commander, the officers and crew, with their band, took part. In Japan band concerts are most rare. You can, therefore, imagine the tremendous attraction this proved, and the seeming marvellousness of such a concert. Added to this was the fine demonstration of faith provided by both officers and crew, and their splendid appearance both in church and elsewhere. Those were unforgettable hours spent in church at the solemn pontifical ceremonies at which the seminarists of *Tokio* assisted, with the representatives of the religious orders and the missionaries. There was the grand discourse of His Grace the Archbishop and the panegyric of Father Caudan, Director of the Grand Regional Seminary, listened to by the representatives



Miyasaki (13th May). — Vocal and Instrumental Concert of the Seminarists.



Tokio (29th April). — The Archbishop leaving after the Mass.

of all the parishes and religious congregations guided by the missionaries. Other hours of joy were those of the band concert in the afternoon and at the great evening re-union in the large hall of a daily paper in *Tokio* with commemorations and a vocal concert.

The warship then took us to *Kyushu* in the bay of *Kagoshima* and thus enabled us to participate in the celebrations there. The Salesians work in this district close to the Franciscan Fathers from Canada and the celebrations took place there by the express desire of the Prefect Apostolic, Mgr. Roy, whose love for Don Bosco and the Salesian Society prompted him to hold a solemn commemoration.

The Fine Arts in honour of Don Bosco.

It was but fitting that our saint, with his artistic soul, should also receive the tribute of the fine arts. A Trinitarian nun prepared a beautiful painting in oils of Don Bosco among the young for the feasts. The painter, Crida, of Turin executed a magnificent panel

in Japanese style which adorned the façade of the church of *Miyazaki*, which was illuminated during the triduum and on the feast with the aid of a powerful reflector. The *schola cantorum* of the seminary of *Tokio* had charge of the musical side of the feasts and rendered classical and modern polyphonic selections, including the "*Corona aurea super caput eius*," of Don Cimatti, at the functions in the Cathedral. The *Matsada* orchestra of *Oita* added its contribution at the various commemorations, the Salesians and their pupils in general also contributing their share at the different residences.

Perhaps one of the most characteristic musical items worthy of note, because it is probably unique in the missionary history of Japan, and certainly so in the world feasts for Don Bosco, took place at *Oita*. A distinguished Japanese poet, Professor Tajima, composed for the occasion a beautiful poem which was sung in musical, declamatory form, so characteristic of the Japanese and so much preferred by them, by a famous director of the school of *Oita*,



A Converted Japanese Family.

noted for executions of this kind. It is difficult to describe in writing the quality of this execution but it was certainly a characteristic participation of a pagan in the glorification of Don Bosco.

I should never finish were I to descend to further details. When the feasts were all finished I asked myself: "what would Don Bosco have wished had he been present amongst us?" He would have seen around him — and he certainly did see — souls who, without fear, gave proof of their faith and who used abundantly the means of grace; crowds of young boys and girls under the care of his sons and daughters. He would, and did see poor and abandoned youth, poor bodies worn out with age and afflictions, such as he would see in his visits to the hospitals and asiles, all bringing him their tribute of loving gratitude. He would, and does see young souls consecrating themselves

to God by embracing an ecclesiastical or religious vocation, or preparing themselves by study and work for their life. He would see especially — he who thirsted so much for souls — poor pagans on whose souls the light of grace had not yet shone, and these would be, and are, the most numerous he sees.

Would he have remained content? He surely would not, nor has he done so. He will have implored of Jesus, as we have all done, through the intercession of the Help of Christians, the salvation of the souls confided to us. Of this we are sure. This thought it is which helps to dispel somewhat the gloomy vision of scanty results, to give strength to the poor missionaries, and to encourage them to go on and to continue till the ground in silence and in hope.

Father VINCENT CIMATTI,
Salesian Missionary.

Please send your offering towards the erection of the new CHURCH of
ST. JOHN BOSCO at SHRIGLEY to the
Rector, Salesian Missionary College, Shrigley Park, nr. Macclesfield, Cheshire.

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

- Miss T. M. Valletta. Malta.* — I am enclosing offering for the Missions and Priestly Vocations in thanksgiving for some favours received through Saint John Bosco.
- Miss F. B. Coventry.* — Please find enclosed P. O. from Mr. M. who sends it as a thank offering to Saint John Bosco for getting him a job.
- Mr. L. H. Templemore.* I am sending a small donation in thanksgiving to St. J. Bosco for favour received.
- Miss M. U. London, S. W. 3.* — I enclose offering in thanksgiving for my petitions to Saint John Bosco being answered.
- Miss A. McS. Derry.* — Would you be kind enough to say a Mass in thanksgiving to St. John Bosco and the Holy Souls for a very special favour received through them.
- Mr & Mrs. M. Horwich.* — We are enclosing P. O. in thanksgiving to Saint John Bosco for my husband getting work.
- Miss. M. F. Dublin.* — Enclosed a small donation towards Saving of Vocations Fund, as promised if my request was granted. It was answered the day I finished my Novena in honour of Our Lady, Help of Christians and Saint John Bosco.
- Rev. Mother M. F. Atherstone.* — I enclose an offering for a Holy Mass in thanksgiving for a wonderful answer to prayer, through the intercession of Saint John Bosco.
- Mrs. E. Blackburn.* — Please find enclosed P. O. for a Mass in thanksgiving for a favour received, to Our Lady, Help of Christians, St. Joseph, and Saint John Bosco
- Sister M. C. Rosbercon. New Cross.* — I enclose offering and would be grateful if you would kindly have a Novena of Masses offered in thanksgiving to Our Lady and St. John Bosco for a great favour received.
- N. N.* — Please offer two Masses — for a private intention and in thanksgiving for recovery from throat trouble — publication promised.
- Rev. T. P. Manchester.* — Please say a Holy Mass in thanksgiving to St. John Bosco for special favour received.
- Mrs. B. H. Strabane.* — Enclosed please find a thank-offering in honour of St. John Bosco and Mary, Help of Christians, for success in undertaking, imploring Don Bosco's intercession.
- Mrs R. Ancoats.* — Enclosed P. O. for Mass in thanksgiving to Saint John Bosco for favour received.
- Mrs. E. A. B. Levenshulme.* — I enclose herewith offering for Masses in honour of St. Joseph and Saint John Bosco, in thanksgiving.
- Mrs. St. C-P. Putney.* — I enclose offering from Miss C. as a thank-offering for her brother getting a post.
- Mr. C. Bournemouth.* — Post obtained after two years unemployment.
- Miss K. D. Dublin.* — Please find enclosed P. O. in honour of Our Lady and Saint John Bosco, in thanksgiving for grace received through their intercession.
- Mrs. M. C. Dungarvan.* — I enclose P. O. Please have Holy Mass offered in thanksgiving for our anniversary of starting business for ourselves and for getting on so well.
- Mrs. F. P. Belfast.* — I promised to write to you regarding the late Mr.... He was a man who had not been to his duty for years. When our holy priests spoke to him about it, he said he would go when he liked. About six months ago, his wife had a Mass said to beg the intercession of Our Lady, Help of Christians, and Saint John Bosco that God would turn him. After having the Mass said, Mr... sent for the priest, who attended him till he died. The picture of St. John Bosco was laid on him, when dying.
- Miss E. R-M. — London.* — I enclose a Mass offering for favour received from Saint John Bosco.

- J. E. Liverpool.* — I am enclosing a little offering for a Mass in thanksgiving to St. John Bosco for work obtained.
- Mrs. B. McM. Belfast.* — Will you please say a Mass in honour of St. John Bosco for curing my daughter who had a very bad throat, also that he may cure the Baby who has a very bad cold.
- Mrs. A. F. Gainsborough.* — Enclosed please find P. O., a very small donation, in thanksgiving, to Our Lady, Help of Christians and St. John Bosco.
- Mrs. J. L. Londonderry.* — Enclosed is an offering for Masses. A lady friend wishes this done in honour of Our Lady, Help of Christians and St. John Bosco.
- Miss M. G. Dublin.* — I enclose, as promised, small sum in thanksgiving to Our Lady Help of Christians and St. Don Bosco for many great favours received.
- E. C. Garnethill.* — I enclose offering for a Holy Mass in thanksgiving to Saint Don Bosco for favour received. Family has been received into the Church.
- Miss. A. H. Dublin.* — Will you please offer Mass for the Holy Soul of the priest in purgatory most neglected, and in thanksgiving to Saint John Bosco, also to ask his intercession for my requests.
- Mrs. C. Manchester.* — Thanks to Saint John Bosco and Our Lady, Help of Christians for favour received.
- Mrs. J. L. Londonderry.* — A lady friend of mine, who has got a great favour through Saint John Bosco, wishes me to send you the enclosed offering to have Masses offered in thanksgiving.
- H. McG. Belfast.* — Enclosed please find an offering towards novena for Blessed Don Bosco's Canonisation, in thanksgiving for many favours received.
- C. C. — Newcastle-on-Tyne.* — I enclose P. O. towards 'Saving of Vocations Fund,' in honour of Saint Don Bosco, in thanksgiving for favour received.
- Mrs. S. Bolton.* — Enclosed please find P. O. in thanksgiving to the Little Flower, St. Anthony, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mary Help of Christians.
- Miss. K. D. Dublin.* — Please find enclosed P. O. in honour of Our Lady and Saint John Bosco, in thanksgiving for graces received through their intercession.
- K. M. Shropshire.* — Please find enclosed P. O. for a Mass in honour of Saint John Bosco and Mary Help of Christians, in thanksgiving for a great favour received.
- E. C. Leigh.* — I am sending an offering in thanksgiving to Saint John Bosco for prayers answered.
- Mrs. A. M. C. Leeds.* — I have received a favour through the intercession of Saint John Bosco. In thanksgiving I am sending an offering towards the Saving of Vocations Fund.
- Mrs. J. N. Kew Gardens.* I enclose a small offering in thanksgiving to St. John Bosco for favours received.
- Anon.* — Enclosed is an offering for a Mass for the Holy Souls for a temporal favour granted through the intercession of Our Lady, Help of Christians, and Saint John Bosco.
- Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Penwith.* — Thanksgiving to Don Bosco for position obtained and asking for prayers.
- Anon. Bootle.* — In thanksgiving for favour received through Saint John Bosco.

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Many other thanksgivings are unavoidably held over, and will be published in the next issue of the Bulletin.

O B I T U A R Y

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

- Rev. John Devine, S. C., Cape Town, S. Africa.
A short appreciation of Fr. Devine, who was formerly Catechist at Battersea and, previously, Prefect of Studies at Farnborough, will appear in the Sept.-Oct. Bulletin.
- Rev. Henry Barrett, Liskeard, Cornwall, England.
- Rt. Rev. Archdeacon McKinley, P. P., V. G., Belfast, Ireland.
- Veru Rev. Canon Thornton, P. P., Durham, England.
- Hon. George Clifford, New Canterbury, New Zealand.
- Mrs. K. Hughes, Belfast, Ireland.
- Mr. P. Hughes, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim, Ireland.
- Mr. G. McGuinness, Gateshead, England.
- Mr. J. O'Brien, Ballycastle, Ireland.

SPIRITUAL TREASURY

A List of the Plenary Indulgences which may 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 conditions, 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 intentions of the Holy Father, with the invocation St. Francis of Sales, pray for us. (Decree, Oct. 2nd., 1904).

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