

Sister Eusebius Observes Her Golden Jubilee

Sister Eusebius, in charge of St. Ann's Home, Lake Avenue, celebrated her golden jubilee in the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph Thursday, August 25th. Exercises commemorating fifty years of service were opened with high mass in the chapel at 9 o'clock, the celebrant being her cousin, the Rev. William Burke of New York City. Breakfast was served to relatives and friends and a program was given throughout the day.

Sister Eusebius has been in charge of St. Ann's Home since its opening in 1896. Previous to that time she was in charge of the former home in Main Street East and was successor to Mother Hieronymus.

Past Commander Seeks Honor

Daniel F. Fitzgerald, past grand commander of the Caravan, has announced his candidacy for the office of Supreme Visiter at the National Convention of the Alhambra, which is to open September 7th at the Mount Royal Hotel, Montreal.

Mr. Fitzgerald, it is said, has the support of all New York State Caravans in his campaign, and the Rochester delegation is confident that they will be able to secure this honor for their Caravan.

Grand Commander Doyle has appointed the following boosters committee to handle the campaign of Mr. Fitzgerald from the Montreal headquarters: Joseph P. Corcoran, Daniel J. O'Mara, Frank J. Schmidt, Thomas F. Vogt, Charles V. Bryan, John H. Law, Emmett F. O'Neill, Andrew H. Sophie and Timothy A. Murphy.

SS. Peter and Paul

Pew rent office will be open on Sunday after the masses for all who wish to pay their pew rent.

The regular meeting of Branch 62, L.C.B.A., will take place on Thursday evening, September 1st, when assessment No. 8 will expire. At the last meeting a committee consisting of Louise Bilger, Catharine Fitch and Dora Huttling were appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Margaret Hebing.

Catharine Fitch, Stella Drexler and Dora Huttling won prizes for Pedro and Teresa Schreiner won the prize for dominoes. Luncheon was served by Catharine Schwarz, Margaret Reger and Emelia Hock.

Knights of Columbus Hold Annual Outing

Ten thousand or more Knights of Columbus gathered at the Ontario Beach Park Wednesday for the annual outing. Twenty-six disabled war veterans from Rochester State Hospital were special guests.

The program included races for men, women and children, for which valuable prizes were given, and a ball game between the "Irish" and the "Dutch" in which the latter were defeated. Preceding the sports there was a parade of the committee, ending with the raising of the flag and the singing of the national anthem. The Park Band played. Airplanes stunts over the lake attracted all eyes to the sky when Ray Henry from Shoremont Field performed. Lunch was served at noon. Moving pictures were taken.

Under direction of Dr. Elmer O'Brien and assistants, including physicians and six nurses from St. Mary's Hospital, was the hospital tent, a feature of which was the baby tent, under the direction of Dr. Leo F. LaPalm, in which infants from three weeks old up were cared for while their parents participated in the outing. Other assistants at the hospital tent were: Dr. Vincent Bull, Dr. Arthur H. O'Brien, Dr. William Callahan, Dr. Walter Riley and B. William Carlin.

Weddings

WIXTED-BREITENBACH.

The marriage of Miss Hazel Mae Breitenbach, of Malling drive, daughter of Mrs. A. Breitenbach, of Wellington, Canada, and John L. Wixted, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Wixted, of Kinsbury street, took place Saturday, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Rev. Michael W. Wurser, assistant pastor, performed the ceremony.

Miss Ethel M. Wixted, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. The matron of honor was Mrs. R. Westley Struble. Miss Patricia Ann Mulroy was ring bearer. James Mulroy was best man.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the bridal party and members of the immediate family at the Plantation.

Mr. and Mrs. Wixted left on a boat trip to Canada, and on their return will live at No. 2005 Dewey avenue.

Pearse Council to Meet

Padraic Pearse Council, A. A. R. I. R., will meet Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at No. 198 Main street west.

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Missionary and Martyr

The name of the "Little Flower," St. Therese of the Child Jesus and of the Holy Face, is very much on the lips of Catholics today, and it is by that affectionate title that she is best known in English speaking countries. Few, perhaps, realize that this name, "Little Flower," was borrowed by St. Therese herself in her manuscript from the writings of an heroic young French missionary of the last century, Blessed Jean Theophane Venard.

Theophane Venard was born at St. Loup in the diocese of Poitiers on November 21, 1829, into a happy and religious family. His father was, for many years, the village schoolmaster; his mother was of the best type of pious, kindly French women. The boy was one of a family of six, two of whom died in infancy. Two brothers and a sister surviving. To them Theophane was devoted, as they to him.

It is said that the germ of his vocation to the foreign missions sprang from his reading, as a child, accounts of the lives of various missionaries, notably the life of Venerable Charles Cornay whose martyrdom had occurred not so long before. The story of this martyr's suffering and death awakened in the little Theophane the secret determination to go to the mission field of Tongking.

The busy and happy years of his preparatory studies left the young Venard more and more satisfied that he was called to the sublime office of priesthood, but it was not until after he entered the Grand Seminaire that he disclosed to his family, very gradually and gently, his deep attraction to the foreign mission field. His whole boyhood and manhood were marked by very strong love for his family. His devotion to his splendid father, and his love for his sister Melanie, were especially marked. His mother, to his lasting sorrow, died when he was a child. Melanie and Theophane were united by the ties of a most tender affection, and still more by the ever stronger bonds of similar spiritual aspirations. Melanie, too, wished to consecrate herself to our Divine Lord in religious life, which she was finally able to do. After Theophane's ordination to the sub-diaconate, he applied for admission to the Foreign Mission Seminary in Paris. He was accepted, made his preparations to leave the diocesan seminary and to enter this training school which has sent out missionaries for Eastern Asia, for over two centuries. His father had, of course, already consented, and was very generous, to his son's ordination, but there was still the hard task of asking his consent to this crowning consummation of his son's vocation.

In spite of the blow, was beautifully set forth to a friend who tried to console him. He expressed his wonder as to how the intention and prophecy of Christ, regarding the preaching of the Gospel throughout the whole world, would be fulfilled if directors and fathers of families, checked students' aspirations for the foreign missions.

It must not be supposed that young Theophane, good and zealous as he was, felt no natural pangs at his impending departure. Ten years later, when a prisoner awaiting execution, he could recall every incident of the night prior to his departure from home. During his stay at the Paris Foreign Mission House, he kept up a beautiful correspondence with his family, which he continued while in the foreign field. Theophane was ordained to the priesthood in June of 1851, and not many weeks after came the touching ceremony of departure; the short address, the intoning of the anthem, "Quam Speciosi pedes evangelizantium pa-

cem, evangelizantium bona," the kiss of peace and the poignant Hymn of Departure.

The long and arduous voyage finally brought the travelers to Singapore and later to Hong-Kong. At the latter, Venard stayed some fifteen months, learning the language and teaching Philosophy in a Mission College. At last, however, in February of 1854, the missionary received orders for the Western District of Tong-King when he arrived in June of the same year. He looked forward confidentially to martyrdom in the Annamite country, which included Tong-King, but his letters to his family were invariably high-hearted, and show the same intimate interest in family affairs as in the old days. Though the pagans pillaged the missionaries' belongings, and Theophane's health was never robust, his delight at being finally in this chosen mission field, filled him with enthusiastic joy. Now the mission of Tong-King has been subjected to many cruel persecutions from the eighteenth century on, but the latest of these has temporarily subsided about the time of St. Venard's arrival there. In spite of all adverse conditions, persecutions and plagues, Christianity made wonderful progress in Tong-King, and the people, when converted, made excellent Christians. Floods were frequent, and midnight flights before the cruel pagan officials, whose visits were usually disastrous for the Christians, were common experiences. The breaking up of schools, the dispersal of congregations, made the missionaries work laborious, and humanly speaking, discouraging. Not that Theophane Venard would admit this. He worked on the principle that, as he said, "In any case, it is better to hope than to fear."

By 1858, the persecution had become very active again, and life was a matter of hair-breadth escapes and secret ministrations. The presence of a French squadron at Touranne promised mitigation of persecution, but on account of conditions in Europe the French withdrew, and the Annamite government determined to uproot the Catholic Faith. Late in the year 1860, Blessed Venard was betrayed, brutally seized, and chained in a prison cage. With calm expectation he looked forward to death, which was to take place in February. Joy at the grace vouchsafed him caused him to sing, to the intense astonishment of the Mandarin's household. By careful management a priest was introduced to his presence, was able to hear his confession. Later the Blessed Sacrament was smuggled into him in his cage in a tender letter of farewell to his family. Venard likened himself, in the delicate French manner of expression, to the Spring flower that for its mother's pleasure, never ceases for its mother's pleasure.

On February 2, 1861, Theophane Venard, at the age of thirty-two, was beheaded at Kechu, Tong-King.

In spite of terrific persecutions already mentioned, and another toward the end of the 19th century, during which most frightful ordeals were made upon the Church in Tong-King, in 1912 it numbered upwards of 400,000 Catholics, possessing nearly 1500 churches or chapels.

St. Therese, (the "Little Flower") and Blessed Theophane Venard, exemplify in an heroic degree the two principal means by which all Catholics may assist in propagating our Faith: (1) by a loving interest in and prayers for the welfare of the missions. (2) By active participation in the work, either by giving financial support to the missions, or by actual labor in the mission field, whether at home or abroad. Surely, as our Divine Lord intended his Gospel to be preached throughout the world, He expected also that all who are his followers should help in spreading His message of love.

Kieffer-Schirmer.
Miss Elsie G. Schirmer, daughter of Mrs. Martin H. Schirmer, of Summerville boulevard, and Dr. Theodore J. Kieffer, of Culver road, son of Mrs. Charles Kieffer, of Syracuse, were married Saturday, August 20th, by Rev. John F. Muecke, at St. Thomas Church, Summerville.

The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Melsenahl.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride, which was attended by immediate relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Kieffer left on a motor trip to Maine and Canada, and after September 1st will live at No. 2821 Summerville boulevard.

Hirsch-Nolan.
Miss Mary Nolan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Nolan, of Algonquin terrace, and Francis Hirsch, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hirsch, of Jay street, were married on Tuesday, August 16th, at St. Peter and Paul's Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Arthur Florack.

Miss Josephine Nolan was bridesmaid and Elmer Hirsch, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the immediate families at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch left on a trip to Syracuse, and after August 28th, will live at 193 1-2 Genesee street.

Priest Saves Boy

Rev. Andrew J. Dissett, former assistant pastor of Holy Family Church Auburn, now pastor of St. Michael's Church at Lyons, and William J. McQueney, Democratic candidate for councilman rescued a 12 year old boy at Auburn on Thursday. A sudden gust of wind struck the sail and before the skipper could act, the boat went over, tossing the men and the boy into the lake. Father Dissett went to the boy's aid the three clung to the overturned craft until all reached them.

The Alexian Brothers, or Cellites, were organized by Louis de Bourbon, Prince-Bishop of Liege, for the care of hospitals for men during the fearful plague which raged all over Europe at one time in the Fourteenth century.

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