

### Along the Great Chinese Walls, Where Tartar Hordes Swung Their Swords, Coming Out of the Far East Long Ago

Tatungku, China, Mar. 18.—The marvelous at the luxuriant harvests of its 100,000 Christians and thousands of Catholics. Even when taking no account of the innumerable children who died after baptism and form now a legion of angels in heaven, the soundness of the mission work done is evidenced by results which can be controlled on the spot and were obtained notwithstanding conditions of chaos and disorder which crippled achievements on a larger scale. Consider for instance once more the number of vocations to the priesthood; amongst the Christians mentioned above, only some 50,000 can boast of any Christian tradition in their family, and to these belong the 86 native priests now living together with the 70 major and 250 minor missionaries now preparing for the priesthood. Doesn't this proportion speak for itself? Some Christian villages have produced as many as 10 or more priests and seminarians, and from all of them have issued Sisters laboring for the welfare of their people in schools and orphanages.

Where nature was rather unkindly in displaying its magnificence, supernatural dew is falling all the more abundantly. What was thought a chimerical dream fifty years ago has been achieved and, as in other parts of China, so in Mongolia the Church, patiently and solidly built up by foreign missionaries, could be entrusted in part to Chinese Bishops its unshakeableness and vital power during past and present narrowing events, are incontestably a warrant of a hopeful and bright future.

Shanghai, Mar. 18.—There are 870 missionaries working in the Vicariate Apostolic of Nanking, the district of southern Kiangsu Province in which Shanghai and Nanking are situated. Of these, 430 are Chinese. The Jesuit missionaries of the Paris Province have charge of the territory, and they have 103 foreign and 21 Chinese priests here. There are also 64 Chinese secular priests. Besides 45 Jesuit scholastics there are 36 Jesuit auxiliary brothers in the missions of this section, 16 of these are Chinese. There are 53 Brothers of Mary (Lyons, France), six being Chinese. Seven different orders of missionary sisters are represented in this Vicariate—Burgottians, Sisters of Charity, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, Little Sisters of the Poor, Carmelites, Madames of the Sacred Heart and Presentation Sisters. This last is a native Chinese congregation. In all there are 242 Sisters of whom 323 are Chinese. The total Catholic population of the Vicariate of Nanking is 200,151.

In the major seminary of Nanking there are 27 Chinese clerics the minor seminary has an enrollment of 19. There are 228 schools under Catholic auspices in this section providing education for 21,298 pupils.

### Sister Flavia Dies at Convent Of Mount Carmel

Sister Mary Flavia, a member of the Order of Sisters of Mercy, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Convent, 59 Ontario Street. Teacher of music at the Mt. Carmel parochial school, she had conducted her classes as usual Wednesday morning, and her death was entirely unexpected.

Sister Mary Flavia was born in Wellsville and had taught music at the Mt. Carmel school for 16 years previously she had taught in Corners, Elmira and Hornell. In all of these places she did her work well, and was greatly beloved by her associate Sisters, and by the many students whose lives she helped shape in pathways of noble manhood and womanhood. She is survived by one brother, Matthew P. Hurrah, of Wellsville. Her funeral was held Saturday morning in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, and interment was made in Holy Sepulcher Cemetery, where, her life work done, she will sleep until judgment day.

### More Than 800 Missionaries Are In War-Stricken Zone of Shanghai

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**The Mission Workers**

At a million "hells" this part of North Asia is divided into five Apostolic Vicariates, one of them under native clergy. A sixth separate mission will shortly be erected in the district of Jehol, in charge of Chinese priests, while another part of the territory is being assigned to the Canadian Foreign Missions of Quebec.

Two hundred Ethiopian fathers and 45 Chinese priests are laboring for the propagation of the Faith all over the country, or busy with a heavy pastoral ministry in 100 central stations. One hundred and sixty thousand Christians are scattered widely in the basins in the mountain passes, or gathered in Christian villages which give an idea of the Paraguay Reductions of former days. As some of them are well-to-do, our Christians are not the least considered of the 12 million inhabitants of inner Mongolia.

In this distant country too we can see what Tertullian said out at the beginning of the third century; although we are recent, we have our churches in the cities and all over the country, and if generally in China Catholics are found in the different ranks of society, so in Mongolia we occupy positions in all walks of life. Travelling on the Chinese railway, which crosses a main part of this mission territory, the tourist at times has the impression that he is making a trip in a Catholic country. In the Chinese Vicariate of Taining, entrusted three years ago to native clergy, he will notice a majestic church, steeples towering above numerous villages. Some of these have even their own railway station. Further on, crossing the Toamot plain, he will come in a short time to many Christian villages, that it will be well-nigh impossible to convince him that fifty years ago there was not a single Christian in either of the two Vicariates.

**Spiritual Harvests**

Let us return to Mongolia and

### New York Chapter K. C. Charity Ball Set for April 22

New York, Mar. 18.—The 33d annual Charity Ball of the New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus—always one of the biggest events of the year in the metropolis—will be held this year on Friday evening, April 22, in the Grand Ball Room of the Hotel Astor, Broadway and Fifth Street, New York City. The chapter's annual social event will be held in conjunction with the Golden Anniversary of the Order's nationwide program.

The Ball Room of the Hotel Astor will be completely transformed into one of the most beautiful ball rooms in the city. Palms, southern amylax, the red, white and blue of the American flag, the Papal colors of gold and white, with the K. of C. insignia, will adorn the boxes. At the end of the ball room, there is a 40-foot stage where a high-class professional program of entertainment will be presented, which will include some of the most outstanding stage and radio celebrities.

Headquarters for the Charity Ball Committee are located at the Knights of Columbus Hotel, where admission tickets may be procured (\$2.00 each) and reservations may be made for boxes. All communications pertaining to the foregoing may be addressed to Thomas F. Harrigan, Executive Secretary, Knights of Columbus Hotel, 51st Street and 9th Avenue, New York City.

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