

IN THE QUEEN'S GARDEN

By MARIE AUSTIN MAJOR (Written for N. C. W. C. Easter Supplement)

The sun was sinking low in the soft-tinted West. The birds had cheeped and snuggled their little beaks in their breast feathers.

The Catholic World Over

Udine, Italy—Archbishop Constantini, who recently resigned, owing to ill health from the post of Apostolic Delegate to China, received a great welcome on his arrival at his home here.

Baltimore—A Jesuit lay brother who gave two of his sons to the Jesuit priesthood and a daughter to the religious sisterhood has just died here at Woodstock College.

Kuravilangad, India—The aid given to the Little Sisters of the Poor in India by prominent Hindus and Moslems is recalled by the golden jubilee of the order's establishment in this country.

Calcutta—For the first time in Calcutta's history the Blessed Sacrament was carried through the streets of this city in a procession held recently.

Fushun, Manchuria—The Maryknoll Mission here, recently opened a separate parish for Japanese, which has been entrusted to the care of the Rev. John C. Murrett, M.M., of Buffalo, N. Y.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Emphasizing "personal sanctification" as the cure for modern social ills, the Most Rev. Samuel S. Stritch, Archbishop of Milwaukee in a Lenten message writes:

Brooklyn—Out of eight prizes offered by civic and patriotic organizations in an Americanization essay contest conducted by Baldwin Post of the American Legion, six were won by pupils of St. Christopher parish school.

Rome—The trials and achievements of the Jesuit Missioners in South America since 1610 were discussed in a series of lectures at the University of Rome by Prof. George Caebrai, a member of the Supreme Council of the University of Buenos Aires.

Cologne—The noted Clisterian Abbey of Altenberg, 11 miles northeast of Cologne, will observe in May and June its 800th anniversary. It was originally the ancestral castle of the Counts zu Berg, but in 1133 the brothers Adolf and Eberhard zu Berg presented it to the monks and themselves became brothers of the Order.

Vladivostok—The Most Rev. Charles Sliwowski, first Bishop of Eastern Siberia, and Ordinary of Vladivostok, died here at the age of 87. He was consecrated in 1922. At present there is no Catholic priest in the whole of Eastern Siberia.

Stockholm—Latest census figures show that of a population of 6,000,000 persons in Sweden, only 4,000 are Catholics. They reside in all sections of the country and there are only eighteen priests to care for their spiritual needs.

It was bedtime and each one in the Flower World well knew her duty. Yet one snowy Easter-lily would not do as the others, but went nodding and nodding without making it a last nod and going off into pretty colored dreams for the night.

At last Queen Rose, true to her loving nature, waved her tiny green and gold scepter delicate and fragile as only a scepter can be that is made of tender sepals and perfumed pollen.

"Go thou," commanded Queen Rose, "and ascertain what is mist with our subject whom we christened Easter-lily at her birth."

The tiny, tiny fairy bowed low, murmured a respectful thing or two under her breath and retired from the Royal Presence.

Among the labyrinth of flower stems that for her stretched overhead as far as a tall forest would for normal people, this littlest of fairies wandered her way.

Looking up she began to climb. First one smooth node then another from which sprang the long, slender leaves. From leaf to leaf, gently and carefully, lest she damage the powdery "bloom" that covered each.

"Dear Sister Lily," she spoke as sweetly as only a fairy may, "what ailest thee? Why wilt thou not sleep?"

"By now poor Easter-lily was sobbing quite openly. "Please tell me why," gently urged the messenger. "The Queen but wants to relieve any pain or ill."

"I—I—must—first—h—have—the—the—assurance," stammered Lily, "that the Little Master of All has looked kindly on all I have done this day and, despite the many errors I may have committed, that He loves me still very, very much."

"In what way wouldst thou have Him deliver His message?" Pale, timid Lily murmured low. "By a goodnight kiss."

"And where dwelleth the Little Master of All?" "In the big, beautiful, blue bowl turned upside down over us and called, 'The Sky.'"

"What may well be His Name?" "King Jesus."

"Ah! but now I understand—everything—perfectly—"

"Do not make it too much," warned the small, wise one. "I—shall—try—n—not to. But, you see, it is also necessary, as well as a goodnight kiss, to have a token in the morning that will make us brave all through the day."

... He Is Risen ...



THE RESURRECTION

Mother's Boy with the Shaggy Beard

(Easter in the Tonkin Mountains)

By THE REV. JOHN J. CONSIDINE, M. M. (Written for N. C. W. C. Easter Supplement)

He kissed mother goodbye and went out to the aborigines. That was 23 years ago. We stole in on him after dinner on Holy Saturday, last year, and he was still writing home to mother.

And mother was as faithful to him. For 23 years now, with never an interruption at either end except in rare cases of illness, both have written a letter every Sunday, and he in Indo-China, she in Auvergne, have kept their messives hurrying the one toward the other, speeding shuttles weaving a tapestry of affection along the aisle of time.

The knickers are gone and his face is seared with the fatigues of life in his primitive mountains. A beard has appeared rich and heavy about his jaws. But his eyes have not lost the youth and no hirsute growth however abundant could hide his dancing smile.

"The clock with the Lourdes chime? Oh, that's from my mother. The phonograph? From my mother. But she thinks of other things besides stupid play toys. There are books for my work. There are religious goods for the Christians. There are medicines for my sick. She is quite sensible."

"The secret is—next to God—his mother. 'It was a joint vocation,' he explained with a laugh. 'I have lived alone for years and years but I am never alone. All my joys, my sorrows, the steps forward and backward here, I share first of all with the Lord but every Sunday with my mother. The Lord must help her to understand because she does understand perfectly.'"

Should Mother Visit. And, surely enough, about this dream of a little mission of Dong Chay there is the touch of a hidden hand, there is the primness, the attractiveness, the spotless cleanliness, the faultless order that can come with difficulty from a mere man. Behind, tried to please and work for Him during the livelong day.

And you may be sure there is never a single morning that goes by without each inhabitant of the Flower World feeling the King's greeting in the warmth of the first unbeam against her petal like, velvet cheek. But the pearly drop right through, cool, refreshing, and never flies away until the daytime kiss has come to take its place.

CARDINAL IN LETTER LAUDS U. S. BISHOPS

San Francisco—The minutes of the general meeting of the American Cardinals, Archbishops and Bishops held at the Catholic University last November, and the annual reports on the work of the various departments and bureaus of the National Catholic Welfare Conference presented at that meeting "are a very real evidence of the many onerous problems which the American Bishops are facing so courageously."

Cardinal Pacelli's letter, addressed to the Most Rev. Edward J. Hanna, Archbishop of San Francisco and Chairman of the Administrative Committee of Bishops of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, who forwarded the documents to Rome, says: "Our Lord to grant His choicest blessings on the work of this eminent body of the American hierarchy for the welfare of Holy Mother Church."

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Solemnity Of Easter Season In Rome This Holy Year Will Far Surpass Any Since 1870

By MSGR. ENRICO PUCCI (Written for N. C. W. C. Easter Supplement)

It is natural that in the Rome of the Popes the ceremonies of the ecclesiastical year should have reached their maximum splendor in Holy Week. The Pope participates in them surrounded by all the Cardinals present in Rome and by the pomp of the Papal Court.

Prior to 1870, the program of the Holy Week in Papal Rome opened with the "Pontifical Chapel," a ceremony with the presence of the Pope, Cardinals and entire Court in the Sistine Chapel of the Vatican Palace. The Pope himself blessed the palms, distributing them personally to the Cardinals, and then took part in the procession; after this a Cardinal of the Order of Priests sang Mass.

On Holy Thursday the Mass was sung by a Cardinal of the Order of Bishops. Mass over, the Pope himself carried the Most Blessed Sacrament called the "sepulture" took place. Then the Pope passed on to the near loggia of the facade of St. Peter's and from there he solemnly imparted the Blessing to the people crowded in the square. Re-entering the Palace the Pope went to the Sala Regia of the Sala Ducale where were assembled 13 poor priests of various nationalities. In pilgrim robes, they sat upon a bench in front of which the Pope passed. Kneeling before each, His Holiness washed their feet in memory of what Jesus had done to the Apostles on the memorable night preceding his Passion.

After the washing of the feet, the 13 priests sat down at a table and partook of a dinner which was served them by the very hands of the Pope assisted by many Cardinals.

On Good Friday the Mass of the "Proseffed" was celebrated by the Cardinal Penitentiary in the Sistine Chapel and in the presence of the Pope, Cardinals and all the Court. Then the Procurator General of the Conventual Minor Friars preached on the Passion of the Lord.

On Easter Saturday the Mass was sung by a Cardinal of the Order of Priests and whom the Pope who had assisted intoned the Gloria in Excelsis Deo the firing of cannons at Castel Sant'Angelo announced it to all the city.

On Easter Sunday the "Pontifical Chapel" was held in the Basilica of St. Peter's in the Vatican and the Sovereign Pontiff himself celebrated it in the majesty of the pontifical rite with the added details prescribed by the "Roman Pontifical."

All this solemnity of Easter rites with the participation of the Pope was to cease after 1870, in consequence of the occupation of Rome by the Italian army. The bitter situation in which the Pope was found after the loss of temporal dominion, became gradually mitigated with the passing of time. But, notwithstanding this progressive betterment of the situation, the papal functions of the Holy Week were never returned.

When Pius-XI ascended the papal throne the English Benedictine Cardinal Aidano Gasquet—who died a few years ago—proposed to the new Pontiff to restore the Easter ceremonies with his presence, limiting them, naturally to the Sistine Chapel and excluding the Vatican Basilica and the Benediction from the Loggia of the facade of St. Peter's.

On that day there will be, without doubt, a remarkable crowd of pilgrims present from Germany, France, Czechoslovakia, Austria and other countries.

Meanwhile it is interesting to recall how the paschal solemnities of the Holy Years of 1900 and 1925 were observed.

In 1925, the Easter holidays offered a propitious occasion for many students to make a pilgrimage to Rome either in twos or threes or in groups. Professors and pupils of institutes of many Italian cities, such as Genoa, Lodi, Empoli, Milan and Volterra came to Rome for the Jubilee. Notable groups of pupils came from the high schools of Munich and Eger in Hungary, to whom were added a group of Polish Professors and pupils from the high school of Budapest, professors and students of the Catholic University of Freiburg, 500 women teachers of Bavaria and 600 of the Prussian Rhine, Westphalia and Baden, and 190 instructors and pupils from France. Immediately after Easter came other teachers from Poland and France, and students of the pension Francesco Petrucci of Padua.

On April 6, the Monday of Holy Week, solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated in the Sistine Chapel by the Holy Father. On Good Friday, a religious took part in the touching function of the Via Crucis made in public with the utmost solemnity in the Colosseum.

Pilgrimage from Boston. During Lent there arrived the first North American pilgrimage composed of about 500 Catholics of Boston, under the direction of His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell. They were received in audience by the Holy Father in the Consistory Hall.

In the preceding Holy Year of 1900, Pope Leo XIII, on Easter Sunday, presided in person in the Sistine Chapel and excluding the Vatican Basilica and the Benediction from the Loggia of the facade of St. Peter's.

Mary Knoll, Sister In Yeng You Mission, Tells of Easter Morn Scene In Korea

In the April issue of "The Field of Faith" Sister Peter writes of Easter in Korea, at the Maryknoll Yeng You mission.

"Easter Sunday Mass was to begin at 9, yet by 7 o'clock dozens of people, probably those who had walked in from distant stations, were already squatting comfortably on their 'little mats.' There were wiry-bearded old grandfathers, done up in clean white 'Prince Alberts' and pantaloons. There were gaily dressed babies, tied piggy-back, and playing 'catch me if you can' with the baby on the next back but one. And there were young girls, pretty, demure, and very attractive

in their bright pink and yellow feast day jackets, worn over brilliant blue skirts that reached to their ankles. "Shortly before 9 the church bell rang out to the farthest corners of Yeng You, and soon the Mass of the Resurrection began. The Sisters and sodally girls made up the choir and sang the Mass of the Angels, with the beautiful Easter Sequence and the Regina Coeli at the Offertory. At the Communion, practically every one in the church, practically every one, made it possible."