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Devotions A KING BOWS TO A QUEEN

By THE REV. CLARENCE A. SEIDEL, C. S. S. R.

EDITOR'S NOTE. The article this week in connection with the devotion in honor of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is again from the pen of Father Seidel. His previous articles, which appeared in The Eikon, Redemptorist publication.

What strange anomaly is this—A king bows to a queen? We generally read of queens bowing to kings; but it is recorded that in Spain a King has bowed to a Queen—the Heavenly Queen, the Mother of Perpetual Help!

King Alfonso XIII is internationally known for his ardent devotion to the Mother of God, under the special title of Perpetual Help. The flame of this devotion, he says, was kindled at his mother's knee. When in childhood he was twice dangerously ill, his mother bade him pray to Our Lady of Perpetual Help; she has cured others, perhaps she will also cure you. The mother was right; the king-to-be was cured; and his proudest boast to-day is that his Mother of Perpetual Help cured him.

Ever since that time the king has done all in his power to promote devotion to Perpetual Help. At the present time he is honorary president of the confraternity of Perpetual Help, established at Granada; for which reason it is called the Royal Confraternity.

Equally devoted to Perpetual Help is his royal consort, the Queen. Like her husband, she holds the office of president in another confraternity at Alcala. Some years ago she built a school in Madrid for the education of poor boys. On the campus she had an altar erected on which was enshrined a large picture of Perpetual Help. Before this picture she has often been seen, and may still be seen to-day, on bended knee, reciting in a loud voice, together with her two sons, her favorite anthem, The Hail, Holy Queen. What a picture for an artist in this, what a theme for a poet!

The royal family's edifying example has been followed both by the nobility and the peasantry. In Madrid, as many as 42,000 have been enrolled in the confraternity; in Granada the number of members amounts to more than 90,000—in fact, one may say that the city's entire population is dedicated to Perpetual Help. Throughout Spain upwards of a million members can be found wearing Perpetual Help's protective medal.

What a triumph for Perpetual Help in "the land of the Most Holy Virgin"! But perhaps her greatest glory was the royal proclamation which constituted her Patroness of Spain's Medical Corps—and this is how it came about.

During the recent war in Africa, Spanish soldiers put unbounded confidence in Perpetual Help; evidence of this trust was the medal they wore, suspended on a string, about their necks, as well as the frequent prayers they addressed to her in every trial and danger, confident, beyond doubt, that, true to her title, she would be their perpetual help. So many graces and favors did they receive from her; so frequently did she rescue them from imminent peril and bring them to safety, that they unanimously resolved to petition the government to make Perpetual Help the Patroness of the Medical Corps. In Spain they have a touching custom of dedicating to some heavenly

patron each branch of the military service. The infantry, for instance, honor as their special Patroness, the Immaculate Conception. Following this custom the medical corps decided that it was high time that they should have a patroness; and who they asked, was more worthy of the title than Perpetual Help? She it was who healed their bleeding wounds; she it was who brought them succor in every need, she was the Mother of Sorrows who knew best how to comfort them in their pain; how to buoy them up in affliction's raging sea. Yes, Perpetual Help was the choice. So in this chief journal of military affairs, the Daily of the Medical Staff, Don Henry Blasco Sainz wrote down several reasons why Perpetual Help should be declared the Patroness of the Medical Corps. But he did not stop there. He equaled the Patriarch of the Indies, the Provicer of Castres, concerning the advisability of the project. The Provicer counseled him to refer the matter to the proper authorities back in Spain. He did so, and found a most ready advocate in the person of Don Peter Pietro de la Cal, the officer in highest command of the corps at Madrid. To the joy of all, the government smiled graciously upon the proposed project. At once, the administrator, acting in the name of the nation, published on June 22, 1926, the following decree to which the king gave full consent by affixing his signature: "In pursuit of the wishes of the medical corps, whose duty it is to provide for the health of the soldiers, that as they have petitioned the Mother of Perpetual Help, so famous for her miracles, be assigned to them as their Patroness, especially since her title and patronage so well accord with the end proposed to that corps, we, acting on the advice of the Provicer of Castres, constitute and declare this most illustrious Virgin the Patroness of the Medical Corps." (Signed) "Duke of Tetuan, Royal Administrator."

This decree further stated that henceforth the 27th of June would be the special feast day of the medical corps; this day should be celebrated, it commanded, with all possible pomp and splendor; the medical corps, in dress uniform, should attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; and in all hospitals and medical camps throughout the land the banner of Perpetual Help should be unfurled. Finally, in all the chapels and oratories of the camps there should be erected a large picture of Perpetual Help.

So ran the royal decree, and that its purpose might better be attained, a society of women, made up mostly of the wives and friends of the officers and soldiers was established at Madrid in the Redemptorist Church of Perpetual Help. In view of the fact that the flag of the medical corps contained a Maltese cross, this

society took the name of "The Pious Society of the Cross of Malta." Its president is the pious and popular Dona Rufina Rincon de Pietro, the wife of the above-mentioned commander. Within a short space of time this society had spread throughout Spain, doing much not only to cheer the drooping spirits of invalid soldiers, but also to increase devotion to the Mother of God, convinced that increased devotion to her is increased devotion to God.

On June 27, 1927, the medical corps celebrated the feast of their Patroness with uncommon pomp and grandeur. Just to afford an example of Spanish devotion to Perpetual Help, we will describe briefly what occurred at Madrid.

The medical corps chose the Redemptorist Church of Perpetual Help for their ceremonies. A solemn triduum began on the 25th. It was attended by the entire medical corps in full military regalia. The order of exercises was as follows: on the 25th and 26th, at 7 p. m., the Rosary was recited before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar. A sermon followed, after which the Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament was given to all. On the 27th—the day of the feast—there was a Mass of General Communion, at 9 a. m., at which the entire medical corps approached the Holy Table. At 11 a. m., a solemn High Mass was sung and a sermon delivered in which the praises of Perpetual Help were loudly proclaimed. To all who attended little cards were distributed, having on the one side a beautiful picture of Perpetual Help and on the other, a copy of the royal decree. As a mark of gratitude and esteem, the Duke of Tetuan, the representative of the King, was presented with the first card which he accepted with mingled feelings of pride and humility.

The next day, June 28th, a Mass of Requiem was offered for the departed members of the medical corps. With this the festivities were over—to live on only in happy memory. Such are the glories of a Catholic country—a country where a king bows to a Queen, the Queen Mother of Perpetual Help!

Historical Sketch

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St. Mauritius Auxiliary No. 128 Ladies Auxiliary No. 123 affiliated with St. Mauritius Commandery No. 9 was organized in St. Joseph's parish hall on March 15, 1905 by Deputy Organizer Teresa Renner with a charter membership of twenty-four. A charter was applied for and was issued by Supreme President Louise Zang and Supreme Secretary Johanna E. White. At the first meeting the following were present: Mrs. Mary Noll, Mrs. Dora Markel, Mrs. M. L. Kleehammer, Mrs. Mary Kelly Bartholomay, Mrs. Kattie Rogers Peor, Mrs. Eva Davis, Mrs. Anna Hasselwander, Miss Mary Carney and Miss Nora Fisher.

The first officers elected to serve Auxiliary No. 123 through its infancy were as follows: Spiritual Adviser, the Rev. William Kessel, C. S. S. R.; President, Christina Siebert; First Vice-President, Katherine LaWand; Second Vice-President, Laura McGuckin; Recording Secretary, Anna Knack; Financial Secretary, Rose LaWand; Treasurer, Hanna Cunningham; Board of Trustees, Catherine LaWand, Mrs. Anna Minch, Mrs. George Bauer, Mrs. Frank X. Hauser and Mrs. Peter Indelkoff.

Auxiliary No. 123 meets on the second Friday of each month at St. Mauritius headquarters at St. Joseph's Hall.

Ladies District Auxiliary Plans Outing and Dinner

Ladies District Auxiliary, Knights of St. John, will hold an outing and dinner Tuesday, July 25 at Golden Grill Inn, Charlotte.

Card playing will begin at 2:30 p. m. O'clock and dinner will be served at 6:30 o'clock. Teresa Ganter, supreme president, is honorary chairman. The committee is comprised of Louise Burt, Hannah Schwind, Catherine Miller, Genevieve Ross, Emma O'Neil, Mae Schaefer, Lillian Vogler, Frances Kase, Marcella Selbert, Mary Bailey, Martha Cramer, Nettie Kettlhofer, Barbara Vogt, Viola Watkins, Mae Bell Philp, Estelle Mareille and Mary Lally.

Local People Cruising On Great Lakes Steamers

The following residents of Rochester are cruising on the Great Lakes aboard Steamship Octorara of the Great Lakes Transit Corporation: Mrs. C. C. Wells, Miss Lillian Ahon, Mr. and Mrs. William Richards, Miss Birdie Scott, Miss Florence Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Dwyer, aboard the Steamship Tionesta, Miss Anne Collins, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graves, aboard the Juniata, Miss Ruth Gerstner and Miss Florence A. Wells.

The auxiliary held its regular meeting July 10 and planned a basket picnic at Ontario Beach Park, on Tuesday of this week. Following the meeting the members visited their financial secretary, Martha Cramer to extend sympathies on the death of Mrs. Lighthouse.

Summer Mass Schedule

Groveland, Church of the Holy Name, Mass 8 A. M.
Nunda, Church of the Holy Angels, Mass 9:30 A. M.

Seeandbee Is Scheduled For World Fair Cruises

The biggest event that America looks forward to this year is Chicago's great World Fair, "A Century of Progress." And what is more natural or logical than to make the trip there and back in the most delightful and advantageous way possible.

To this desirable end P. J. Swartz, General Manager of the Cleveland and Buffalo Transit Company announces a series of cruises on the palatial steamer SEEANDBEE, the largest and finest passenger ship on the Great Lakes. Not only do the fortunate voyagers enjoy the luxury of water travel to and from the Fair, but during the time in Chicago the great ship is their floating hotel. No scurrying for accommodations, no transferring of baggage, no worries with street cars, taxicabs or any other of the many annoyances that other travelers must endure.

Wins Papal Cross



Miss Mary C. Duffy of Newark, N. J., Supreme Regent of the Catholic Daughters of America, who has just been decorated with the Papal Cross "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice," in recognition of her work in behalf of Catholic Action. Miss Duffy was unanimously re-elected Supreme Regent of the C. D. of A. at its biennial convention at Colorado Springs.

Holy Cross Church Plans Annual Lawn Festival

The annual summer festival and lawn fete of Holy Cross Church, Charlotte, will be held on the grounds directly behind the Church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, July 27, 28 and 29.

The various committees in charge have been working for some time to make this festival the greatest in the history of the parish. The priests of the parish cordially invite all to attend. Ample parking space will be provided for all cars. In the event of rain, the festival will be held indoors.

Auxiliary 182 To Attend All Auxiliaries Outing

Blessed Sacrament Auxiliary No. 182 is planning to have a large number of their members attend the annual outing of all auxiliaries at Ontario Beach Park, July 25.

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SODAL TALK

Recording the
Activities of
Rochester Parish
Sodalities Union

It gives us great pleasure to announce that the first edition of the Cathedral Sodality newspaper is just off the press.

We offer our congratulations. A facsimile of the Sodality pin forms a center point of interest on the front page and an explanation of its meaning makes an interesting article of the paper.

A report of the recent Frolic, an article on The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, editorials, bulletins, board notices, reception notes and personals in the "So they say—" column are a few of the other features of the paper.

Miss Marcella Sigler is Prefect of the Cathedral Sodality. Rev. Lawrence Ryan is Director and advisor. The editorial staff of the newspaper is as follows: Editor, Marie Di Ponzio; Advisor, Rev. Lawrence Ryan; Associate Editors, Misses Enna Di Ponzio and Frances Paconca.

St. Andrew's Sodality had its annual picnic Sunday, July 16, at Crescent Beach. A chartered bus for the journey and a private cottage at the beach formed the setting for a most enjoyable time. The Reverend Fathers Eckl, Maloney, Florack and Kleehammer were guests of the occasion.

St. Peter and Paul Sodality is going in the movie business. On July 31, and August 1 and 2 outdoor movies are to be shown. This year there is added attraction of vaudeville and all for the small sum of one dime. It promises to be entertaining to say the least.

St. Francis Xavier's recently held a summer meeting, which took the form of a social. An orchestra provided music for dancing and specialty singers entertained the sodalists. Fifty sodalists were present.

Immaculate Conception Sodality is taking its place as a parish organization of value to the pastor. In the arrangements for the Parish Lawn Social which is to be held on August 2nd, the Sodality is offering its services and cooperating with the Rosary Society and Holy Name Society to make it a success.

The Tonks Group of Immaculate Conception Sodality also is continuing its Eucharistic activities in maintaining its Guard of Honor at Holy Friday on Thursday preceding First Friday in addition to general monthly communion.

At the National Parish Sodality Convention held on June 17 and 18, 868 delegates were registered. Twenty-one states were represented. It was the largest number registered at any of the Sodality conventions and that, despite the depression, the "World's Fair" and the fact that three Summer Schools of Catholic Action are being held in various sections of the country this summer.

Rochester is going to be well represented at the New York Summer School of Catholic Action. Are you going? If you wish any information about Convention railroad rates call Miss Helen Guntert at Genesee 288.

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Rochester Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women

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It was our pleasure last week to welcome Miss Agnes G. Regan, national executive secretary of the N. C. C. W., and dean of the National Catholic School of Social Service. She addressed the delegates of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association, assembled at the Columbus Civic Center, for their quadrennial national convention.

A luncheon was tendered Miss Regan by the Rochester alumnae of the National Catholic School of Social Service, who now number thirteen. Mrs. M. H. Keogh, our diocesan representative of the national committee for the N. C. C. W., Miss Cecelia M. Yawman, president of the Rochester Diocesan Council, and Miss Katherine Doerbecker, executive secretary, were privileged to attend.

The quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Rochester Diocesan Council of the N. C. C. W. was held in Geneva on Wednesday, July 12. The following Rochester women attended the meeting: Mrs. Perry Burke, Miss Kate Connelly, Miss Alice Connor, Mrs. F. J. G. Connor, Mrs. Elizabeth Dean, Miss Katherine Doerbecker, Miss Kathleen O'Leary, Mrs. Joseph Flannery, Mrs. Teresa Ganter, Mrs. F. W. Hahn, Mrs. Julia Helelele, Mrs. Richard Kelly, Mrs. M. H. Keogh, Mrs. Louis A. Langie, Miss Grace Little, Miss Louise Meyers, Mrs. Wm. R. Rosenbach, Miss Minnie Stupp, Mrs. James J. Ticht, Mrs. Martin Wahl, Miss Margaret

Wickham, Miss Aloysia Yawman, Miss Cecelia M. Yawman.

Miss Thomas Kane, president of the Geneva Diocesan Council, presided at the luncheon at 12:15. The speaker of the occasion, Reverend Edmund A. Walsh, vice-president of Georgetown University, had for his topic "Soviet Russia and the United States." He entered Soviet Russia for the first time in March, 1922. In connection with the Russian relief program of that year, in June of the same year he was appointed director-general of the Papal Relief Commission in Russia and was appointed representative to meet with the Soviet Government regarding Catholic interests in Russia. His experiences in Russian relief, especially in its relation to the United States.

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AS ONE WOMAN TO ANOTHER

By SUZANNE

Attention! Until August rolls around, special low summer prices are in effect at the Art-Mode Beauty Shops. Permanent waves are greatly reduced and manicles, fingernails and manicures are only 25c each on Mondays to Wednesdays (regular 35c prices on Thursdays to Saturdays). Call Culver 5847 for an appointment. Open evenings.

Do the fine points of social usage ever puzzle you? Perhaps SUZANNE can help you. If you wish her advice on matters of etiquette, address your inquiries to her in care of this column.

When traveling, how should a woman register at a hotel?

If a woman enters a hotel with her husband, he registers for both. But if she enters with her brother, with whom she is travelling she herself registers directly below the name of her brother.

Is it considered good form to use the initials R. S. V. P.?

It is no longer considered the best form to use the initials R. S. V. P. on cards of invitations, as the well-bred person knows enough to acknowledge correspondence without being asked to do so.

In most cases grease or grass stains can be removed from cotton or linen trousers when they are sent to Tintack Laundry for cleaning. White ducts are only 25c. Linen suits nicely laundered and pressed for 75c. The men folks will be pleased with our work. Telephone Major 2471.

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