

Society for Propagation of the Faith

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When the smoke of battle has cleared away, wouldn't you like to feel you had played an important part in saving lives? In a month for those dispensary stations in Kwatin will be it.

"It hurts to be hungry" said a half-starved child who offered him a sandwich. It can save a refugee from starvation for a month in a month's time.

Let us leave up to Our Lord will surely hold us accountable for the souls He expected us to save. Why not pay a material \$13 a month to help you fulfill your obligation? He's on the field and "knows the ropes."

Malaria and germs in Bolivia are well equipped with malaria germs, and work on a 24-hour schedule. 26 missions must be supplied with durable nets (\$8.50 apiece) for protection during days and nights in the jungle.

A Voice from the Grave

"The work is difficult here," he wrote, "because of the high mountainous country, and the dangerous rivers on which we must use a launch to travel. Fever comes all too often dulling the senses, but when we work for God difficulties become sweet. My one desire is that God will give me health and the necessary means to keep on marching ahead for the salvation of these poor Solomonese, among whom His Providence has called me to work."

The above is an excerpt from the last letter received from Father Duhamel, one of the four missionaries murdered in the Solomon Islands. His desire to "keep on marching ahead for the salvation of the Solomonese" was not realized in his earthly field of labor but it will be continued to a successful finish in the eternity upon which he has entered.

A Record of Service

With a record of forty-two years of service His Excellency, Most Rev. Arsene Turquetil, O.M.I., Vicar Apostolic of Hudson Bay, Canada, has asked for the appointment of a successor, who will carry on the arduous task of directing mission endeavor "at the roof of the world." His Vicariate comprises the limits of Canada from the North Pole to the 56th degree of latitude. All correspondence must be sent to Churchill, Manitoba, where from letters will be sent to destination once or twice a year according to the locality.

It would seem, however that the very difficulty of the task intrigued the twenty-five-year-old Oblate missionary when he began his work in the Hudson Bay district forty-two years ago. The frozen fastnesses of the Arctic Circle, the overwhelming distances to be traversed to contact the scattered and indifferent Eskimos challenged his zeal. There was no written language for the Eskimo tongue! Then came the copy of Arsene Turquetil's A Trip to the United States resulted in the adaptation of the Turquetil Eskimo characters for the use on typewriters and the missionary was able to return to the north with the means to place written texts in the hands of his associates and their converts.

"I am not strong enough to continue my visitations which last from three to four months on dog sleds or by the water routes," states Bishop Turquetil. Hence I have asked to retire and the pastor of the mission at Chesterfield Inlet, Rev. Mark Lacroix, O.M.I., has been appointed my successor. He is a veteran of the north, having spent eight years in the Arctic Circle.

Today, after forty-two years of service Bishop Turquetil reports that one-seventh of all the children in the Vicariate of Hudson Bay are Roman Catholics and that 800 are under instruction in the fourteen mission stations, where 22 priests, 6 Brothers and 5 Gray Nuns are working.

Rockaway's Visitor Honored

Many of our readers will recall Mgr. Pothecary, who visited Rockaway several years ago with His Excellency, Most Reverend Louis Mathias, Archbishop of Montreal. Many will recall his friendly nature and re-

member his enthusiasm for the Church in India. The friendship he made during his visit endures. Mgr. Pothecary was later made Bishop of Guntur in India. Father Arthur Fiorack was instrumental in gathering sufficient funds with which to erect an orphanage and church in Guntur. This establishment has been dedicated to St. Michael.

"I expect to leave for Bangalore toward the end of January," Bishop Pothecary writes. "It is true Bangalore is better organized and developed than my present diocese of Guntur, but much work remains to be done for the sanctification of the faithful and the spread of the Gospel. I shall have to study conditions in order to ascertain the best possible means for the expansion of our missionary effort. Experience here has convinced me that by opening new mission centers much progress can be made. God grant my friends in the United States will not forget me!"

FOR VICTORY



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1944 Almanac Editor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Frater Damian A. Wenzel, O.F.M., has been named to succeed Frater Fabian F. Joyce, O.F.M., as Editor of the National Catholic Almanac for 1944. It was announced here at a meeting of Duna Scutus Unit of the Catholic Student's Mission Crusade in Holy Name College. Frater Fabian edited the 1943 issue of the Almanac, which now is in general circulation.

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Holy Childhood Association

—Rev. John S. Randall DIRECTOR

I am confident that it is given to few Diocesan Directors in the country to accept the report that was brought to me by the Pastor of Holy Family School, Rochester. Each year on the Feast of the Holy Family a solemn reception of new members into the Holy Childhood Association is held in Holy Family Church. The savings of the year are brought to be presented as a gift to the Holy Child on this feast day.

The following is the report that was given to me and which I accept with heartfelt gratitude and sincere pride, in work well done.

Dues for 742 pupils, 100% .. \$ 24.44

108 Ransoms as listed \$15.00

Special Donations 26.00

Total \$65.44

In detail the report is as follows: Kindergarten, two ransoms, Mary Ann and Joseph; First Grade East, four ransoms, Anthony, George, Catherine, Jerome; First Grade West, four ransoms, John Lawrence, Francis Xavier, Mary Josephine, Anna Marie; Second Grade East, two ransoms, Rose, Joseph; Second Grade West, three ransoms, Joseph Anthony, Mary Helen, Catherine Rose; Third Grade East, three ransoms, Joseph, Maurice, Andrew; Third Grade West, two ransoms, Anne, Joachim; Fourth Grade East, six ransoms, Charles Lawrence, Edna Mary, Jeanette, Bernadette, Bernard, Claire Marie; Fourth Grade West, six ransoms, Catherine Elizabeth, Mary, Charles, Lawrence, Terent, Jude.

Fifth Grade East, five ransoms, Charles, Margaret, Helen, Henry, Joseph; Fifth Grade West, seven ransoms, Aloysius, Joseph, Kenneth Michael, Francis, Lawrence Francis, Agnes, Gertrude; Sixth Grade East, five ransoms, Joseph, Francis, Magdalene, Mary Elizabeth, Mary; Sixth Grade West, five ransoms, Francis Henry, George James, Mary Josephine, Robert, Mary; Seventh Grade East, nine ransoms, Barbara Ann, Frances, Jane Frances, Joan Frances, Francis Xavier, Jeanette, James, Edward Alfred, Joseph; Seventh Grade West, eight ransoms, John, Mary Norman, Anna, Arthur Jos-

eph, Richard Charles, Joseph, Carlton; Eighth Grade East, sixteen ransoms, Anna, Raymond, Mary, Theresa, Anthony, Joseph, Catherine, Francis Xavier, John, Frederic, Vera, Ruth, Helen, Gerard, Charles, Robert; Eighth Grade West, sixteen ransoms, Mary Ann, Virginia Mary, Helen, Dolores, Teresa, Josephina, Lucy, Elizabeth, Joseph, Gerard, Leo, William, Francis, Martin, Raymond, Bernard.

What pleased us most in this report is that it shows that every child in the school is interested in the missions and is willing to work for this good cause. That is the spirit that we recommend in every school, large or small.

We enjoyed reading Nicholas Maliban's letter from St. John's School, Clyde. Nicholas is Secretary of Grade Seven in St. John's School, Clyde, and he reports that the pupils of the Seventh Grade would like to ransom a Chinese boy to be named Joseph Anthony. George Storts and Antoinette De Renzo have been chosen to act as godparents. We shall see that your schoolmaster's wishes are carried out, Nicholas.

A note from Holy Family School Auburn, reports an additional payment of Holy Childhood dues to the amount of \$6.50. If we recall correctly, this brings the total to \$20.00.

Our little friends from St. Andrew's, Rochester, have visited us twice this week to report the adoption of a Chinese baby by the Eighth Grade North to be called Gerald Roedel with Mary Elizabeth Klau and Karl McGillia as godparents. A Japanese baby from the Third Grade South, Patrick Joseph by name, with godparents Diane Smith and Harold Staudenmayer, a set of Chinese twins from the Fourth Grade Girls to be called Mary and Joseph with Carol Melch, Elaine Polina, godparents. Added to this there was a generous "stringless gift" tucked away in the envelope to be used as we think best in our missionwork. Be sure, boys and girls, that I shall place it where it is most needed and will be well-used. The missionary priests and Sisters know how to "stretch" every dollar and you would be surprised to know how much can be accomplished.

A friend of the missions stopped at the office to arrange for the ransom of a little Chinese girl to be called Terese Catherine. We shall be glad to notify one of our orphanages in China to care for this adoption of another little child of God.

One last word — February is Catholic Press Month. Perhaps during this month you can resolve to read a little more about the missions—mission libraries, mission magazines, mission books, articles in the Catholic papers, the Holy Childhood Almanac. The Shield magazine. Be on the alert and you will find that there are many mission items available which will interest you.

A free lunch is one where you are given a right to your own opinion but heated forever if you refuse to sign a petition.—Joseph Clark.

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