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of the enclosed clipping.

We would want it in
the United States. Somewhere
we might get to visit
some time.

Will you please send
us full particulars and
whether it would be for
all time?

and oblige

Yours truly

Marion Egan

(Mrs Frank A)

W. H. Hughes
January 15, 1931.

Mr. R. D. Richey,
Tax Collector of El Paso County,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Richey:

I enclose check for \$4.35 to cover the taxes for 1930 on the property of this Bureau, lots 31 and 32, block 136, Highland Park, El Paso, El Paso County, Texas.

Kindly send me receipted bill for the same.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

EW:137

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January 17, 1931

Mrs. Frank A. Egan,
7822 Cornell Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Egan:

I received your letter of January 13, for which I thank you.

I am delighted to know that the members of your club are interested in the erection of a chapel on an Indian mission.

For a \$1,000 chapel gift, the members of the club will be entitled to call the chapel their own permanently, with the privilege of naming the chapel, if they so wish.

It will be a pleasure for me to select a mission site for your chapel. I have one in mind now at South Dakota, where the missionary wrote me a few days ago telling me of their urgent need of \$1,000 to build a chapel at Little Eagle Indian mission. He is desirous to build in early spring. Your gift would lift a heavy burden from this self-sacrificing missionary. I shall await your decision before making any arrangements with the missionary.

Wishing you and the members of your club a new year rich in blessing, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

MJ:MB.

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Rev. Charles A. Erkenswick,
211 S. Kildare Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

January 20, 1931

Dear Father Erkenswick:

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed letter of thanks which I have received for you from Rev. Joseph A. Zimmerman, S.J. of South Dakota.

I also wish to add my thanks to those of Father Zimmerman for your kind interest in his poor mission.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MB.

Rec'd JAN 26 1931 Amt. 50-00
 Ana. 1/26/31 Ent. 50-00
 Pol'd. 50-00
 Letter to Mrs. Anna C. Kren 1/26/31
 Order of Work 50-00
 Sub. 50-00
 Copy to 1.8
 Copy to 1.8

HOLY GHOST RECTORY
 211 SO. KILDARE AVE.
 CHICAGO, ILL.
 CHARLES A. ERKENSWICK
 PASTOR

Jan. 23-31

Right Reverend Monsignor:

I am herewith inclosing check for \$50.00
 for 50 mass intentions as follows: Ros. Dfls. 9 -
 Ros. Dfls. 4 - Ros. Dfls. 5 - Ad. Int. Dantis 20 - Trid. in
 hon. St. Jude 13 - Norma in hon. of St. Jude 9 - total 50.
 If you desire, you may write a letter of thanks to
 Miss Anna C. Kren 4446 Jackson Blvd. Chicago
 for her contribution towards chapel in honor of the
 Sacred Heart. The second \$50.00 will be sent shortly.
 Yours in Christ,
 Q. A. Erkenawick

Entered _____

Ad intentionem quantis 3 2 →

Pro defuncto 4 9 ✓

Pro defuncta 4 ✓

Pro pluribus defunctis 5 ✓

Pro animabus _____

Pro defuncto super note _____

Check 2 8 ✓

Date 1/25 8/31

Masses (3) (391 Nitter 294 Series)
(1 tralium / 1 Nitter of Masses 9) ←

1921 May - 37 Nitter)
1921 Series - 4 - 7 Nitter)

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January 31, 1931

Rev. Charles A. Erkenowick,
211 S. Kildare Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenowick:

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed letters of thanks which I have received for you from Rev. Nicholas Perschl, Rev. Francis Schneider and Rev. John Vogel, three of the missionaries who shared in the most generous gift of \$550 which you sent to me in December.

I have not yet heard from Father Gerard Brenneke, the last missionary who shared in your gift. I am writing to him again today requesting him to send me a letter of thanks for the St. Therese Mission Society. Just as soon as this letter is received, I will forward it to you.

With all good wishes and kindest regards, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

JR

February 2, 1931.

Mr. Frederick E. Eddy,
44 Barclay St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Eddy:

I thank you for your letter of January 15. I enclose corrected copy
for publication in the 1931 issue of The Catholic Directory.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

GF:MC

February 5, 1931

Rev. Charles A. Erkenswick,
211 S. Kildare Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenswick:

I thank you for your letter of February 2 enclosing check of \$500 covering final payment of \$1,000 for the building of a Sisters' convent, including chapel at Manderson.

I am today sending the \$500 to Father Zimmerman, with instructions to send a letter of thanks through this Bureau for transmittal by me to you.

Did Miss Anna Culkeen give this \$500? If so, I shall gladly send you a letter of thanks for transmittal to her.

I note what you say about building another chapel. It gives me great pleasure to assist you in any possible way.

Your continued charity to our poor missions will never be forgotten by Christ's poor lowly ones.

With renewed thanks, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

MB.

T. H. STEMPER
GENERAL MANAGER



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February 13, 1931.

Rt. Rev. William Hughes, Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Rt.Rev.Monsignor:

In today's mail we received the enclosed letter from the Secretary to the Archbishop of Boston, which we notice is addressed to you.

Evidently the letter intended for us, was by mistake inserted in an envelope addressed to you, in which case we will thank you to mail this letter to us, in the envelope we are attaching for your convenience.

Yours very truly,
EUROPEAN STATUARY & ART CO.

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Miss - Helen

February 16, 1931.

Mr. J. E. Stumper, and Collector,
Mr. T. H. Stumper,
European Statuary and Art Company,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Mr. Stumper:

I have your letter of February 13.

On February 11 I returned to Monsignor Burke a letter addressed to
you which he sent me by mistake.

I thank you for forwarding me the letter intended for me from
Monsignor Burke.

Yours very truly,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:TB

Misc. - Taper

February 24, 1931

Mr. J. E. Anderson,
City Tax Assessor and Collector,
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I enclose check for \$3.30, covering taxes for the year 1930,
on Lots 31 and 32, Block 132, Highland Park Addition, El Paso, Texas,
which property is owned by this Bureau.

Kindly send me receipted bill for this amount.

Yours very truly,

WJ:JR
JR

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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CURRENT TAX RECEIPT 1930

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS

Misc. - Tapes
Nº 6549

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Address

ON THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY FOR THE YEAR 1930

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March 13, 1931

Rev. Charles A. Erkenwick
211 S. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenwick:

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed letter of thanks which I have received for you from Rev. Joseph A. Zimmerman, S.J. of South Dakota.

You can readily see that the gratitude of the missionary is not less than mine.

You are laying up treasures in heaven where you will receive the eternal great reward for your charity to Indian missions.

Wishing you an abundance of peace and joy in our risen Lord, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MJ:MB

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March 13, 1931

Rev. Charles A. Erkenwick,
211 S. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenwick:

I enclose two letters of thanks which I have received for you. One is from Father Gerard Brenneke, addressed to the members of the St. Therese Mission Society and the other is from Father Arnold Heinemann addressed to you.

You will no doubt wonder at the delay in receiving these letters of thanks. This delay was caused by the fact that three times I wrote to Father Arnold requesting a letter of thanks for you. Each time he would reply saying that he had sent me a letter of thanks for you. Two of the letters did not reach me. The third one has just been received. I held Father Brenneke's letter here until I could send you Father Arnold's letter.

Trusting that you are well and assuring you of the continued prayers of the priests, Sisters and Indian children on the missions, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William H. Hughes,
Director.

JR

March 20, 1931

Mrs. Frank A. Egan
7822 Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Egan:

I do not wish to hurry in any way the decision of your club members about the building of a chapel. However, I would be pleased to know whether they favorably consider the building of a chapel at Little Eagle Indian Mission. If not, I will gladly submit other Indian missions where chapels are needed.

Spring and Summer are the best seasons to begin a chapel building, in order to complete the work before Winter.

Wishing you and all the members of your club a peaceful and joyous Easter, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MJ:MB

Mrs. Frank A. Egan
7822 Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Egan:

The missionary who is urgently in need of a chapel at Little Eagle Indian Mission desires to start building the chapel as soon as he can possibly procure the means. May I ask you whether your club has come to a decision on the building of a chapel at Little Eagle Indian Mission? I would appreciate a line from you. As mentioned in my letter of March 20, should the club members prefer another locality, I would be pleased to submit other missions in need of a chapel.

Be assured of my appreciation of the encouraging interest you have shown in the work of Indian missions.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MJ:MB

May 20, 1931

Rev. Charles A. Erkenwick
211 S. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenwick:

I have just received a letter from Father Zimmerman in which he tells me that the Sisters' convent, including chapel at Manderson is not quite finished. The chimneys are not yet in and the platform for the altar is not yet made. The Indians are doing all of the work. The convent has eight rooms and a cellar and Father Zimmerman thinks it the best built house of its kind on the reservation.

The missionary will send the pictures of the new convent as soon as they have completed the building, sometime before July. Be assured that I shall promptly forward them to you.

I know the slow progress of the work is very trying to the missionary as well as to ourselves.

Yours fraternally,

MJ:MB

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

June 9, 1931

Mrs. Frank A. Egan
7822 Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Egan:

I am in receipt of a letter from the missionary at Little Eagle Indian Mission urging me to send him help for the building of a chapel there for his poor Indians. I do not want to annoy you with letters about your prospective donation of \$1,000. But I would like to give Father Othmar Buerkler some assurance of the possibility of this prospective gift. If your club has decided to defer building a chapel or even not to build one, I would be deeply grateful to know the decision. In case they have abandoned the pious idea of building a chapel, it will be necessary for me to find another donor to supply this urgent need.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MJ:MB

Misc. - Tapes
June 13, 1931.

Mr. G. D. Guinn
Board of Health
El Paso, Texas.

Dear Mr. Guinn:

I have your notice to destroy weeds.

According to your request I enclose check for \$2 which is at
the rate of \$1 per lot for lots 31-32 block 136, Highland Park Edition,
El Paso, Texas, owned by this Bureau.

Yours very truly,

Eugene J. Welch,
Secretary.

EW:MW

7822- Cornell Ave
Chicago Ill
Rec'd JUN 27 1931
Ans. 6/29/31
Fol'd June 22 - 1931
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Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes

Dear Father Hughes;

In answer to your
letter regarding the
Little Eagle Chapel.
We had a meeting the
other night and we
will have another one
on Thursday June 25th
this week; if possible I

I wish you would reply by then.

We have not given up the idea of building a chapel, but most of our money six hundred dollars (\$600.00) is out on first mortgage and we will not be able to get it until next February. We could arrange to send three hundred dollars (\$300.00) now and the balance in February or wait and send it all then, which ever you prefer.

Father the girls would like to know if that location would be the nearest to Chicago. As they would like to get one as close to Chicago as possible.

About how many miles is it from here? What is the nearest big town or City to Little Eagle?

Please pardon me for not answering before, but I have

been rather busy. I am
enclosing some stamps
and wish you would send
reply special delivery so
I could make a report
on Thursday night.
Thanking you very
much I remain.

Sincerely
Marion Egan

(Mrs Frank A)

P.S.
I just learned that the
meeting has been postponed
so you will not have to ans
wer by special delivery, just ordina
ary mail will be soon enough.

June 29, 1931

Mrs. Frank A. Egan
7822 Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Egan:

Many thanks for your letter of June 22.

I am pleased to know that your club members have definitely decided to build a chapel. Father Othmar can not wait until February. His chapel must be built this summer.

A young priest, Father Ignatius Ganster who has charge of six spiritual sheep folds among the Indians in California must build two new chapels, one at Rincon and the other at La Jolla at a cost of \$1,000 each. If you are willing to accept either of these chapels, work will be started on receipt of your \$300 gift. The climate in California would permit resuming work on the chapel on receipt of the balance of your gift in February 1932. The club members will have the privilege of naming the chapel.

Should California not appeal to you, I have another request in file for a \$1,000 gift to build a chapel in the vicinity of Petoskey, Michigan.

I am sure your gift would carry with it a double blessing: The encouragement it would give to the missionary and to me and the blessing it would bring to the club members because of the sacrifices made.

I will ask the missionary to write a letter of thanks to you when I send him your gift.

Assuring you and the club members of the continued prayers of the missionaries and Indian children, I remain

HOLY GHOST RECTORY
211 So. KILDARE AVE.
CHICAGO, ILL.
CHARLES A. ERKENSWICK
PASTOR

Recd JUL 20 1937
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Letter to 7/20/37
Order filed 7/20/37
Ship's 7/20/37
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Rev. Rev. Msgr. Wm. Hughes
Washington, D.C.
Right Reverend Monsignor;

Inclosed check for \$45.00
intentions, as follows:
Pro Dfla 2 - Pro Dfla 5 - Pro Dfla 8 - Pro Dflis 8 - Ad Int.
Dante 22 - total 45.
Can you tell me if that chapel for Father Timmerman
has ever been completed, I am very anxious to know.

Yours in Christ
Rev. C. A. Erkenwick
over

July 30, 1931

Rev. G. A. Erkenwick
211 S. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenwick:

I thank you for your letter of July 27 with check of \$45 for Catholic Indian missions.

The Mass offerings are being sent to our needy Indian missionaries, with instructions to say the Masses as promptly as possible.

In my letter of May 20, I quoted to you from Father Zimmerman's letter that the convent, including chapel at Manderson was not quite finished. But that Father Zimmerman expected to have it completed in July.

I am writing Father Zimmerman by this same mail for the promised pictures, trusting to receive them promptly. I shall then communicate with you.

Thanking you for your patient waiting and for the pictures, I remain

Yours fraternally,

MJ:MB

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

August 8, 1931

Rev. C. A. Erkenwick
211 S. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenwick:

I am quoting to you a paragraph of a letter which I have just received from Rev. Joseph A. Zimmerman, S.J. of South Dakota.

"I received your letter of July 30 regarding the pictures of the chapel for Father Erkenwick. I shall do my best to get those pictures to you within the month of August. Our carpenter will take the altar to Manderson most likely tomorrow morning. It would be too long to give all the reasons for the delay. Of course, we have the Blessed Sacrament in the church at Manderson and the people are beginning to make visits during the week days."

With renewed thanks, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
Director.

MB

September 14, 1931

Mrs. Frank A. Egan
7822 Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Egan:

Now that vacation days are over, no doubt, your club members are filled with new zeal for new activities for our poor missions. The club's prospective gift of \$1,000 will be welcome at any time. Do not hesitate to ask me for any information about the building of a chapel that the club members may want to know.

The priests, Sisters and Indian children will continue to pray for you.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MJ:MB

*Received
Special records
if wanted.*

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
INDIAN FIELD SERVICE

3945 Linwood Pl.,
Riverside, Calif., Oct. 3, 1931.

Dear Father Hughes:

This will introduce my son Perry who has entered Georgetown University for an advanced course. I desire him to meet you as a former Riverside county resident and to present my regards.

With kindest wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,

Chas. L. Ellis
Chas. L. Ellis

Father Wm. Hughes, Director,
Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions,
2021 H St., N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Misc. - E

Called 10/5/31

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 Chicago Ill
 Oct 3- 1931

Rev. Magr. William Hughes,
 Dear Father;

I received your letter
 but did not have anything
 certain, as we just started
 having meetings again
 after the summer. We had
 a meeting last Thursday
 and we will have one
 Thursday Oct 8th. I would
 like to have an answer

back in time for that meeting if possible.

The club members decided they would like to build in the vicinity of Petoskey Michigan. some of them have visited in that vicinity and the others think they would have a better chance of getting there sometimes than they would California; so would like you to arrange for that. Now we had some bills through the summer and our bank account dropped to two hundred (\$200.00) dollars which that will send right away, six hundred or more in March and the balance soon after, if this will be alright, or what ever you might suggest but that is the way our money stands right now we will probably have the eight hundred by March or close to it. We would

like you to hold the place
at Petoskey for us if
possible. We could send
the two hundred at once
to hold it. Will you please
try to have an answer
back to me before Thursday
so I can make a report
at the meeting.

Hoping this will be
satisfactory I remain.

Sincerely

Marion Egan

TYPESCRIPT OF PRECEDING DOCUMENT

Copy for *Bureau*
to Mr. Herbert 10/16/31 MB

7822 Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 3, 1931

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,

Dear Father:

I received your letter but did not have anything certain, as we just started having meetings again after the summer. We had a meeting last Thursday and we will have one Thursday Oct. 8th. I would like to have an answer back in time for that meeting if possible.

The club members decided they would like to build in the vicinity of Petoskey, Michigan, some of them have visited in that vicinity and the others think they would have a better chance of getting there sometime, than they would California; so would like you to arrange for that. Now we had some bills through the summer and our bank account dropped to two hundred dollars (\$200) which that will send right away, six hundred (\$600) or more in March and the balance soon after, if this will be alright, or whatever you might suggest but that is the way our money stands right now. We will probably have the eight hundred by March or close to it. We would like you to hold the place at Petoskey for us if possible. We could send the two hundred at once to hold it. Will you please try to have an answer back to me before Thursday so I can make a report at the meeting.

Hoping this will be satisfactory, I remain

Sincerely

(Signed)

Marion Egan

Copied by MB.

October 5, 1931

Mrs. Frank A. Egan
7822 Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Egan:

I have just received your letter of October 3, for which I thank you.

By this same mail I am writing to Father Aubert Keuter, O.F.M., the missionary who has charge of the missions at Petoskey and neighboring districts, to inquire about the locality of his missions in need of chapels. In a recent letter he mentioned that he needed funds for chapels in several missions. I feel quite sure that he will be delighted to have your club sponsor one of his chapels.

Just as soon as I hear from Father Aubert, I shall communicate with you. I regret that I can not give your club members full information for the meeting on the eighth. Be assured I shall do so as promptly as possible.

The missionaries and Indian children continue to pray for you and all the club members.

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

MJ:MB

I also wish to thank you for sending me names of charitable Catholics.

HOLY GHOST RECTORY

211 So. KILDARE AVE.
CHICAGO, ILL.

CHARLES A. ERKENSWICK
PASTOR

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Copy to _____
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D.G. or Ref. _____
Check sent _____

Rt. Rev. Mgr. H. Hughes
Washington, D.C.

My dear Monsignor:

Your letter of Sept 16 - in regard to status of St. Therese has just come to my notice upon my desk.

As I have as yet no pictures of the chapel towards which I have contributed \$1000.00, I am somewhat sceptical. Father Timmerman was in a very great haste to secure the money, but is exceptionally slow to show how well the money was used. You cannot blame me to feel this way.

Yours in Christ

C. A. Erkenwick

October 16, 1931

Mrs. Frank A. Egan
7822 Cornell Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Egan:

I am today writing to Father Aubert Keuter, O.F.M., 415 State Street, Petoskey, Michigan, asking him to write to you and to arrange with you, if possible, a time when he could come down and explain to your club the exact situation at Petoskey. I assume that Father Aubert can get a pass on the railroad. That will save the expense.

Not only is there a wonderful history of Catholic Indian missions in the past at Petoskey, with Bishop Baraga as the hero, but there is a living present and assured future chapter of the same history which your club can be instrumental in writing.

For our pleasure and information, I have asked Father Aubert to send me carbon copies of his letters to you, (He uses a typewriter by the hit and miss method,) and after he has read and answered your letters to him to send them to me so that I can take copies and return the originals to him. An even better way of doing, except it might cause delay in this case, would be for both the club and Father Aubert to make this Bureau the post office. The reason for that is not simply that we are jealous of our friends of Indian missions and do not want to lose contact with them, but it keeps me informed as to how friends are helping and also as to what missionaries are being helped and encouraged. Furthermore, it gives us news for The Indian Sentinel. And that encourages readers to do similar works.

Thanking you for the encouragement which you give me personally by your interest, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:MB

October 16, 1931

Rev. Charles A. Erkenwick
211 S. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenwick:

I have your letter of October 13. I do not, indeed, blame you for feeling the way you do. I am blowing Father Zimmerman up. I am sure that this will get results.

It is not by way of any apology for him that I say that Father Zimmerman is a wonderful missionary. But he violates that general rule, that if you want to get something done ask a busy man to do it.

He, himself, perhaps unconsciously, did a fine job summer before last in waking up the Jesuits in the Rocky Mountains. Father Zimmerman came to St. Ignatius Mission, Montana, to attend the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of that mission by Father De Smet. While there Bishop Finnigan of Montana, who is a real apostle, got together the Jesuits of the Rocky Mountain missions (California province), including Father Piet, the provincial, and told them in so many words that they must get young priests and scholastics in the missions to fill up the places of the old missionaries being left vacant by age and death or the Bishop would appeal to the General in Rome. Father Zimmerman quietly but effectively supported the Bishop's argument and answered the objections of the provincial by pointing out what is being accomplished by the young priests and scholastics of the St. Louis province in South Dakota.

I told those present of a report just given to me by Superintendent Campbell who attended a meeting of superintendents at Pierre, South Dakota, where Indian children from Government and Indian schools competed in competition extending from athletics to school work and Father Zimmerman's mission had carried off all first prizes. Father Zimmerman pointed out that these results were due principally to the enthusiasm and leadership of the young priests and scholastics. Since that discussion, the Rocky Mountain missions have been turned over to a sub-province of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. And although that province is doubly short-handed because of the division, fine young priests like the two Balfe brothers have been sent to the Indian missions, one to St. Paul's and the other to St. Ignatius, both in Montana.

But that is all talk. What you want is pictures. I hope to get them this time.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Mgr. William Hughes,
Director.

WH:B

Copy of this letter sent to J.

October 27, 1931

Rev. Charles A. Erkenwick
211 S. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenwick:

I have today received from Father Joseph A. Zimmerman, S.J. a letter enclosing three photographs.

It does not appear from his letter that he also wrote you, as he certainly should. Possibly he pays us the compliment of taking you and me to be Jesuits, and me the double compliment of being the superior, to whom a letter sent serves for both of us. Father Zimmerman is a fine worker. But he is a bum letter-writer. If you say the word, I will write him advising that he should send you at least a line direct.

Father Zimmerman's letter to me was quite full. Probably he intended that I should repeat to you what he had to say about the chapel. He said: "I took two snaps of the Sisters' convent at Manderson, one showing the convent alone and the other showing also the church, the meeting-house and the building which we intend to use for kindergarden. Our only hope is that Father Erkenwick will be pleased with the convent. The size of the convent is 18 x 55 with a part basement. The Indians cut the logs, hewed them and did all the work. It is very warm and satisfactory."

The general view shows a complete plant. The convent chapel is more useful than might at first appear, because it would be impossible to heat the church daily those during the severe Dakota winter. Even on Sundays when all the Indians can not attend, the convent chapel will take care of the congregation, and they will be kept warm.

Father Zimmerman says that Sister Francis, Third Order Dominican, was unable to get other tertiaries to join her at Manderson and that she has left but is anxious to return. Instead, Father Zimmerman is arranging for Sisters of a regular Sisterhood. He adds: "In the meantime I have a very competent lady, Miss Williams, working there doing practically the same work that Sister Frances had done, teaching catechism to the Indian children and instructing older Indians who like to visit with her. For some twenty years Miss Williams had been teaching in Government Indian Boarding schools as an active Protestant and now she is working just as hard as an enthusiastic convert."

Now Father Erkenwick if you are not perfectly satisfied, I know you will speak frankly. I wish that you could see this chapel and the Catholic Sioux Indians.

I wish that you could have been with me last summer and gone as I did with Father Aloysius Hitta to see your chapel at Cyril. You have every reason to be proud of it. Certainly Father Al is grateful.

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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I assume Fr. Zimmerman will place a cross on the convent chapel. I am telling him so.

November 9, 1931

Rev. Charles A. Erkenwick
211 S. Kildare Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Father Erkenwick:

I take pleasure in sending you the enclosed letter of thanks which I have just received from Rev. Joseph A. Zimmerman, S.J. of South Dakota.

You will note from the letter of thanks that Father Zimmerman will place a cross on the convent chapel.

With renewed thanks for your continued interest in our poor missions, I remain

Yours fraternally,

Rt. Rev. Msgr. William Hughes,
Director.

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