

Begin your NOVENA
FOR EXAMS now. Mass,
Communion and Rosary
for nine days.

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(Ill) father of Ed and
Chas. Kane (St. Eds).
ADORATION again this week.
Rosary at 5.

Death Came For The Bishop.

As the priests and Brothers gathered for the mid-day prayers in Corby hall chapel Monday, October 1, news came of the death of the Most Reverend Timothy J. Crowley, CSC, Bishop of Dacca, Bengal, India. Some preparation for this unwelcome news had come in a cable a week previous; nevertheless, the sense of loss was keen. It seems that to the present and the passing generations mention of the foreign mission of Holy Cross in India immediately brings the name of Bishop Crowley to the mind and lips.

Death came for the Bishop and as cables are terse messages there are no details. We do know that His Excellency was to undergo an operation several weeks ago under the direction of the U. S. Army doctors stationed near Dacca. We can picture the death bed of the good bishop surrounded by as many of the missionary brethren who could be reached at their distant posts and were able to make connections. We see the Catholic Medical Missionaries ministering to his last needs and the religious of Our Lady of the Missions taking turns to watch and pray at his bedside.

In all the mission stations we can sense the hush of pained expectancy as the people of the missions, men, women, and children, leave their work to pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and pray for the Bishop, if they were near the chapel or just to pause in their work and pray. The Bengali in his stoic attitude will pray with seeming cold exterior; the Garo will not feel ashamed to brush the tears from his eyes or to sniff audibly. The children look open-eyed, undecided what to do.

There is a strong bond of affection between the missionary and the people, and Bishop Crowley was the Boro Saheb - the head man of all the missionaries. Unlike the natural attitude toward authority one finds everywhere, whenever Bishop Crowley appeared at a mission station men, women and children crowded about him to kiss his ring and to offer him small presents, an orange, an egg or a small parcel of rice.

His Excellency, the most Rev. Timothy J. Crowley, CSC, D.D. was born 65 years ago in Kilmallock, County Limerick, Ireland. Thirty eight of his thirty nine years of priesthood were spent in the foreign missions of Dacca, Bengal, India, the last eighteen as Bishop. The Bishop came from the legended land of saints and scholars, and he was both. A scholar, Bishop Crowley, was one of the early doctors of his religious community receiving his Doctor of Philosophy degree in English at the Catholic University the very year of his ordination to the priesthood, 1906. After one year on the faculty of Notre Dame in the department of English, he sent out for Bengal.

In Bengal the Bishop's pen was seldom at rest. He wrote at length to friends in Ireland and the United States in behalf of the mission work. In the mission itself he founded and edited for years a small monthly paper Dharma Jyoti, "Light of Religion," besides preparing scores of pamphlets and folders in explanation of the truths of our Faith. The translation of important works met his enthusiastic approval and often his personal cooperation.

Speaking man to man, and with no intention of anticipating Church judgments and decrees, Bishop Crowley was a holy man. No one who had an opportunity of living in his household or accompanying him on an episcopal tour could fail to be impressed with his genuine piety and disciplined devotions. Bishop Crowley is dead but his spirit lives on in the minds and hearts of his missionary brethren, of his diocesan clergy and of all who knew and admired him. May he rest in peace.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Marie and Helen Connolly, nieces of Sister Edmunda, RSM (Dubuque); father of Vince Cushing (OC);, 10th Anniv.; (Ill) Mrs. Bernard Fallon, critical.