

THE LILY OF

*Fairest flower that ever*



THE MOHAWKS

*bloomed among true men*

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## THE ANNIVERSARY

On April 17, Tekakwitha departed this life, in the fragrance of holiness. Her departure was quite an event in the Christian Indian village. The missionaries treated her when dying, as they had always done, as one of God's elect, and signs are, ever since, that they were not wrong. The fixing of the date in our time we owe to a celebrated Paulist, Father Searle, an astronomer, who considered his task a labor of love. In God's good time we hope to be celebrating her Feast on that day.

## A ROSARY BY AIR TO IRELAND

Sending a Rosary to Ireland is like sending a lump of coal to Newcastle, or an orange to Florida; but one was sent there as a Patrick's Day gift this year. It is a Tekakwitha Rosary, too, and this is how it happened:

Shut-in is a poor word for one who is confined to a wheel-chair, or unable to move about freely outside the home; for, as a rule, if the body is disabled, the mind has its freedom and its flights of wisdom which others never know. As everywhere else, there is one such in Ireland, a devotee of Tekakwitha. Recently she requested a Rosary with a medal of Tekakwitha joining the decades. For this our medal would have to be pierced, and a one-time government assayist, now a prominent jeweler, said this could not be done; the medal would have to be soldered on to the chains. This would spoil the gift. Another devotee of Tekakwitha asked for an awl and soon the medal was on the Rosary of pearl, and a fine ornament it makes. Engraved on the back of the Cross is TEKAKWITHA and on the arms, PATRICIA, the name of the young devotee. Recently her father took her down to Lourdes. She was so entranced, he is to take her there again, and in her mind is the canonization of Tekakwitha and the welfare of all who are working and praying for her Cause. Tekakwitha loved the Rosary; her image looks quite in place with the beads she used to tell so lovingly.

## THE TEKAKWITHA STATUE

The statue of Tekakwitha is now ready. As THE statue we speak of it because until now there has been no statue of her worth recommending. Those so far available have been too gross, five or six feet in height, or un-Indianlike, or poorly colored. This one is little over three feet high. It is modelled on the lithograph picture by Reverend Mother Nealis, which is so popular. It is hoped that a description of it and trade arrangement will be ready for our next issue.