



Trésors d'Archives n°2

Ancestors of the Newsletters

"On August 10, 1857, the community of Chaillot moved to Auteuil. It was a great joy for all the Sisters to get away from the noise of Paris and to enter a regular monastery where religious life seemed to take on a more austere character. "(See Origins IV, chapter 1). Community, novitiate, boarding school ... a whole small world settled in the property of the old castle of the Tuilerie. It was at Auteuil the following year, that the 1st General Chapter of the Congregation, opened on September 2, 1858, was held under the presidency of Father Darboy, Vicar General of the Diocese of Paris.

Once installed in its new setting, the boarding school developed well, as witness some letters of Marie Eugenie. For example, in a letter to Father d'Alzon (September 14, 1859, Vol XIII, No. 2766) she wrote: "Here the new school year promises to be magnificent. We will have nearly 100 students from the beginning of the year, I'm afraid we'll have to refuse some later, so I'm not asking you for any more students here ..."

Many sisters, many students and a growing number of communities: hence the need to find ways for keeping in touch, for sharing news of daily life.

From the beginning, a humorous chronicle of the news of the boarding school, with colored illustrations, was written to honor the teaching sisters. Anecdotes told in a leaflet written and hand drawn in 1861 highlight some qualities that could be those of today's teachers:

Perseverance and competence

We can read at the beginning of this booklet: "Ministry of Public Instruction. We believe to please our readers by offering them the striking portrait of the most famous teachers of the Mother House, year 1861. The first place belongs to the doctors of theology. It is half past 10, there are no readings of notes: let's take the opportunity to give a catechism lesson (...) Needless to remind you that Sr. M. de Jesus only needs 2 more years to get the as a doctor of theology granted only after 24 years of work and annual examinations. "

Passion

These pamphlets tell the incidents that took place during certain classes: thus, on December 23 at the end of the afternoon, at a time when it is already cold in winter, a sister who taught literature, impassioned by her subject, consumed by the " sacred fire ", ordered the opening of the window, which" authorizes "the rain to enter the classroom:" *Open my child, I'm suffocating ... But it's raining, mother ... I do not realize it ... Open, I'm still suffocating ... "*

Creativity

It is also tells how another sister, during a Geography lesson, began drawing of a map of China, using a map of France which she already had, as a model.

One poem tells the misadventure of a sister who, thinking to confess to her usual confessor, commented on the sermon of Father d'Alzon, without realizing that she was speaking ... to Father d'Alzon himself! Fortunately the commentary was positive!

In another pamphlet, the panorama widens as news of other convents is added to that of Auteuil. Always filled with humor!

"Sedan's professor of French history regrets that he was unable to send us the interesting details of taking the pellet ("pastille" in French... to understand" taking the Bastille "), a very ingenious note he owes to one of his pupils. "

"The French teacher from the same city tried to share with us how Sr. M. Baptiste recalls the presence of God. She claps her hands enough to shake the house, overturns two or three plates and exclaims in a voice of stentor: " My sisters, he said I must croak and he diminishes "

Throughout the leaflets, we can find, in addition to stories for laughs, practical advice, tips for spiritual retreat or announces:

"An infallible way to prevent or get rid of spiders ... scrub the floor, the ceiling and the walls of one's room conscientiously with a small English brush."

"Infallible way for a successful retreat

A famous preacher recommends as a preparation for retreat: a day of recreation and a prolongation of sleep »

"Lost in the community room, in the cloisters and in the garden: scissors, a spool of thread, a thimble, a pair of mittens and a discipline. A liberal reward is promised to the person who will bring all these items to Sr. Marie Marthe. "

Later, in the 70s, a brochure for other houses was developed, with far fewer illustrations. First called "the driveller ", it became "The echoes of Auteuil". It contained excerpts of letters, news, arrivals and departures of the sisters at Auteuil, riddles, classifieds, proposals for novenas, errata on the previous edition, etc.

If you take a tour of the Archives, you can discover other anecdotes and contemplate the original illustrated brochure of 1861 and 20 issues of "Echos d'Auteuil", from August 1873 to November 1874 ... The ancestors of our " Community News, "" Echoes of the Provinces ", newsletter and other means to nourish communion.

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... de son côté, il se fit pas mal de...

À l'Enseigne de la Célestine
 Le saintin à l'honneur d'informers
 la pulchritude de nos frères
 qui est huit heures à dix heures
 des talons et des carmes de tout
 pour ceux de dimensions, les commandes
 par le papier, avec soin et précision
 pour plus amples renseignements sur
 la maison. S'adresser à M. le directeur
 Sg. La place, France.

Pigeomanie
 séries d'instructions
 morales et édifiantes publiées par la

Bébévonde Mimi Gougaque.

Sanctification du Dimanche
 l'assistance à la messe : Une novie anglaise trouve
 le remplacé cet exercice par la récréation, la tarte et
 salut.

Leveur memorare pour venir
 aide à la dévotion des économes
 à l'Assomption : Souvenez vous
 orthographe : Souvenez vous
 de nouvelles peuvent
 toute coupure au bureau
 n'elles qui en tout toujours
 l'issement
 ... cela n'est pas important.

Moyens infailibles pour le su...
 du meilleur alibi recommandé
 le s'ach : un journal de réce
 -galerie de Solomon.

VIEUX FONDS DE BOUTIQUE ANI
 À Bon Compte. La Sans Marie
 pour cause de changement de
 deire se débarrasser de sa
 passions favorites :
 ceises à l'eau de vie, café noir, thé...

À vendre Fonds de Grimaces
 s'adresser à la propriétaire
 La Sr. Louise Eugénie

COURS DE DANSE
 nouveau pas élégant inventé
 par Sr. Marie-José
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