

secondary students, a junior room, and a kindergarten—are all large and airy, well ventilated during wet weather as well as dry, the windows being of the type approved by the Government. The fire-places in each room are finished with clinker bricks and round the walls are panels of hyloplate for drawing, etc. Finely finished presses are built into each room. The girls' sitting-room 20ft by 22ft, music-room panelled like the hall, a dining-room 30ft by 20ft, and a fully equipped science room make up the length of the building, some 130ft. Upstairs

there is a private balcony which connects with the Convent and which may be utilised for sleeping. Downstairs each room opens to a verandah. The building is lit by electric light and there is hot and cold water throughout.

The course of studies pursued at the school is that usually followed in primary and secondary schools. The students are prepared for all the usual school and musical examinations, for Intermediate, Public Service, Matriculation, and Teachers' Examination as also for Commercial Examinations.

Marvellous Cure Through the Little Flower

ATTESTED BY BISHOP.

Right Rev. Bishop Simon, D.D., Namaqualand, Cape Colony, South Africa, has published the following:—

I fear I would fail in my duty towards God, His saints, and the Church were I to conceal longer the favor obtained at Matjeskloof during a Novena. I shall then relate briefly what happened there in December, 1923.

Last November a colored woman died at Springbok, leaving three orphan children. Katharina Africander was the eldest: she had never walked in her life, having been born a cripple. The parts of the legs, from knee to foot, were folded under the thighs. Both knees were stiff; they seemed to be bones without movement. A brother of the little girl, affected by the same infirmity died when he reached his sixth year.

The Magistrate of Springbok thought that the best place for the children was the orphanage at Matjeskloof, conducted by the Oblate Sisters of St. Francis de Sales. He wrote then to the Sister Superior, asking her to take the three children under her care, and promising to obtain for them Government rations. Sister Frances Therese, Superior of the orphanage, assented. The good nuns did what they could for their new charges. The cripple girl could not help herself in any way. "If the infirmity continues," thought Sister Frances Therese, "I fear I shall not be able to do much for her. I have forty other boarders to look after. I am principal teacher in our school with 115 pupils. Besides I must see to the management of the whole house, and I have only two Sisters to help me and two assistant teachers." She turned then to God again, saying: "How easy it would be for Thee to make that child walk, for to Thy power there are no limits." At the same time she, together with the Sisters, teachers, and boarders, began, on the 5th of December, a Novena to the "Little Flower."

The Novena.

Sister Frances carried the cripple girl in her arms to the church and placed her near the altar steps. All prayed very fervently. Katharina had been taught to say: "Little Flower, make me walk." She repeated these words very sweetly, over and over again, during the prayers. However, no improvement was noticed the first day. After the prayers on the second day the sick girl was carried back to the Sisters' house, and there, to the immense joy of all, Katharina

stretched out her legs and stood on her feet, but could not yet walk. The third day she was taken to the church again. After the prayers Sister Frances made the child stand on her legs and she retired a few steps holding in her hand a little picture of Blessed Teresa. The Sister then said with trembling and sobbing voice: "Come, baby: come get this picture." The child walked right to her and took the picture from her hand. Children and all felt transports of joy. Sister Frances Therese said: "Until I die I shall never forget the feeling which went through my soul at that moment." This time they did not carry the child back home, but made her walk from the church to the Sisters' house, a distance of about 200 yards. There Katharina sat down, with outstretched legs, rose up and walked all by herself with great facility, laughing joyfully.

When her relations heard what had happened at Matjeskloof they came to see the child. They knew that she had once been examined by a doctor who declared nothing could be done for her. When they saw Katharina walking easily they could hardly believe their eyes. On the following Sunday many others came, too, and all were amazed to see the once crippled child perfectly cured.

To-day she plays, runs, jumps about like other children. She climbs easily the many steps of the church, resembling much those of St. Mary's, Cape Town. When asked, "Who has cured you?" she answers: "The Little Flower." Often when she sleeps she has a picture of Blessed Teresa in her hand.

On my advice the child was taken to the doctors to be examined. Both doctors of O'okiep and Concordia have seen her. They are of a different creed from ours. Here are the exact copies of their written opinions about the cure:—

MEDICAL REPORTS.

O'okiep, Dec. 22, 1923.

Dear Sister Frances Therese,—I have examined your protegee Katrina Africander, aged five. She undoubtedly can walk, and the condition of nutrition of the legs suggests that she has not used them until quite recently. I regret that I cannot call the case to mind in the past, but then it seems to be three years since I saw her. I think you are to be congratulated.—Yours sincerely,

(Signed) COWAN.
Concordia, Jan. 23, 1924.

This is to certify that I have examined Katrina Africander, aged five, at Matjeskloof.

She is able to walk without any support, but has a waddling gait.

Sister Therese tells me that the child was unable to walk until December 6, 1923, and that she walked spontaneously on that date.

Without electricity, massage, and other forms of medical treatment, the spontaneous recovery is from a medical point of view inexplicable.

One is inclined to put this cure alongside those one has heard of at Lourdes.

(Signed) W. E. REID.

Te Deum Laudamus.

We cannot thank God enough for this special favor bestowed on us, the poorest, the last amongst the Missionaries in South Africa. But words fail us to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Sacred Heart and the Little Flower.

Truly Monsignor Kolbe was well inspired the day he decided to ask his Holiness Pope Benedict XV to declare Blessed Teresa of Lisieux the Patron Saint of the children in South Africa. All our school children have signed the petition, and they eagerly look forward to the day when the title will be granted to her. If the Little Flower has shown such goodness to our poor Katharina Africander, what will she not do for others.

I firmly hope that this wonderful cure, attested by two doctors, will strengthen our Catholics in the Faith and incite them to pray to the Sacred Heart and Blessed Teresa with renewed confidence. Ask heaven for the relief you want in all your trials. You shall always be heard.

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