

Zamboanga, May 10, 1929

Dear Father Selga:

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Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of the Mindanao Herald carrying an article on the eclipse. With it goes the gratitude of the editor. He was very much pleased with the letter and pamphlet you sent.

Yesterday the sky was overcast most of the day here but the clouds did not interfere with our seeing the eclipse. At 2.03 P.M. the first speck of the moon began to cover the sun's disk. Between 3.20 and 3.40 P.M. many here thought they saw not one but three or four crescents. The luminous part of the sun seemed to glow and flare. Lt. Hältiwanger of the military post told me he thought the signals coming over the radio were louder than usual but he noticed no other peculiarities.
(about 1000)

At 3.35 the thermometer registered 29 C. and the Barometer (Faura) 759.

The only humorous incident that came to my notice was this. Fr. Vicedo was going to Tetuan in the afternoon and asked the driver of the calesa where his smoked glasses were. Oh that's easy to make he said. And taking out a pair of spectacles with celluloid rims he struck a match to smoke them, with the natural result that the celluloid went up in flame. In disgust he threw the glasses out of the calesa.

Yesterday morning at Mass I gave you and Fr. Deppermann a very special intention.

Hoping that your long preparations were crowned with success, I am

Your brother in Christ

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