

Him." Incapable through his natural powers to contemplate God face to face, to lift himself up to the direct and immediate vision, to deserve it, man must receive from God a transcendent power which shall raise him to His level. In this world and during the life of trials that power is called the divine grace; in heaven it becomes the glory of the divine light. The light of the glory of God envelopes, penetrates and saturates with its rays the soul of the elect, and it is in and through this medium that they look with a direct and immediate gaze upon the essence of God.

WHAT THE ELECT SEE.

Now, thanks to the light of glory, the elect look upon God with an infallible gaze, and God is the first cause, the cause of causes: God is infinite knowledge, God is absolute perfection, God is the universal and immediate good, God is limitless love, God is the Almighty, God is the necessary being. Well, the eye of the elect, enlightened by the light of the divine essence, sees with a sure and infallible look the effects in the first cause, the ideas and designs of the infinite knowledge, the finite and fragmentary perfections, in the absolute perfection, the individual and secondary goods in the universal good, the lawful affection in the perfect and living love, contingent beings in the accessory being, solutions and applications in the infallible justice, works and creatures in the Almightiness. Thus the divine essence is the immense, infinite mirror in which the eye of the elect sees God first and in the mirror, without shadow and without spot, and that as an inevitable consequence it sees all the beings, fruits of the love, effects of the first cause, created by the almightiness, governed by the boundless love and infallible justice: and the eye of the elect sees not only the totality of creatures, angels, men, animals and inanimate things, but their species, their genera, varieties, their individuals, their mutual relations. The blessed, says the most illustrious and authoritative of theologians, see in the divine essence the creatures, their species, their genera and the reasons for the order that rules the entire universe. Thus not being material or spiritual, inferior or superior, could escape the clearness and penetration of the intelligence of the elect enlightened by the light of the essence of God.

When it reaches the zenith the orb of day casts its conquering rays upon our planet. Our eyes see the sun, but through and in its light all the objects which make up the earth become perceptible to their power of vision. Tell me, does the sight of the sun so enthral and absorb your eye, so bind its power that it is incapable of perceiving any object save the solar disk? It does not, you will admit. Now it is thanks to its light that you see objects and that you yourself are an object perceived by your kind. Thus it is with the vision of God in heaven. In the light of His essence the elect see, with a quick, sure, infallible look, the creation, the work of the infinite intelligence and love, in its majestic whole and its wonderful details. The elect are part of the divine creation and constitute, as it were, its masterpiece. They see each other, know each other, recognize each other and love each other. It is the realization of the prophetic prayer of our Lord on the eve of His death, "That they may be one, even as we are one; that they may be made perfect in one."

The conclusion to be drawn from these promises is that in heaven, in God and by the light of God, the elect see each other, know each other, love each other in a light and a love incomparably superior to earthly knowledge and affection, for they share in the knowledge and the love of God Himself.

SOCIETY IN HEAVEN.

First—The gospel shows in a clear light the reality of the personal relations between the elect. Our Lord and the inspired writers of the New Testament characterize the state and conditions of the blessed life in heaven by expressions and symbols that permit us to forecast the invisible and future realities. Heaven is the holy city, the supernatural Jerusalem, of which the elect become the eternal citizens; heaven is the kingdom of God, whose subjects are governed by the law of love or charity; it is the banquet over which Christ presides, who distributes, not to his servants but to his friends and his brothers, the bread of eternal truth and the generous wine of charity. Heaven is the house of the Father, the heavenly Father, in which the rooms are extended and multiplied, *indomus Patris mei multe sunt mansiones*. City, kingdom, banquet, Father's house, all comparisons (and I pass over others) from which there stands out clearly the idea of an assembly, a meeting, a society, a family, whose members must necessarily see, know, love each other, and must be linked to one another by bonds as indestructible as heaven itself. These comparisons force upon us with crushing certainty the necessity of relations of the mind, the heart, the memory, of action, among the members forming the permanent city of God, the kingdom begun by Christ here below and completed in heaven, the guests at the divine table, the sons of God and the co-heirs of Jesus, the children, in fine, of the Father and the citizens of the eternal home.

"OUR HEAVENLY HOME."

Secondly—"Our heavenly home" reveals to us one of the most consoling realities of the gospel; it is not guessed at by human reason. Never could this have conceived of the elevation of man to a dignity and privilege like the Divine Filiation. Yet the fact is indisputable. The apostle St. John declares that man by the grace of Christ not only deserves the title of "Child of

God," but really possesses that quality with its rights and privileges. *Ut filia Dei nominemur et simus*. And according to the testimony of St. Paul, man regenerated by Jesus Christ possesses His spirit which makes him utter the cry of filial piety, *Abba Pater*. God my Father."

THE HEAVENLY FAMILY.

Thirdly—Will you, moreover, turn your attention to the first words at the beginning of the prayer above all prayers, brought down from heaven to earth, on the divine lips of our Lord? "Our Father who art in heaven." Yes, do not these words reveal to you the origin and destination of man? Does not Jesus Christ forbid the giving of the name father, in the absolute sense, to any man? For He says, "Ye have all but one Father, which is in heaven, and ye are all brothers." Does He not lay stress on the necessity of fulfilling the will of the heavenly Father, and to try to accomplish in us the infinite perfection of which He is the eternal and living ideal? If, therefore, Jesus Christ spends time in convincing minds, in persuading hearts of that marvellous "divine application," it is because that doctrine was to renew the world bowed down for ages under the slavery of sin and the tyranny of the devil. Redeemer and Saviour, He intended to found between God and man the religion of love, which is nothing more than filial piety. To love, to serve God as the best and the true Father, such is the work of the Catholic religion. Therefore did he take on a body and a soul like unto ours in order to embrace humanity in His person and to raise each one of us to the dignity and enjoyment of the rights gained by his merits for the adoptive but real children of God.

Now heaven is the home where God gathers all who remain faithful to the grace of the divine filiation; it is the house, in the word of the gospel, where children dwell around the Father. How, then, can we suppose that God constitutes a family whose members remain strangers or indifferent to one another? If a father delights in the numerous gatherings of his children about his fireside, how can we conceive the heavenly fireside without friendly and harmonious relations? To suppose and assert this is to misunderstand the gospel and insult the God, who, according to the magnificent phrase of St. Thomas Aquinas, infinite love, has given himself to man by a manifestation and in a manner similar to His love.

Clinging to the old order of demonstration, let us ask for a proof for the nature and the object of the greatest virtues, charity.

"THOU SHALT LOVE THY NEIGHBOR." Fourthly—Through charity we love God by preference above everything, above all men, above ourselves. It is the first and greatest of the divine commandments. The second, says our Lord, is like the first, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Now, at the gate of heaven all virtues are effaced by, or, better, are swallowed up in charity. Heaven is a woman of infinite wit has said, is the eternal blossoming of charity, whose perfume is incessantly renewed and that blossoming is its reward. Now, is it not normal and logical that charity to one's neighbor should receive an adequate recompense? What God compels you imperatively to love Him, and to love for His sake, a father, a mother, a wife, your children, your friends and even those whose sympathy are not brought close to your heart by sympathy, and it could be admitted that He prevents you from seeing and loving in heaven those whom the ties of blood, of gratitude, of sympathy, of benefits have bound close upon this earth? What! Jesus has loved you as Himself and the sign by which His united disciples can tell one another is brotherly charity, and yet at the gate of heaven He would efface and destroy that divine sign?

What, again! You set up a God, infinite love, that is a jealous of paternal, conjugal, filial love; of friendship, of gratitude capable of suppressing all relation of mind and heart between children and parents, married people, benefactors and obliged, the conquerors of souls, and those they have conquered? What! A Paul, an Ambrose, a Chrysostom, an Augustin, a Vincent de Paul, the modest and heroic Sisters of Charity, the Little Sisters of the Poor, the apostles of devotion, should be deprived of seeing and loving the countless souls to whom they have opened the heavenly home! The mother of the Maccabees, Felicitas, Perpetua, millions of Christian mothers have consecrated their children to God, and that God would separate them, through isolation or indifference or ignorance, from those whom they have borne for heaven in prayer and sacrifice and tears? And you suppose that God, who in creating man placed first of all in his bowels kindness, would be capable of such harshness! How could God, the living and infinite love, *Deus caritas est*, belittle Himself and lose His nature? That is impossible, and you must believe the words that fell from the heart of our Lord when He came back to life: "I ascend to My Father and to your Father and to My God and to your God." Heaven, the house of My God and the home of My Father, is the place where the elect see themselves in God, their Father, are united in Him, to love each other for ever and never to part. With the Apostle Peter I repeat: "I believe, for to whom should we turn if not to You, Who have the word and life everlasting!"

Therefore, through very love, the elect see, know and love each other, for it is impossible that God should curtail in heaven a virtue which has

only sprung up in the heart of humanity when bedewed with the blood of His own Son."

UNIVERSAL TEACHING OF THE CHURCH.

This truth has been believed in by the Catholic Church ever since it was founded by Jesus Christ. Open the epistles of the doctor of the nations, the Apostle St. Paul, especially those of the Galatians, to the Colossians, to the brethren in Thessalonica, and you will find them full of allusions to the relations of intelligence and of heart among the elect and between these and their brethren on their way to their celestial abode. The belief was so deeply rooted and so vivid among the Christians of the first centuries that the martyrs in their way to torture mutilated in their farewells to their brethren. In the third century the great Bishop of Carthage, just before his martyrdom, wrote these memorable words: "Our home is paradise, and our ancestors, the patriarchs, have preceded us thither. Let us hasten homeward to salute our forefathers! We are awaited by a multitude of persons dear to us, we are desired by many parents and brothers and children, who, assured of their own immortal happiness, are kept anxious for our salvation" (*De Mortalitate*).

Pope St. Gregory the Great, by whom England was gained to Catholicism, wrote these memorable words: "This mutual recognition gives the crown to the recompense that every man must receive. It makes the good rejoice still more to see those rejoicing with them whom they loved here below. Happy ones, there is something still more wonderful: besides recognizing those that they have known in this world, they will know those whom they never knew on earth. For after all, what can the elect in heaven be ignorant of, since all see there in full light the God who knoweth all things!" (*Dialogues*, I, iv).

TESTIMONY OF FATHERS OF THE CHURCH AND OF MODERN WRITERS.

The Fathers of the Church—Ambrose, Paulinus of Mola, John Chrysostom, Gregory of Nyssa and his brother Nazianzenus, Augustine, Jerome, St. Bernard have carved into the imperishable brass of tradition the faith of the Catholic Church in the mutual recognition of the elect. These great men have let their reason and their hearts speak in sublime pages, in which the vigor of the demonstration is heightened by the splendor of eloquence and the energy of conviction.

Among modern writers, Bossuet, that extraordinary genius, of such exact, sure and austere doctrine demonstrates this truth in the following terms: "If we enter as we should into the spirit of faith, we shall take the matters of this world as if passing through, and when those who are dear to us go to God before us we shall not be inconsolable as if we had lost them, but we shall endeavor to make ourselves worthy of joining them in the place where they await us. We must not allow ourselves to be dejected by a helpless grief as though we no longer had any hope. Thus it is allowable for the tenderness of the faithful to show sadness at the death of their friends through the emotion of a passing grief. Permit the feelings of humanity to let them shed tears of consolation soon dried by the joys of faith, which persuades us that 'Christians who die draw away from us a little in order to pass to a better life.' (Bossuet, "Sentiments Touchant la Vie et la Mort")

I end this letter, already so long, by the rapid and succinct statement of the doctrine on this subject by the most authoritative of the doctors of the Catholic Church, St. Thomas Aquinas, the Angel of the Schools.

"God," says he in substance, "is the cause, the means and the measure of our affections in heaven. We shall love God more than anything and any person, and we shall love His creatures, angels and men, in the measure corresponding to their resemblance and their union to God, for it will always be God who is loved in His creatures which reflect in themselves His perfections. The more the divine perfections shine in a reasoning creature, the stronger and the more intense will be our love for it. In other words, the order of the love with which an elect loves his God will be the measure of our affection for that elect."

Nevertheless, each elect will preserve a special friendship or those who were united to him on this earth by the ties of relationship, of sympathy, of esteem, of gratitude. "In heaven," the great Doctor shows, "all the causes for an honest, pure, legitimate attachment persist, but elevated and transformed by the glory of God, grace does not destroy nature, but rests on it as on a necessary support. And after a process of purification and of transformation man remains in heaven amid glory and eternal bliss with his natural perfections and his supernatural perfections."

THE CHRISTIAN'S GOD-GIVEN DESIRE. The Christian feels the ardent, intense, ineradicable desire to find again, to see, to love in his heavenly home, those whom he has loved here below. This desire, it is God himself who inspires it, keeps it alive and rekindles it in the depths of our souls. How could God, the infallible wisdom, the boundless goodness, the living justice, the eternal love, deceive our legitimate hopes and break His promises? So I conclude with St. Thomas Aquinas, "impossible est naturale desiderium esse inane." It is impossible that the Creator should not give full and entire satisfaction to the natural aspirations of His creatures. (St. Thomas against the Gentiles Book 7.) And I have the luminous, invinc-

ible assurance of the reality of the relations of intelligence, of heart, of love among the elect in the heavenly home. —Rev. Father Tripler of the Freres Precheurs, New York.

CERTAIN PIOUS ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Daily Chronicle, of London, prints the following paragraph: "An advance step in ecclesiastical decorum has just been made. Certain advertisements, appealing for money for pious purposes, and promising a return of spiritual favors, such as prayers at certain shrines, have appeared from time to time in Roman Catholic papers, to the annoyance of a large section of the advertisers' co-religionists. A priest in the Nottingham diocese, who had become identified with this class of request for alms, believed that Rome would sanction what Cardinal Vaughan at Westminster was known to abhor. An appeal was made, and the reply, just arrived, is wholly unfavorable to the publication of advertisements which pander to what may be called the spiritual cupidity of the credulous."

FIAT VOLUNTAS TUA.

BY JENNIE L. RAWLINS.

Do with me, Lord, as seemest best to Thee!
Those words I read
Twas long before I said
Thy words to Thee.
Ay! many a weary day,
Along life's thorny way,
My heart was sore,
And many a sad hour passed,
And saw my eyes downcast,
For I was in Thy hand,
They turned instead!

Do with me, Lord, as seemest best to Thee!
For Thou dost once endure
On Calvary's cross
The weight of all our grief,
Nor didst desire relief
From anguish sore!
But rather Thou didst deign
To bear Thy untold pain,
Our souls to free from stain,
For heaven's shore.

Do with me, Lord, as seemest best to Thee!
Oh! may Thy heart divine
My comfort be,
Thy heart of pity bleed,
Which pain would draw to rest,
This heart of mine.

Do with me, Lord, as seemest best to Thee!
Though veiled by mist of tears
When I my cross have kissed,
As in the Eucharist,
Thou calm'st my fears,
Impart to me Thy grace,
Until I see Thy face,
And rest in Thy embrace,
Beyond the years.

—Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

MARRIAGE.

MCSLOY-DUFFY.

On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock Mr. Jas. McSloy, the most popular young man in the city, was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide Duffy, daughter of Jas. Duffy, Esq., of the North Norwich. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Geo. R. Northgraves, assisted by Rev. Geo. R. Northgraves. The bride looked charming in a traveling suit of grey broadcloth and was attended by her sister, Miss Clara Duffy, while Mr. T. J. Murray of Paris acted as best man. The ceremony was about forty guests assembled at the home of the bride's father and partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast. After the ceremony the bride and groom, accompanied by the bridesmaids and groomsmen, left for the honeymoon trip. The wedding presents of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. O'Leary were very numerous and beautiful. Among the gifts were a diamond ring, a watch, a gold chain, and a silver case. The wedding was Miss Clancy of Beaureau, Quebec Daily Telegraph, Oct. 24.

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to the bride and groom, and wish them a long and happy life. —Rev. Father Baker.

Brussels Catholic church was crowded with an interested throng on Monday, the 22nd, to witness the marriage of Mr. Joseph Ryan and Miss Lizzie Baker, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Baker of Cranbrook. The bride looked charming in a tailor-made suit of light brown velvet, trimmed with a chiffon and velvet, with hat to match. The bridesmaid was Miss Hannah Ryan, sister of the groom, who was also in a tailor-made suit of red velvet with black and white satin yoke and ruffles. The groom was Mr. Frank Baker of Walkerton. The bride's father, Mr. Adam Baker, and the groom's father, Mr. Joseph Ryan, were both present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Baker, and the wedding was a very happy one. The bride and groom were both very happy and the wedding was a very happy one.

Mr. Ryan is one of Cranbrook's most highly esteemed and accomplished young ladies, and she is very much missed in the social entertainments. The happy couple left for their new home near Walkerton, to which they carry with them the best wishes of the community. The many beautiful and costly presents bestowed are only a slight token of the esteem in which the bride and groom are held.

A POPULAR PROMOTION.

Sergeant McGinnis is no longer an ordinary Sergeant, he is now entitled to the honor and emoluments of Inspector of the N. W. M. P. He is well worthy of the promotion. He has served for about sixteen years faithfully and well, a terror to evil doers, a praise from them that do well. His promotion from 1882 to 1884, was gradual, a Corporal from 1882 to 1884, a Sergeant from 1884 to 1887, and a Staff-Sergeant from 1887 to the present. His last promotion to an Inspectorship has been a little slow in coming, but Inspector he is and we heartily congratulate him on his promotion. Inspector McGinnis has the respect and confidence of the Police Force as well as of the community. He is known to be a thoroughly competent officer and is punctually on time in all his duties. As an officer of public law and order he is as important as a judge; he has no room to make up for compromising with wrong doing on all offenders against the peace in this neighborhood well known. During his long career he has won golden opinions on account of his promptness and thoroughness in dealing with crime of all kinds. His record has created a wholesome dread among those inclined to lawlessness, of his power and ability in tracing wrongdoers. —Mossburn (N. W. T.) Territory, October 18.

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IN CHINA.

The Chinese situation has not been substantially changed during the past week. There appears to have been no real negotiations between the Chinese plenipotentiaries and the foreign ministers, with a view to securing a permanent peace, though some unofficial expressions of opinion have been announced in regard to the sentiments of both sides on the matter.

Prince Ching declares that Prince Tuan was not the leader of the Boxers, and had no sympathy with them in the outrages committed, and was swept away by an irresistible current. He stated, further, that Tung Fu-Hsiang, who commanded the troops, was the prime mover in all the atrocities and in the looting. This appears to be a very lame attempt to cover Tuan's complicity.

The Emperor, Kwang Su seems also anxious on his part to punish Tuan, as he has issued a decree ordering Ching and Li Hung Chang to fix the penalties upon those for whom the Europeans demand punishment. The decree also states that some princelings have been already punished, but there is an evident desire to let Tuan escape, if the foreigners can be deluded in regard to him. The Emperor's decree does not give satisfaction to the legations.

It is stated the rebels in the Southern provinces, whose object is to overthrow the Manchu dynasty, are meeting with great success, and are welcomed by the inhabitants everywhere they go. There are ten distinct bands operating in the present parts under different leaders, and the overthrow of the dynasty at present appears to be the very possible ending of the present situation.

In the face of the efforts of the Chinese authorities to shield Prince Tuan from the consequences of his misdeeds, the strange news comes that Tuan had planned the extermination of the whole allied force which went to the relief of the Chinese, and had ordered the British and German troops to be shot. The plan, however, was entirely abortive, if it was really entertained.

THE TRANSVAAL WAR.

From the Transvaal there is little further news than that the Boers, notwithstanding their disorganized state, have shown remarkable activity during the last week over a much wider area than can readily be imagined. Forty-two British cavalrymen were captured by burghers on the 25th, near Philip's, and the railway near Norval's Point in Cape Colony, has been blown up.

President Kruger, who reappeared on the scene within the late Orange Free State and has established his capital at Fouriesburg. The weight of all our grief, and a small detachment of Highlanders has been captured, after a fight with Greyling's at Jansdorp, near Kimberley, while the British garrison were asleep, a party of 250 Boers attacked them, and 14 British were killed and 13 wounded.

Notwithstanding all this, the formal proclamation annexing the Transvaal to the British Empire was read at Pretoria on the 25th inst., with impressive ceremonies. Six thousand two hundred British and Colonial troops marched past, and saluted the Royal Standard, which was hoisted in the main square of the city.

There was fighting in other quarters during the week, but the most important encounters appear to have been at Hopstad where a considerable force of Boers attacked the column commanded by General Settle, but were driven off with loss. On this occasion a single shot killed eight Boers.

There was another engagement at Hopstad on the 23rd, when the Boers attacked a column of the Cape Mounted Police, who lost two gallant men, Maxims guns. They were, however, able to destroy the machinery of the guns, but the high position he recently occupied.

The Mail and Empire has a special report to effect, but the Boers refused to accept the Queen's pardon and have returned to their homes, now that the war is virtually ended.

OBITUARY.

MR. ALEX. C. McDONALD, GLEN NEVIS. It is the feelings of sorrow that we announce the unexpected death of Mr. Alexander C. McDonald which occurred on Saturday, September 29th, at his home, 124 Lancaster. Deceased was seventy-two years of age, and was born in the township of Lancaster and by industry and economy accumulated considerable property.

Mr. McDonald leaves a wife, one son and two daughters, Mr. D. J. McDonald, White Fish, and Miss Mary McDonald, Glen Nevis. His wife, Mrs. McDonald, was the daughter of a farmer and was married to the late Mr. McDonald in 1850. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a very kind and generous man. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a very kind and generous man. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a very kind and generous man.

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O'er hopes once bright that have forever flown,
When every friend that youthful prime has known,
Lies cold and dead with silence in their hall,
Saint Peter's quiet churchyard grants a place to
Thee, O Saint Joseph, Saint Joseph calls his own.
Receive the aged wrecks whom time has thrown
Upon the shore of peace to wait his call,
And the reward for them what shall it be,
When these brief years are entered to the past.

The vision of the Master's face they see
With joy they follow in the path He trod,
These gentle souls who gave their best to God,
—Brother Romig, C. S. C.

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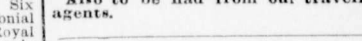
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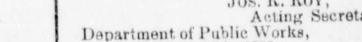
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Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank made payable to the order of the Honourable Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p. c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if the tender is not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

JOS. R. ROY, Acting Secretary.

Department of Public Works, Ottawa, October 23rd, 1900.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

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EXTENSION OF TIME.

The time for receiving tenders for the erection of a Drill Hall at London, Ont., is hereby extended to Monday, 19th November next.