

A Lost Friend.

BY RICHARD M'HALE.
A time piece was the gift a cherished friend
Once gave me, saying, when I ceased to care...

THE PASSION PLAY.

DECENNIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE PASSION PLAY AT OBERAMMERGAU THIS MONTH.

Berlin, May 15.—The "Passion Play" at Oberammergau promises to be a great success. In the dress rehearsal the tableaux were excellent. Mayer was marvelous as Christ, and the other actors were skilful, with the exception of the impersonator of Judas, who overacted his part.

fail to call your attention to the fact that this vow was no sooner made than the great visitor disappeared, and all who lay in recovered their health.
Scapular people, who are never satisfied when religious motives are alleged as causes of such important events as the Oberammergau performances have become, contend that the Passion Play had its origin in certain pagan rites which the ancient Teutons were wont to observe...

representation, which were twelve in number, were given only on Sundays, each exhibition consisting of eight hours.
This year, however, a new arrangement is to be tried, by virtue of which there will be twenty-five performances, the first on Whit-Monday, May 26, and the last on September 25. Joseph Meyer, whose previous personifications of Christ have been highly praised, will again enact the leading role, with a new Mary in the person of Rose Lang; a different Magdalen in Anna Fischer, and several changes in the minor characters.
It may be added that, so sacred does the Passion Play appear in the eyes of the Oberammergauers, all who participate in the performances are required to prepare themselves for their parts by religious exercises and retreats, and to hear Mass on the morning of each representation, in order that they may be better qualified to enter into the spirit of Him whose life story they undertake to illustrate.

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