

THE NINETY AND NINE

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SEASON OF ADVENT

The Three Comings of Christ Briefly Explained—Character of the Religious Service.

We are now in that holy season of advent, wherein all Christians prepare their hearts by prayer and fasting, for the celebration of the birth of the Redeemer of mankind. Our esteemed contemporary the *Troy Catholic Weekly* gives the following interesting explanation of this holy season:—The name Advent, from the Latin word *Adventus*, which signifies a coming, is applied to that period of the year during which the Church requires the faithful to prepare for the celebration of the feast of Christmas, the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ. The mystery of that great day had every right to the honor of being prepared for by prayer and works of penance, and had long been observed before receiving its present name of Advent.

We must look upon Advent in two different lights; first, as a time of preparation, properly so called, for the birth of our Saviour, by works of penance and severity, as a series of ecclesiastical officers drawn up for the same purpose. We find, as far back as the fifth century, the custom established of giving exhortations to the people in order to prepare them for the feast of Christmas. If we would penetrate into the profound mystery which occupies the mind of the Church during the season, we find that this mystery of the coming, or advent, of Jesus is at once simple and three-fold. It is simple, for it is the one same Son of God that is coming; it is three fold, because He comes at three different times and in three different ways.

"In the first coming," says St. Bernard, "He comes in the flesh and in weakness; in the second, He comes in spirit and in power; in the third, He comes in glory and in majesty; and the second coming is the means whereby we pass from the first to the third." This, then, is the mystery of Advent. Let us now listen to the explanation of this three-fold visit of Christ, given to us by Peter of Blois, in his three sermons, "De Adventu."

"There are three comings of our Lord: the first in the flesh, the second in the soul, the third in the judgment. The first was at midnight, according to those words of the Gospel: 'At midnight there was a cry made, Lo, the bridegroom cometh.' But the first coming is long since past, for Christ has come on the earth and has conversed among men. We are now in the second coming, and we are the only ones that He may thus come to us; for He has said 'If we love Him, He will come unto us and take up His abode with us.' So that this second coming is full of uncertainty to us; for we, save the Spirit of God, know them that are of God? They that are raised out of themselves by the desire of heavenly things, know, indeed, when He comes; but when He cometh, or whether He goeth, no one knoweth. As for the third coming, it is most certain it will be, most uncertain when it will be; for nothing is more sure than death, and nothing less sure than the hour of death. When they shall say, 'Peace and security,' says the Apostle, then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as the pains upon her that is with child, and they shall not escape. So that the first coming was humble and hidden, the second is majestic and full of love, the third will be majestic and terrible. In his first coming Christ was judged by men unjustly; in his second, he renders us just by his grace; in his third, he will judge by all things with justice. In his first coming he was the tender of Friends." (Apoc. xlii. 20.)

The Holy Church, therefore, during Advent awaits in tears and with a rival of Jesus in His first coming. For this she borrows the fervid expressions of the Prophecy, to which she joins her own supplications. These longings for the Messiah expressed by the Church are not a mere commemoration of the desire of the Jewish people they have a reality and efficacy of their own—an influence in the great act of God's munificence whereby he gave us his own Son.

The Church aspires also to the second coming, the consequence of the first, which consists, as we have just seen, in the visit of the Bridegroom to the Spouse. This coming takes place, each year, at the feast of Christmas, when the new birth of the Son of God delivers the faithful from that yoke of bondage under which the enemy would oppress them. The Church therefore, during Advent, prays that she may be visited by him who is her head and her spouse; visited in the hierarchy; visited in her members, of whom some are living and some are dead, but may come to life again; visited, lastly, in those who are not in communion with her; and even in the very infidels; that so they may be converted to the true light, which shines even for them. The expression of the liturgy which the Church makes use of for this loving and invisible coming are those which she employs when begging for the coming of Jesus in the flesh; for the two visits are for the same object. In vain would the Son of God have come, 1,800 years ago, to visit and save mankind, unless He came again for each one of us and at every moment of our lives, bringing to us and cherishing within us that supernatural life, of which He and His holy spirit are the sole principal.

DR. O'REILLY AND COL. ATKINSON. Shadowed by Detectives in Ireland and England.

The Dublin Freeman, of Nov. 16, thus describes the annoying police espionage to which Rev. Dr. Charles O'Reilly, treasurer of the Irish National League of America, and Col. Atkinson, are being subjected in Ireland and England:—The Rev. Dr. O'Reilly and Colonel Atkinson, the two distinguished Irish-Americans who are at present in this country, have had the most annoying experience of the espionage of Dublin Castle and Scotland Yard since their arrival in Queenstown a fortnight ago. They were shadowed closely while in Ireland, the detectives following them even to Olongowes Wood College, where Col. Atkinson left two of his sons last week. Since their arrival in London they have been handed over to the care of Scotland Yard, and have the omens of that department have kept them under perpetual surveillance. During the last few days Colonel Atkinson had to make several business calls to some of the leading houses in the city, and took occa-

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A brief paragraph in a recent number of the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* announced that "two young Irishmen have matriculated at the University of Bonn for the theological faculty." These two students are two ecclesiastics of the diocese of Salford, the Revs. James Rowan and Henry Chipp, who have hitherto been teaching as schoolmasters at St. Bede's College, Manchester, and are now attached to "St. Bede's College on the Rhine," in Bonn. Rev. Father Anthony Foeker, pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Racine, died lately, after an illness of several months. Father Foeker was a native of Bavaria, and at the time of death was somewhat over fifty years of age. His earlier education he received in Spire, Bavaria. On coming to this country he pursued his studies at Georgetown College, D. C., and at St. Mary's Seminary, Milwaukee, being ordained a priest by Archbishop Henn, June 29, 1863. During the recent electoral campaign in France M. Chevénus, the Minister of Worship, deprived 55 curés of their salaries for their action in organizing and encouraging the Catholic voters. One of the French papers, *La Croix*, has opened a subscription to indemnify the priests, and already enough money has been collected to pay them the first quarter of the very moderate allowance of which they have been deprived by this arbitrary action of the Government. Whilst the visitors of the Catholic Congress were shown over Baltimore many of them accompanied by the mayor elect went to see St. Mary's Industrial School, which provides for 425 boys. A higher tribute it would have been impossible to have paid than was paid in a public address by Mr. Davidson, the mayor, to the Xaverian Brothers, who have charge of the institution. "Men who are willing to sacrifice earthly ambition with the end in view of being instrumental in preparing jewels for the setting of the Redeemer's crown." On Sunday, November 19th, Mgr. Satolli, the Holy Father's special delegate to the Catholic Congress, dedicated a new church in Philadelphia under the title of St. Thomas Aquinas. It is one of the handsomest structures in the city. It is 65 feet wide by 170 feet long. The outside walls are trimmed with Indiana limestone. The other dignitaries present were Most Rev. P. J. Ryan, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia; Right Rev. Francis S. Chastard, D.D., Bishop of Vincennes, and Very Rev. Mgr. J. O'Connell, D.D., Rector of the American College, Rome. The Catholics of Oklahoma are not letting the grass grow under their feet. At Guthrie, the seat of the land office, on the line of the Santa Fe Railroad, a church has been recently opened, making three in the territory, one being in Oklahoma City, the other at Edmond. The church at Guthrie is attended by the Benedictine Fathers from the Sacred Heart Mission of Oklawaha reservation. The Sisters of St. Benedict from Oreston, Iowa, have established a school at Guthrie. At Norman, twelve miles south of Oklahoma City, a church of the same order, and will be ready for Catholic worship in a few days. The Japanese Catholics are already making preparations for the due celebration of the Council which the Holy See has ordered to be held in March, 1890. This council will have an entirely novel character, and will be composed of legates, Vicars Apostolic and bishops of the Japanese Empire. The Mikado and his court have given their assent to the convening of this important assembly, and have granted all the permission asked for the proper organization of the coun-

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The oldest bishops in the Catholic church in America present at the Baltimore congress were Monsignor De Gasbarrin, bishop of Burlington, and Monsignor Longhlin, bishop of Brooklyn. Both were consecrated on the same day, October 30, 1853, by Mgr. Bedini, in the Cathedral of New York. It is confidently stated that Emilio Zola's efforts to become a French Academician will be fruitless. The members of the Assembly have too much self-respect to admit a pandering to the vilest tastes to take this honor, which is enjoyed by the most refined intellects in France, many being fervent Catholics. The Pope has received in solemn audience the Grand Duchess Catherine of Russia. She brought with her an autograph letter from the Czar. It referred to the appointment of the Russian Bishops, whose names will soon be announced. The Czar also stated that it would give him great pleasure to see the red hat restored to the Bishop of Warsaw. The late King of Portugal, receiver, in almost his last moments of consciousness, the Sacraments of the Church, expressed with such touching humility his gratitude to the Cardinal Nuncio. "Thanks," he said repeatedly, with a smile, "thanks," and he listened reverently to the delivery of the blessing sent to him by the Holy See.

His Eminence Cardinal Manning accorded an interview to Mr. P. E. Edwards, of the University of Notre Dame, Indiana. In response to the request, his Eminence most kindly gave personal souvenirs of his eminent predecessor, Cardinal Wiseman, and of himself, which are to be placed in the Bishop's Memorial Hall at Notre Dame. At the Church of St. Mary of the Angels, Baywater, Miss Louisa Emma Carkees has been formed received into the Church by Father Luke Keefe, himself a recent convert. Miss Carkees was an English Protestant, and had for many years identified herself with the Anglican or High Church section of the Established creed. Vincones Commercial—St. John's German Catholic church, on Main street, is soon to receive some substantial additions which will greatly add to its beauty. One tower will be erected about 165 feet high, while the other portion will be placed a tower perhaps 150 feet high. When these additions are completed it will be one of the neatest churches in appearance in the city. The Right Rev. Dr. O'Dwyer, Bishop of Limerick, is striving to bring about a settlement of the long standing dispute on the Gensharrold estate. With this object, his Lordship caused a conference to be held, which was attended by representatives of the parties chiefly interested. The dispute will be placed a lower four hours as well, it is expected, to be approved by the Court now having charge of the property. The French Government has made a made use of the Ferry decree to disperse the Trappist community of Mont des Caltes, near Hazebrouck, in the Department of the Nord. The reason alleged for this step is that of the 65 monks only 30 are French, the rest being Dutch, Belgians, and the Germans. The Trappists received only twenty-four hours notice of their expulsion from French territory. The highly respected and venerable parish priest of Minoritenkirche, Bonn, who has just died, was a brother of the notorious "Old Catholic" Bishop, Dr. Reinens, who still resides in that town. He possessed one of the finest private libraries in that part of Germany, and he has bequeathed it to the Archbishop of Cologne for the newly opened Theological College in connection with the University at Bonn.—R.I.P.

A brief paragraph in a recent number of the *Kölnische Volkszeitung* announced that "two young Irishmen have matriculated at the University of Bonn for the theological faculty." These two students are two ecclesiastics of the diocese of Salford, the Revs. James Rowan and Henry Chipp, who have hitherto been teaching as schoolmasters at St. Bede's College, Manchester, and are now attached to "St. Bede's College on the Rhine," in Bonn. Rev. Father Anthony Foeker, pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Racine, died lately, after an illness of several months. Father Foeker was a native of Bavaria, and at the time of death was somewhat over fifty years of age. His earlier education he received in Spire, Bavaria. On coming to this country he pursued his studies at Georgetown College, D. C., and at St. Mary's Seminary, Milwaukee, being ordained a priest by Archbishop Henn, June 29, 1863. During the recent electoral campaign in France M. Chevénus, the Minister of Worship, deprived 55 curés of their salaries for their action in organizing and encouraging the Catholic voters. One of the French papers, *La Croix*, has opened a subscription to indemnify the priests, and already enough money has been collected to pay them the first quarter of the very moderate allowance of which they have been deprived by this arbitrary action of the Government. Whilst the visitors of the Catholic Congress were shown over Baltimore many of them accompanied by the mayor elect went to see St. Mary's Industrial School, which provides for 425 boys. A higher tribute it would have been impossible to have paid than was paid in a public address by Mr. Davidson, the mayor, to the Xaverian Brothers, who have charge of the institution. "Men who are willing to sacrifice earthly ambition with the end in view of being instrumental in preparing jewels for the setting of the Redeemer's crown." On Sunday, November 19th, Mgr. Satolli, the Holy Father's special delegate to the Catholic Congress, dedicated a new church in Philadelphia under the title of St. Thomas Aquinas. It is one of the handsomest structures in the city. It is 65 feet wide by 170 feet long. The outside walls are trimmed with Indiana limestone. The other dignitaries present were Most Rev. P. J. Ryan, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia; Right Rev. Francis S. Chastard, D.D., Bishop of Vincennes, and Very Rev. Mgr. J. O'Connell, D.D., Rector of the American College, Rome. The Catholics of Oklahoma are not letting the grass grow under their feet. At Guthrie, the seat of the land office, on the line of the Santa Fe Railroad, a church has been recently opened, making three in the territory, one being in Oklahoma City, the other at Edmond. The church at Guthrie is attended by the Benedictine Fathers from the Sacred Heart Mission of Oklawaha reservation. The Sisters of St. Benedict from Oreston, Iowa, have established a school at Guthrie. At Norman, twelve miles south of Oklahoma City, a church of the same order, and will be ready for Catholic worship in a few days. The Japanese Catholics are already making preparations for the due celebration of the Council which the Holy See has ordered to be held in March, 1890. This council will have an entirely novel character, and will be composed of legates, Vicars Apostolic and bishops of the Japanese Empire. The Mikado and his court have given their assent to the convening of this important assembly, and have granted all the permission asked for the proper organization of the coun-

CATHOLIC CULLINGS.

Interesting Items Gleaned from all Quarters of the Globe.

There are about four hundred priests in Cardinal Manning's diocese. Rev. Francis Carbone, an apostate priest, has publicly recanted at Bari, Italy. A Hindu Catholic is preparing a Bengali version of the "Imitation of Christ."

The German Catholic workmen's societies are organizing a great pilgrimage to Rome. The annual retreat of the Archbishop and the priests attached to the palace began last night. The new cathedral in San Francisco will be dedicated by Archbishop Kiordan next spring.

The Bishop of Lias has promised a large sum of money for the foundation of a Catholic University at Salzburg. The Cork priests authorities have desisted from the attempt to compel Father O'Dwyer to perform mental offices.

The latest statistics of the Catholics of the world in the Propaganda place their numbers at 220 millions. A Catholic Congress has been held in Saxony and has been attended by the well-known Catholic leader Dr. Windthorst.

Father Pamphile, the brother of Father Damien, has been staying as a visitor at the French College, Blackrock, Dublin. The Telugu Press at Nellore has published a Catholic prayer book in Telugu, with the imprimatur of the Archbishop of Melita.

Father Barthel, of the Missions *Extraneas*, formerly a missionary in India, goes out to Africa as Vicar Apostolic of Senegambia. The Austrian Bishops have just held an important Conference at Vienna. One of the chief subjects discussed was the Education Question.

The next Spanish Catholic Congress is to be held at Saragossa. It is expected that it will be more successful than this year's congress at Madrid. The Capuchin missionaries at Assab Bay are founding a Christian colony for liberated slaves on land granted for the purpose by the Italian Government.

The Queen of Portugal gave birth to a son recently. The child was baptized the same day by the Patriarch of Lisbon, and received the name of John. Mrs. Holland, the wife of the Very Rev. Francis Holland, one of the Canons of Canterbury Cathedral, has been received into the Catholic Church.

Five novices and a sister of the Sisters of St. Anne left their convent at Lachine last week for Victoria, B. C., where they will found an establishment for that community. It is a curious fact that the ambassador of the Turkish Government to the United States is a Catholic, descended from one of the old Christian families of the Levant.

In the German Parliament the Catholic or Centre party is opposing the new anti-Socialist law, which, if passed, would put enormous powers in the hands of every police official. The Hon. John Lee Carroll, Chairman of the Baltimore Catholic Congress, was, in 1875 elected Governor of Maryland by a majority of 12,700, which is large for the State.

A pamphlet has been extensively circulated at St. Petersburg recommending reunion with the Holy See as the only means of saving Russia from Socialism, Nihilism and ruin. A society composed of ladies of New Orleans, called "The Daughters of St. Margaret," has been organized to provide the proper outfit for poor children about to make their First Communion.

A Catholic college has just been opened in Salt Lake City. The Bishop, Rt. Rev. Dr. Scanlan, is very zealous in the cause of education. Mormon youths as well as Catholics patronize his schools. The Holy See has appointed the Very Rev. Theodore Lalonde, S.J., Vicar-General of Bombay, to be the only means of saving Russia from Socialism, Nihilism and ruin.

Sunday being the first Sunday of the month, His Grace Archbishop Fabre held his annual monthly reception in the Bishop's Palace. There was a large attendance of gentlemen and all were glad to see His Grace looking so well. Fifteen years ago Trappist monks planted eucalyptus trees in the Roman Campagna. There are now several hundred acres covered with them, and malarial fevers have decreased amazingly, though they were before very common.

The International Conference on Slavery opened at Brussels on Monday, the 18th instant. All the European Powers, including even Turkey, will be represented by their ministers at the Belgian Court, or by special plenipotentiaries. The influence of the Bavarian Minister, Herr Lutz, has received another severe blow. A motion for the recall of the Redemptorists, made in the Chamber by the Centre party, was carried by 8