

THOUGHTS.

om us what we will not want of slow growth, but...

The Heart of Hearts.

God's Sacred Heart—on! sweetest words That ever waked the slumbering chords...

Amidst the quiet summer trees, More adding to the spirit's ear Than songs that soothe, than words that cheer...

The Heart that loved us first and best, And showed its depth by such fierce test...

Amidst his sons most fair He stood, One, unselfish, noble, good...

The red beads seen His brow these days, As when the Passal moon's white rays...

We have loved for trivial claim, For yesterday, to-day the same...

Ab! go and mark His home each day, And count the hours of His day...

Still Peter's Master, Mary's Lord, Each old sweet name, and tender word...

III. Catholic American. T. Y. N.

LIFE AMONG THE JESUITS.

Observations in the Novitiate at Manresa, in the Hudson.

Manresa, a Jesuit novitiate, is on the bank of the Hudson, N. Y., just across from this place.

At the end of the third year comes ordination. Then he returns to the novitiate, remaining there a year, during which time he studies the institutions of the order.

The novitiate form a little world by themselves. Concerning their busy doings of the world outside of their peaceful retreat they seem to have no thought.

At the same time, we unobtrusively declare that it is their duty to be carefully on their guard not to allow the fame of their sterling and laudatory probity to be lessened, and not to commit any rash act...

During the second day of my visit I happened accidentally upon one of the novices (an old friend), and found him engaged in making up his bed after the latest fashion.

If you are on retreat at the novitiate you spend the hours of recreation with your "guardian angel."

The novices, as a general thing, write only one letter a month. This goes to their parents.

These youths are, in general, very happy lot—that is if one may judge from words and actions. Any

comicality or bit of humor is sincerely reprobated. Their laughter is something contagious, it has such a good, hearty ring.

Now let me sketch for you faintly the life of a man who would fight under the banner of Loyola.

Finally, from Our Heart We implore God to look down propitiously on Ireland, and in the meantime as a pledge of heavenly gifts.

Given at St. Peter's, Rome, on the 23rd day of January, 1881, in the third year of our Pontificate. LEO PP. XIII.

WHY PROTESTANT PEWS ARE TENANTLESS.

The old feud between pulpit and stage seems destined never to heal. It is not a Catholic quarrel.

The ideal priest has a pleasant life of it. He says his daily Mass, recites his office, amuses himself with little children, visits his people, and lives to a ripe old age.

But the quarrel between pulpit and stage is more a Protestant than a Catholic quarrel; and one reason for the bitterness of Protestant preachers against the woe of the pulpit is the drama generally held in the success that they meet with in attracting people to it.

So, falling back on something, rejecting Christ, rejecting his Blessed Mother and the sweet and helpful association of the Saints and the holy ones.

What discourses meet one's eye in the Sunday morning papers. As a rule, and to the extent of the measure in which it is not shockingly irrelevant, the reason is plain enough.

The Marquis of Ripon is Viceroy of India. He is a Catholic too. Since he went to India, he has done much to prove the wisdom of his selection for that important post.

It is quite generally believed that of all the mortals who journey through life's weary pilgrimage, the Catholic priest is the most fortunate.

It is not, however, to the spiritual blessings enjoyed by the true priest men refer when calling him fortunate.

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