

Memorare.

For the CATHOLIC RECORD, Let us listen to the legend Of a knight, who, years ago, Forsook the world to die, Dealing death to Pagan foes.

Little sought he from the angels; Never prayed he to the saints; Loud he scoffed at pagan priests; Scorned earth and proud plains.

Yet at early morn and even, With his comrades smiled to see, Of before sunrise of Mary Bent he low on reverent knees.

Charging against the Turkish legion, Nobly fell he in the fight; Slain by hand of pagan felon, Armed with arrow keen and light.

As his corpse was sadly buried, Neath the soil, with honor meet, Shone his soul before the throne, Pending at God's judgment seat.

There he saw the angel Michael, With impartial justice stand, Stand to weigh dead's good and evil On a balance in his hand.

Saw the fatal balance tremble; Saw the scales of sinners' doom; Saw the scales of sinners' doom; Saw the scales of sinners' doom.

Then his thoughts to heaven lifted; Then his eyes toward heaven turned, And he called aloud to Mary, When he next yet had sinners' spurned.

In the white hand of Our Lady, Glimmering against her vesture's face, Shone a crucifix of silver bright, Whose could scarce its outline trace.

Bent the right side of the balance Neath the crown by Mary laid, And the soul stands a lifetime By the circle of which it was laid.

Then before his raptured vision Heaven opened, and he saw the throne, And Our Lady sweetly murmured To the child who loved her care.

"That never yet 'twas heard or known Of one who had recourse to me, Whose humble prayer I did not hear, Let this day's mercy prove to thee."

The Last of May.

BY REV. ABRAHAM A. RYAN.

In the mystical dim of the temple, In the dream haunted dim of the day, The sunlight spoke soft to the shadows, And said: "With me thou art away."

Let us meet at the shrine of the Virgin, And, ere her fair feast pass away, Let us weave there the sacred story, To drink the last evening of May."

The tapers were lit on the altar, With garlands of lilies between, And the steps leading up to the statue, Flashed bright with the rays of the sun.

Like angels came down from the heavens, Like angels to hallow the scene, And they stood to kiss down with the shadows, That crept to the shrine of the Queen.

The singers, their hearts in their voices, Had chanted the anthems of old, And the last from the choir of the Veipers On the far shores of silence had rolled.

And there, at the Queen's Virgin's altar— The sun wave the nation's prayer, While the hands of the twilight were weaving A fringe for the flash of each fold.

And wavered, in the deep silence, Three banners flying peaceful and low, They were the pure white of the snow— They were the pure white of the snow.

And beneath them three rays of light shone, Like angels to hallow the scene, And they stood to kiss down with the shadows, That crept to the shrine of the Queen.

Their heads were veiled of the lily, Their brows were wreathed with the rose, And their hearts, like their fluttering banners, Were stilled in a holy repose.

Their shadows on the floor were cast, Whose glad gaze would never disclose, That from eyes that are most like the heavens The dark rays of a sunset flow.

The banners were borne to the railing, Beneath them, in the light of the sun, And they bent the bright folds for the blessing That fell from the priest's lifted hand.

With a sign never to come withstand, What stirred them? The breeze of the even Or a breath from the far angel land?

Then came, two by two, to the altar, The young and the pure and the fair, Their faces the mosaic of heaven, They came for a smile like a ribbon.

And believe, with the children of Mary, The angels of Mary were there.

Ab, faith! simple faith of the children! You still shun the faith of the old, And you still want the love of the cold; And the beautiful God who is wandering, Far out in the heart of the children, Finds a home in the hearts of the old.

Swept a voice: Was it wafted from heaven? Heard you ever the wail when it sings? Heard you ever the hymns the breeze brings? From the hearts of a thousand bright suns?

Heard you ever the bird when she springs To the clouds, that seem to be only A song of a shadow on wings?

Came a voice; and an Ave Maria Rose out of a heart rapturously thrilled, And in the embrace of its music, The souls of a thousand lay stilled.

And they laid down the wreaths of the roses, Whose hearts were as pure as the true; And they laid down the wreaths of the roses, Whose hearts were as pure as the true.

And thus, in the dim of the temple, In the dream haunted dim of the day, The angels and children of Mary, Where the sunbeams kneel down with the shadows.

And wove, with their gold and their gray, A mantle of grace and of glory, For the last lovely evening of May.

THE WAR.

During the past week there has been but little change in the general situation between Spain and the United States. There have indeed, been rumors to the effect that Austria is endeavoring to bring about a union of Europe.

Spain may not be subdued by further humiliations, and the recent dynasty may be saved from overthrow, but the efforts to induce intervention do not appear to have borne any fruit.

The uncertainty which still exists regarding the whereabouts of Admiral Cervera's fleet, and his plans has greatly upset the calculations of the Americans in regard to the invasion of Cuba. Nothing can be done in this matter so long as there is a possibility that the Spaniards might fall upon the transports which would be carrying troops over for the invasion, and perhaps, destroy them.

The Americans hope to destroy the Spanish fleet, or at least to put it out of the way of doing mischief before undertaking the proposed invasion. Hence a naval battle is anxiously sought for by the Americans, in which it is believed that the Spanish fleet will be put out of the way of inflicting injury. Not till this is done can Cuba be successfully invaded.

Admiral Cervera's fleet was known to be in Santiago a few days ago, and as soon as possible therefor the American squadron hurried to blockade the harbor, in order to bottle up the Spaniards. Nothing can be done in this matter whether or not the Spaniards are humbled in there, as the mountains conceal what is going on.

Nevertheless a late despatch states that Admiral Schley has actually been able to see and

identify Cervera's fleet within the harbor. Other despatches say that only one vessel entered Santiago harbor at our disposal, and that it made its way out before the blockade was effected. An effort will certainly be made immediately to ascertain the exact situation.

Three vessels have been sent by the American Government to Manila to take supplies to Admiral Dewey, and troops for the occupation of the Philippine Islands. On the 20th of May, the Spaniards are preparing a powerful expedition to relieve the Spaniards there, and to drive away or annihilate Admiral Dewey's fleet.

President McKinley has made a second call for troops from the United States, to the amount of 200,000. This will make a total of 290,000 men deemed requisite to meet the emergency.

A GREAT SPEECH.

Sir Wilfred Laurier Upon the Death of Gladstone.

On the 29th May a resolution of condolence upon the death of the Hon. Mr. Gladstone moved in the Canadian House of Commons by the leader of the Government, Sir Wilfred Laurier.

It was seconded by Sir Charles Tupper, leader of the Opposition, and, needless to say, carried unanimously. The following is a full report of Mr. Laurier's speech, together with the remarks made by Sir Charles Tupper and the Hon. Mr. Costigan.

Mr. Laurier:—The death of the Hon. Mr. Gladstone is a great loss to the world, and a great loss to the British Empire. He was a great statesman, a great patriot, and a great leader.

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medals and gave testimonial of merit to the most deserving of pupils. He expressed himself as well pleased with the reports he had received of their progress, and he spoke many words of encouragement.

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