

since the days of Eugenius IV have been an integral part of the Chapter and have the privilege of wearing copes when the Chapter, sixty in number, use copes for processions. But they date from an earlier period than their recognition by the Pope. In an illuminated manuscript of Alphonso the Wise, son of St. Ferdinand, they are represented as singing. The typical Spanish faces will be noticed and the beautiful faces of most. They are dear boys. I knew them all and they knew enough English to cluster round the English priests and clamor for "Penny."

As to the origin of the dance, it is lost in the ages. No one knows when it began. We know, of course, that religious dances are very ancient. Who is there who does not remember the scene when the Ark was being led in triumph? "And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod." We have traces in early Anglo Saxon days of religious dances and it is quite possible that the Seville dance of to-day is a remnant of the old Visigothic Church which was preserved even during the occupation of Seville by the Saracens, who allowed freedom of worship to their Catholic subjects, or it may be a memorial of the triumph of the Cross over the Crescent at the conquests. I am myself inclined towards this opinion; for the dance is evidently connected with the mystery of the Incarnation; as the two traditional periods during which the dance takes place are the feast and octave of the Immaculate Conception, the dawn of the Incarnation, and the feast and octave of *Corpus Christi*, the triumph of that same mystery. For the last two hundred years the dance has also taken place on the three days of carnival, the Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

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### Pilgrimage to St. Ann de Beaupré.

The Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament will conduct this year again the Aggragates and Ladies' pilgrimage to St. Ann de Beaupré. The day fixed for departure is Monday, June 26th at 4 o'clock, p. m. The "Beaupré" will stop at Cap de la Madeleine and at Quebec for several hours.

For full particulars kindly apply to the Rev. Director of the Pilgrimage, 490, Mount-Royal Avenue, Montreal.