

Moments With the Angels. GOD KNOWS BEST.

A mother would not be comforted for the loss of her little son, and God sent an Angel from Heaven to show her in a vision that had her son arrived at manhood he would have died a felon's death. I fell asleep, lulled by a stream That murmured at my feet...

LIFE OF CARDINAL NEWMAN.

No one but a Catholic could delineate John Henry Newman, and perhaps no one but a Catholic could have written his life as an Anglican, and had loved the Anglican Church as the great Oratorian once loved it. Nevertheless, we can not be sorry that Mr. Jennings—a Protestant journalist connected with the Birmingham press—should have undertaken to compile such a biography as was possible to him with limited opportunities and a dearth of new materials.

"even the Times, notwithstanding its Protestant leanings, spoke out strongly, and declared that the result of the trial would deal a terrible blow to the administration of justice in England, and that Roman Catholics would have good cause in future to assert that here there is no justice for them, whenever litigation turns on a cause which arouses the Protestant passion of judges or juries."

DEVIL WORSHIP. As Practiced by the Savages of Africa—Human Sacrifices—Death of Rt. Rev. Bp. Marion de Brissillat and Companions.

Rev. P. Zimmermann, an African missionary and member of the Society of Foreign Missions, the mother house of which is Lyons, France, has been in this city during several weeks past engaged in collecting funds for the support of the Catholic missions founded in West Central Africa by the illustrious Bp. Marion de Brissillat more than a quarter of a century ago.

AN HOUR'S CONVERSATION. which he had with him concerning the progress of the church in Africa, and the manners and customs and modes of worship of the natives and of the inhabitants of that semi-barbarous land.

COUNT NUGENT OF FRANCE.

A Distinguished Descendant of an Irish Exile Dead—True to the Land of his Fathers to the Last. Mr. John P. Leonard, of Paris, writes the following sketch in the Dublin Nation:

Ireland was represented by the Very Rev. Dr. McNamara and the Rev. M. Burke, of the Irish College, Paris, where he was educated. He leaves four sons well worthy of such a father. The eldest, who inherits his title, held high rank in the Austrian service, but when the late war broke out came to France, and was left for dead at the battle of Chatillon, and his name still figures on the list of the fallen brave.

Mr. Kingsley begins then by exclaiming—"So the chicnery, the wholesale fraud, the vile hypocrisy, the conscience-killing tyranny of Rome. We have not far to seek for an evidence of it. There's Father Newman to wit: one living specimen is worth a hundred dead ones. He, a Priest writing of Priests, tells us that lying is never any harm."

Mr. Kingsley replies: "You said it, Reverend Sir, in a sermon which you preached when a Protestant, as Vicar of St. Mary's, and published in 1844; and I could read you a very salutary lecture on the effects which that sermon had at the time on my own opinion of you."

Mr. Kingsley replies: "I waive that point. I object: 'Is it possible? What! Waive the main question! I either said it or I didn't. You have made a monstrous charge against me; direct, distinct, public. You are bound to prove it as directly, as distinctly, as publicly, or to own you are wrong.'"

Mr. Kingsley says: "If you are quite sure you did not say it, I'll take your word for it; I really will." My word! I am dumb. Somehow I thought that it was my word that happened to be on trial. The word of a Professor of lying, that he does not lie!

poor girl was nearly torn to pieces they left it hanging to a tree before an idol. This, and the missionary in a voice of deep emotion, is what the devil is doing in Africa to-day. In answer to the question whether all the natives are given to these idolatrous and inhuman practices, he said, yes, they all practice idolatry in some form or another.

When P. Lafitte was in the town of Abomey on a great festival day, he was commanded by the king to appear at the festivities. The occasion was the inauguration of the

GRAND CUSTOMS OF DAHOMY. These festivities take place but once in a monarch's lifetime, and continue for several weeks. The festival ceremony is performed in honor of a deceased king, and is carried out by his successor. Each king tries to have a greater number of victims than the former one had, and it often happens that bloody wars are waged for the purpose of obtaining the requisite number of victims.

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS. THE BEST WAY TO HEAR IT IS TO MEDITATE ON THE MEANING OF THE CEREMONIES.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is not a simple ceremony commemorative of the Passion of our Lord. It is much more. It is a Sacrifice truly and really. In it is offered up to the eternal Father the Sacrifice of Calvary. It is not like Calvary, bloody, but it is the same Victim. This Sacrifice is commemorative and real. It represents the sacrifice of Calvary; it shows the death of our Lord in a mystical manner, yet none the less true. This is done by the separate consecration of the bread and wine. By this consecration they become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Mass is therefore the same Sacrifice of Calvary repeated, though in an unbloody manner, every time that it is celebrated on our altars. The Mass is the Sacrifice of Calvary, therefore the movements of the priest on the altar during the Sacrifice represent the different scenes of the Passion of our Lord. To meditate on the Passion of our Lord increases the devotion of any Catholic, and much more so if he or she will take pains to understand how closely the ceremonies of the Mass represent our Lord's Passion. When we know this we can enter more deeply into contemplation of Christ's sufferings and death. It will not only add to devotion, but likewise to the KNOWLEDGE OF THESE MYSTERIES.

It is a well known fact to the Catholic mind that the more we look into and study the nature and effects of this Holy Sacrifice, the more we are gratified, and the more also do we find to engage our attention for further study. The angelic host cannot fathom it. None but God can. It would be pride and presumption on our part to seek a knowledge of these things for the mere gratification of knowing them. But the case is quite different if we seek to know in order that we may more love and adore a God of such infinite love. We are created because God loves us and if we fulfill the end for which we were created, we will enjoy the love which caused our creation. When therefore we seek a greater knowledge of God for the purpose of loving him the more, we are corresponding to the designs of God in our behalf. To seek this knowledge is not only a laudable, but commendable, and God rewards it.

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