

The QUIET HOUR

THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE.

All in the dark November The sad winds seemed to sigh: "Remember, Ah, remember, The friends who once were nigh! The friends you loved, remember, Who now have passed away!" All in the dark November The sad winds seem to say!

And are our hearts forgetful Of those, our dear, our dead? And are our tears regretful For them no longer shed? Is love a fading ember That quickly dies away?—"Remember, Ah, remember," The sad winds seem to say.

The summer's sway is ended, The autumn's glory faded, The latest leaf unfurled, Along the blast is blown; Soon, soon, shall pass November, But ere its days go by, "Remember, Ah, Remember," Its sad winds seem to sigh!

—Denis A. McCarthy, in Catholic Columbian.

MONTHLY RECOLLECTION OF THE CLERGY.

The monthly recollection of the clergy was held on Tuesday morning in Cathedral College, says the Catholic News of New York, and was attended by 500 priests from all parts of the diocese. The address was delivered by the Most Rev. Archbishop Farley, and was of unusual interest, as he told of his recent visit to Rome and of his audiences with the Holy Father. The Archbishop told his priests that at one of these audiences he spoke to the Holy Father of the monthly recollections held regularly by the priests of the New York archdiocese and of the great spiritual benefit derived from them. A few days later the Pope issued his famous Exhortation to the Clergy, in one of the last paragraphs of which he says:

"Nor will it be of less profit to souls, if a monthly retreat for a few hours, is held either privately or in common, and we are glad to see this custom already introduced in some places, the Bishops favoring the plan and sometimes presiding."

His Grace also told the priests of three special faculties or privileges that he had obtained from the Holy Father for all the priests of this archdiocese. The first of these faculties is the power to bless and impose all the five principal sacraments. The second is the faculty of imparting to Rosaries the Croisier Indulgences, that is, an indulgence of 500 days for each "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" applicable to the souls in purgatory. The third faculty is the privilege of blessing crucifixes with the indulgences of the Stations of the Cross.

These faculties may be exercised even in places where there are Carmelites, Dominican or Franciscan Fathers.

AGAINST SAD THOUGHTS.

When you find your heart growing sad, divert yourself without a moment's delay; make a visit, enter into conversation with those around you, read some amusing book, take a walk, sing, do something, it matters not what, provided you close the door of your heart against this terrible enemy. As the sound of a trumpet gives the signal for combat, so sad thoughts apprise the devil that a favorable moment has come for him to attack us.—From "Light and Peace."

IS IT NOT SO NOW?

Newman, in attributing conversions in his day to the secret stirrings of grace, bids us lay our hopes mainly upon those unseen influences which are responsive only to prayer: "Fifty years ago," he says, "religion seemed almost extinguished. To the eyes of man, it was simply declining and wasting away all through the eighteenth century. The political power was ever less and less; and then, at last a European revolution came, and in man's judgment all was lost. But in its deepest misfortunes began its most wonderful rise; a reaction set in and steadily has it progressed; and the same phenomenon, I say, reveals itself which we read of in former times. While the Church has been praying and laboring on her own field, converts, beyond that field, whom she was not contemplating, have been added to her. The special seats of her enemies are the very

scenes of this spontaneous accession. To the surprise of all that know them, often to their own surprise, those who fear the Church or disown her doctrines, find themselves drawing near to her by some incomprehensible influence year after year, and at length give themselves up to her and proclaim her sovereignty. Those who never spoke to a Catholic priest, who have never entered a Catholic Church, those who have learned their religion from the Protestant Bible, having in matter of fact by the overruling Providence of God been brought through that very reading to recognize the mother of saints. Her very name, her simple claim, constrain men to think of her, to enquire about her, to wish her to be what she says she is, to submit to her; not on any assignable reason, save the needs of human nature and the virtue of grace, which works secretly, round about the Church, without observation." (Sermon on the Secret Power of Divine Grace.)

Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you.—S. Matt. xi.

GOD'S MINISTERING SERVANTS.

All things work together for good to them that love God. The tears are not all wiped away, the sorrows are not all ended, the tribulations are not all over; but, because we know that God is love, and because we are living under His roof and with Him, we know that the sorrows and the tears are themselves God's ministering servants. We no longer think of pain as penalty, and when grief has come into our homes wonder why God has set the seal of His wrath upon us. In the blindness of our grief it is hard to realize that the pains and the troubles and the sorrows that come upon us are those that belong to the Father's house. He Himself—that is the very meaning of the Incarnation—He Himself takes all the sorrows and troubles He sends us. Do we know what it is to wrestle with temptation? So did He. Do we know what it is to have our veins throb with anguish? So did He. Do we know what it is to be despised of men? So did He. Do we know what it is to follow our loved ones to the grave? So did He.

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AN ANGLO-CATHOLIC EDITOR ON THE POPE'S EXHORTATION TO THE CLERGY.

(From The Lamp, Anglo-Catholic.) The first half of the Pope's exhortation to the clergy of the Catholic world on the occasion of the Fiftieth Year of his Priesthood, covers six pages of its great length no reader of The Lamp, we hope, will fail to read it. The clergy in particular we recommend to do more than merely read it, but to "inwardly digest" it by making section by section the Holy Father's letter the subject matter of their daily meditation for a week, or better still for a month. The result cannot fail to be an immense spiritual gain to everyone so doing.

This letter of Pope Pius is (1) a revelation in itself of what a great and holy Priest now occupying after the lapse of nineteen centuries the Chair of Peter, believes and teaches. (2) It shows how the conception of the Christian Priesthood in the Catholic Church, like the character of the Great High Priest Himself, changes not, but is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. (3) It gives a vivid picture of the sublime renunciation, which the Catholic Church demands of those, who serve at her altars as the representatives of Jesus Christ. No matter how many fail through the infirmity of the flesh to rise up to the invitation of the Divine Exemplar, with unshaken faith in supernatural grace the Catholic Church continues through the ages to hold up by precept and discipline the standard it has for all time by our Lord and His Apostles. Too often men judge the

Catholic Priesthood by some one of its members who has failed to rise to such a level, and they forget to number the thousands, who in complete poverty, chastity and self-renunciation daily lay down their lives in priestly consecration and sacrifice upon the altar of Jesus crucified.

A SAINTLY GOVERNOR.

In the late Sir Henry Moore Jackson, Governor of Trinidad, the Catholic News, of Port-of-Spain, finds much that recalls St. Louis of France. Commenting on Sir Henry's daily life, our contemporary says:

"Every morning at dawn he betook himself to the church, and, as he assisted at Mass, placed his undertakings for the day under the protection of his Saviour; and each afternoon he refreshed his spirit after the fatigues of the day in the presence of our Blessed Lord. His also was St. Louis' cheerful gaiety; with him, as with his great exemplar, 'the inward peace of his mind, and the joy with which his soul overflowed from the presence of the Holy Ghost, enhanced the natural liveliness and cheerfulness of his disposition.' In Sir Henry we saw the same modesty, combined with the same dignity of bearing. He was, indeed, the perfect man even to the lesser details of life and conduct. Who that was ever brought into relations with him was not charmed with the grace and courtesy of his bearing? His clear utterance, his graceful style of language, his dainty handwriting, even the soldierly neatness and quiet elegance of his dress, emphasize the likeness to the sainted monarch, as pictured for us in Joinville's vivid pages, 'sitting in the woods with his back to an oak, wearing his camlet coat, with his hair well combed, and his hat with white peacock feathers on his head, hearing the petitions of those who, otherwise hindered by ushers and other folks, came to have justice done there.'"

The son of an American bishop, the late Governor early became a convert to the true faith, and throughout his career showed himself always and everywhere an exemplary Catholic.

DAILY MASS.

Those who can't attend daily Mass should frequently during the day unite their intentions; with those of the priest at whatever altar. 'Tis always morning somewhere, and never morning dawns but the Sun of righteousness rises above a sacrificial altar. The Mass follows the sun around the earth, dispensing light, irradiating heat, beaming blessings on every head, and dissipating the mists that cling around the troubled humble heart.—St. John's Calendar.

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WHAT HINDERS CONVERSIONS.

"No, I fear not the clamor of our foe; I fear not this great people, among whom we dwell, of whose blood we come, and who have still, under the habits of these later centuries, the rudiments of that faith by which in the beginning, they were newborn to God; who still, despite the loss of heavenly gifts, retain the love of justice, manly bearing, and tenderness of heart, which Gregory saw in their very faces. I have no fear about our Holy Father, whose sincerity of affection towards his ancient flock, whose simplicity and truthfulness I know full well. I have no fear about the zeal of the college of our bishops, the sanctity of the body of our clergy, or the inward perfection of our religious. One thing alone I fear, I fear the presence of sin in the midst of us. My brethren, the success of the Church lies not with Pope, or bishops, or priests or monks; it rests with yourselves. If the present mercies of God come to naught it will be because sin has undone them. The drunkard, the blasphemous, the unjust dealer, the profligate liver—the just will be our ruin; the open scandal, the secret sin known only to God, these form the devil's real host. We can conquer every foe but thee; corruption, hollowness, neglect of mercies, deadness of heart, worldliness—these will be too much for us."—Newman.

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Honored by friends

When more than forty of his friends suddenly descended upon George Germain and his wife in their Notre Dame street home on Saturday evening, and individually and collectively congratulated him on the occasion of his 58th birthday, the while they handed him, as a token of regard and friendship, a fine gold watch bearing his monogram, Mr. Germain was unable even to express his gratitude for several minutes, and as one of the guests put it: "He was so surprised he forgot to say 'Thank you.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Germain recovered in time, however, and upheld the reputation for entertaining they have long enjoyed. Their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Guilbert, assisted them, and the evening was passed most congenially. Speeches were made by several of the visitors and there was music, with Mrs. Germain, who is an accomplished pianist, presiding at the piano. Afterwards supper was served.

Mr. Germain was born in Ottawa and came here many years ago to engage in the hardware business. He left his trade 23 years ago, however, and entered the King's printer's department of the local government, where he has been a valuable and respected worker ever since. Mr. Germain's sunny disposition has made him a host of warm friends, and his birthday last Saturday was made lively for him by the arrival of message after message of regard and best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Germain have a large family, many of the members of which were with them last Saturday evening. Among the other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Cherrier, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cardinal, Mr. and Mrs. Houtbise, Mr. and Mrs. Fahey, Mr. and Mrs. Hector Germain, Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Germain, Mr. and Mrs. Lenire, Mr. and Mrs. Cyr, Mr. and Mrs. Pontin, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pelissier, Mr. and Mrs. Clir Pelissier, Mr. and Mrs. Neq. Gourdeau, Mr. and Mrs. V. Y. Guilbert, Mr. and Mrs. Chouinard, Octave Germain, Edmond Germain, Miss L. Germain, A. Mallhot, A. Lebaise, L. F. Turcotte, L. Guilbert, Honora Gourdeau, H. Gourdeau, E. Gourdeau, Jules Gourdeau, Miss Gourdeau, Mrs. Labelle, G. Eug. Pissillon, W. Whitehead.—Winnipeg Exchange.

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The Dangers of Spiritism

Dr. Godfrey Raupert, who has been commissioned to examine and report on spiritism, says: "In brief, the position of the Catholic Church is this," said Dr. Raupert. "It admits the reality of spiritistic phenomena. In fact, it always has admitted their reality. Through all the centuries, in spite of the growth of materialism, it has insisted on the possibility of these things. Some of the theories of St. Thomas are clearly applicable to explain the phenomena observed to-day. 'Men high in the councils of the Church have become authorities on this subject. Dr. Joseph Lapponi, late physician to the Holy Father, wrote a treatise on 'Hypnotism and Spiritism,' and Prof. A. Lepicier of the propaganda college is the author of a work on the same subject called 'The Unseen World.' "But while the Church admits the existence of these intelligences, it denies that it has been proven that they are human, and asserts that there are grave dangers to faith, to morals, and to health of mind and body connected with any attempt by the average man or woman to meddle in the matter. It is to warn against these dangers that I have come from

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Rome and will visit the theological seminaries of the country.

"The Holy Father is anxious, for instance, that people be not led astray by the wonders shown and made to believe that they can communicate with dead relatives. It is considered probable that these intelligences are evil and it is certain that no one ever has been able to identify itself as any certain deceased person. The intelligences have access to the information and knowledge in the subconscious minds of those present, and thus can impersonate the dead, but it has never been shown that there was anything more than impersonation.

"Other people are led away by the desire to obtain valuable information. No single piece of valuable information ever has been obtained in this way. All the communications either have been morally bad or trivial and utterly worthless. "Another element of danger to those who tamper with this subject is with regard to the effect on their mental health. It is certain that these phenomena are obtained by the cultivation of mental passivity, and consequently there is danger of obsession and possession and permanent derangement of the mental faculties. It is well known, although both spiritualists and scientific investigators are apt to attempt to hide this truth, that the greater number of mediums degenerate and eventually become insane. I know personally of many instances of this.

"Lastly, there is the danger to faith that comes from a little knowledge of the semi-mysterious subject. On the flimsy basis of these phenomena, the most that can be said for which is that they scientifically demonstrate the existence of a spirit world, men have attempted to build up a system of theology. "The intelligences tell us that they have been sent to the earth to prepare us for an understanding of the hereafter and to prepare us for a life beyond the grave. With cheap tricks and travesties on miracles this makes a powerful impression on the ignorant and partly informed, though there is no backing of intelligence or wisdom that compares with that of the average child.

"This is why the authorities at Rome are so anxious that Catholics should have the correct interpretation of this matter. Thousands are being swept off their feet by the reports of psychic powers current in newspapers and magazines. The attitude of Catholics must be absolutely negative. They must not experiment in any way with this unknown power. It is a real power, but at present it would seem at least to the theologian, to be the power of demons, for it denies Christ."

The Marian congress which has just been held at Saragossa, in Spain,

proved a great success. Cardinal Aguirre attended as legate of the Holy Father, and there was a large attendance of Spanish prelates, priests and lay Catholics. Prior to the Marian congress a Catholic press congress, which was also most successful, was held in the same city.

A school teacher sought to improve a boy who failed to solve an example. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself," said the teacher. "When George Washington was your age he was a survivor." "Well," came the quick response, "when he was your age he was president of the United States."

A Good Name is to Be Prized.—There have been imitations of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil which may have been injurious to its good name, but if so, the injury has only been temporary. Goodness must always come to the front and throw into the shadow that which is worthless. So it has been with Electric Oil; no imitation can maintain itself against the genuine article.

BOOK NOTES

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got our name of Christians."

And so, too, the descriptions of Ephesus, Damascus and Mar-Saba are prettily colored.

There is a good foot-note in which the Emperor Julian is described as "a man who was almost a genius, always extraordinarily interesting, very ideal in his character and irrefragable in his morals, rather mad and in any case a hopeless failure."

No less marked than this gift of fine phrasing is the great store of condition that reveals itself on every page in text and in foot notes. Especially on the affair of the Parabolani and Hypatia, the various heresies, the distinction between Nature and Person, Theotokos and Christotokos, etc. To each life is appended a handy list of the Saint's works and literature relating to his life, and at the end of the book is a full general index. Though specifically intended for laymen, the volume will appeal to everyone, and Church students will find it a handy compendium of an important section of patology. To all its general interest will lie in the fact that it is the story of those early champions, who, when "the whole world groaned and shuddered to find itself Arian," guarded the faith in spite of exile and persecution. Isti in generationibus gentis suae gloriam adepti sunt et in diebus suis labentur in laudibus. A. B. PURDIE.

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