

Notes on Books and Other Things.

On October the second we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels and during October all devout Christians will try to increase their devotion to the Holy Angels. It is another sign of the Fatherly solicitude of the Good God for us that He appoints for each of us a special angel to watch and take care of us. This heavenly spirit is ever at our side; he loves us and protects us. We should therefore be thankful to God for His kind providence in sending an angel to be our companion. Some of the saints ever saw their guardian angel near them. This angel hates the least sin or imperfection, and loves virtue, innocence, and works of penance. How we should love our angel, and feel our relationship to him, and remember we were created to live with the angels for ever and ever! How strong and courageous we should be in well-doing! How innocent in all our ways! We should try to lead angelic lives, and if we have sinned we should do penance all our life-time and thus give pleasure to the angels. This month is also devoted to Our Blessed Lady and she is the Queen of the Angels. The angels without doubt think very much of us, though we are so weak and so full of faults and since they salute Our Blessed Lady as their Queen, full of grace and all lovely and fair, and she is not only our Queen but also our Mother, the angels love us so much the more as being the children of their Queen. So we should love and reverence the angels and never do anything to offend them, and cry to our guardian angel, "Holy Angel, protect and help me," and also call on Mary, Queen of the Angels, to protect us. If our Lady prays for us, all her court, the angels and saints will also join their voices in harmony with their Queen.

On the first Sunday of October Holy Church celebrates the solemnity of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin. We should redouble our fervor in reciting the Holy Rosary, enlarging our hearts and praying in union with the whole Church for the exaltation of the Holy Church, and that Our Lady may obtain from God the blessing that Our Holy Father, Leo XIII., may yet be preserved for many years as our Chief Pastor and Father to direct the whole Church.

On the second Sunday of October we celebrate the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin. Mary is the Mother of God and our Mother. "O Mary I show thyself a Mother to us."

On the third Sunday of the month we venerate the Purity of the Blessed Mother of God. "O Ever Virgin-Mother of Jesus, keep us ever pure and free from sin."

The Feast of St. Teresa, October 15, reminds us of the glorious Patriarch, St. Joseph. St. Teresa's love for St. Joseph has brought into Christian hearts a reverence and love and study of the great St. Joseph. He was the husband of Our Lady, the Foster-Father of Jesus, the Son of God; Glorious Joseph was a just man; he was a hard laborer, a manly man, a man of deep prayer. God committed to the care of St. Joseph the Holy One Jesus and His Divine Mother. Pray during October each day, and every day of your life, "St. Joseph, obtain for me a happy death like thine."

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York are paying their royal visit to Canada. The Royal Duke, the Crown Prince of the British Empire, surveys the vast territories of British America and all give him a royal welcome. Canada, gifted and blessed with immense territory, fer-