#### WHY WE HONOR THE SAINTS.

That honor and glory, which we are bound to give to God, does not prohibit us from invoking the elect and honoring them also, more particularly as they, in their capacity of our guardians, pray on the purpose. our behalf to the Almighty.

We invoke them because they are ever in the Presence, and are constituted by God as the willing advocates of our sal-

vation.

It is frequently asserted by non-Cath-olics, who declare that we "worship" olics, who declare that we "worship" the saints, that there is really no need for us to solicit the good offices of the for us to solicit the good offices of the saints in prayer, since God hears our prayers, and has no need of intermediaries. Here is what St. Augustine has to say to this: "There are many things which God does not grant without a mediator and intercessor. Abimelech and the friends of Job were pardoned but through the prayers of Abraham and Job. The assertion that praying to the Job. The assertion that praying to the saints shows weakness of faith, if not the want of it, is shown by the case of the Centurion who sent intermediaries to ask our Saviour to heal him, and was praised by Christ for the strength of his faith."

Here then we have the explicit word of God Himself that He may be touched to grant our requests if we seek Him through His chosen servants.

Catholics are again accused by their non-Catholic critics of "adoring" statues non-Catholic crities of "adoring" statues and images. To make and honor the images of Our Lord, of His holy Mother, and of the saints, says the Catechism of the Council of Trent all of whom appeared on the earth in human form, is not only not forbidden by the commandment, but has always been deemed a holy practice, and the surest indication of a mind deeply impressed with grati-tude towards them. Consequently, images and statues are quite lawful in the Church inasmuch as they serve to remind us of those best spirits who graced the earth by their presence. The images of saints, says the Triden-

tine Catechist are placed in churches, not only to be honored, but also that we may imitate their lives and emulate eir virtues.

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we are also enjoined to venerate the relies of the departed blessed, and to treasure their remains, and also on the ground of common-sense. There can be no doubt of the miracles performed by saints, while on earth.

to walk, the paralyzed were cured, even the dead were raised. Such witnesses as St. Ambrose and St. Augustine have attested these facts in their writings. And so, says the Catechist, if the clothes, the kerchiefs and even the very shadows of the saints, whilst on earth, banished disease and restored health and vigor, who can have the hardihood to denythat God can still work the same wonders by the holy ashes, the bones and other

relies of His saints who are in glory?

Of this we have a proof in the resuscitation of the dead body which was let down into the grave of Eliseus, and which, on touching the body of the prophet was forthwith restored to life, we are told in Kings xiii. 21.

If because we have one mediator Christ Jesus, it were unlawful to ask the inter-cession of the saints, the Apostle Paul would not have recommended himself with so much earnestness to the prayers of his brethren.—N. Y. Freeman's Jour-

#### IS IT TRUE?

It sounds well to the skimmer of the surface to be told, as he is in one of the leading magazines of this month, that there was a time when it was culpable for the average man to think for himself, but is it true? Of course it goes with-out saying that the end of this benighted time was the glorious era when Martin Luther began to think for himself and consequence brought about the Reformation, since which every man has the privilege of doing his own thinking. Perhaps it never occurred to the magazine man that his snappy, oracular editorial could only find favor with the set who despised his advice to do their own thinking and that the thinking necessary for even a little search of history would show his premises false. Is thought really freer, or the cultiva-tion of thought more general, than in the olden days? Did the "average man" in the middle ages, or during the centuries before that period, who did his share in developing his country, in building cities, in feeding great armies, in providing means for the administration and expansion of governments, hire another to do his thinking? Is the completest freedom of thought and its highest exercise incompatible with loyalty to the faith and precepts of a divinely commissioned Church? There are myriads of "average" men and myriads of gifted men who find their faculty of thinking not circumscribed or fettered by their entire submission to the commands of God. The illustration of the magazine editor is not complete. When he wrote down the names of Martin Luther, Rousseau, Garibaldi and Oliver Cromwell as crea-ting the initiative for men to do their "own thinking" he omitted the first example of the initiatory—Lucifer at the time of his engagement with Michael the Ambarage. the Archangel.

#### SAYING THE STATIONS.

There are many ways of making the Stations. Some find it well to keep always to the same form, using a prayerbook and saying devoutly all they find there. Others find variety helpful. For them a suggestion would be to make the Stations in company with different persons; with Our Lord Himself one day; with Our Blessed Lady another; day; with Our Blessed Lady another; with the Magdalen another, and sometimes with the good thief, so near to Our Lord and carrying a cross like His, Again, one might look particularly at the virtues practiced by Our Lord—His patience, His meekness, His wonderful silence, His obedience, His endurance, His charity.

His charity.

To gain the innumerable indulgences granted to the Way of the Cross, we must bear in mind that we should meditate according to our ability on the Passion of Our Lord, and that we pass from one Station to another if circum-

stances allow. Sick persons gain the same indulgences by saying fourteen times Our Father and Hail Mary, add-ing thereto prayers for the Holy Father

But whatever way we adopt, where-ever and however we make the Stations, let us remember two things—to have loving contrition in our hearts and to say a prayer for the holy souls at every Station. "Eternal rest give to them, O Lord; may they rest in peace."

The Provincial Court of the Catholic Order of Foresters will again have a tent—same as last year on Society Row at Toronto Exhibition, for two weeks -where members and their friends will be made welcome.

#### CORRECTION.

Montreal, Aug. 19th, 1998.

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Dear Sir,—As a constant reader and admirer of your paper, I would like to call your attention to a slight strow which I noticed in your issue of August 2nd. 1.

Tie passage I refer to is the one commenting on Lord Loyat's visit to Canada headed. "A distinguished Scotchman in Canada." in which you state, the Canada header in which you state.

This would lead one to believe the Quebec Ter

#### DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH.

Lo! those forms like angels seem."

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered up by His Lordship, Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor. Bishop of Peterborough, assisted by Ven. Archdeacon Casey of Lindsay and Rev. W. McColl, Rector of St. Peter's cathedral, Peterboro. Rev. Dr. O'Birien, chaplain to the Mount, acts as master of ceremonies, and there are present in the sanctuary: Rev. Father McRay of Brechifi; Rev. Father Spratt of Wolfe Island; Rev. Father Staptartick of Emissione and Rev. Father Kelly of Peterborough. Exquisite music is rendered during the Mass by the Sister's choir.

After the Mass, Rev. J. J. Donoher, S. J., of St. Ignatius College, Chicago, who conducted the Sisters' retreats, read the Gospel for the feast, taken from St. Luke, Chap. x., 38-42, and which reads as follows:

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mounts all difficulties and in the most humble sub mission, Mary bowed her head and spoke the words. "Behold the handmaid of the Lord, be it done untre-me according to Thy Word,"

God could not force her will. He simply mad known to her His good pleasure and the Blesser Virgin, by the most sublime act of self-sacrifice, en abled God to carry out His design. "Mary hat chosen the best part which shall not be taken away from her."

Vocation."
Two thousand years ago, God called upon the Biessed Virgin to leave all, to sacrifice all, in order to be His companion, His co-laborer in the great work of the salvation of souls, and ever since, the same invitation of God, whispered to thousands of generous souls, in quiet prayer or in the midst of many care and occupations, has been heard and heeded.

and occupations, has been heard and heeded.

"Many are called but few are chosen." Few indeed, companied with the magnitude of the enterprise and the many calls of God, have entered the army of Christ to be His closed, have entered the army of Christ to be His closed, have entered the army of Christ to be His closed, have entered the army of Christ to be His closed, have fallen by the wayside. But to the generously and bravely with Him in saving souls. But to the generous, grace comes, to aid the poor heart in making the sacrifice. It is never a small thing to break in twain the bonds that unite us to father and mother, sisters and brothers, to the friends of our youth and the home of our childhood. It is never a small thing to realize that we are leaving all these forever, to revisit them, perhaps only in memory. It is never a small thing to give up all worldly prospects, to sacrifice talents and every personal advantage, in order to embrace a life of, perhaps, the keenest privations and sufferings.

But why, oh why, must it be done? Why, you ask, were the electrical sufferings.

Reenest privations and sufferings.

But why, oh why, must it be done? Why, you ask, must the children of our love leave us alone and desolate? I answer,—"Are we not soldiers of Christ? The soldier must leave home, perhaps never to return; why not "we also," The world esteems it folly, Ave. it is folly, the "folly of the cross." But we are following the Master closely and we can flaunt in the face of the world's contempt the promise of Him. Who cannot decive, "Everyone that hath left father or mother, or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake shall receive an hundred-fold in this Jife and in

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I voice the sentiments of all present and of my o heart also, when I extend to you, dear Sisters Carist, heartiest congratulations and the wish, "Colless you!" You, like Mary, our Immaculate Que have chosen the best part which, shall not be talfrom you and when the day comes for you to go

Carist, heartrest congratulations and the wish, "God bless you!" You, like Mary, our Immaculate Queen, have chosen the best part which shall not be taken from you and when the day comes for you to go to Him, when your life-work will be ended and He, for Whose love you now give up all, shall call you, our Biessed Mother, the Virgin of Virgins, will be there to take you by the hand and lead you to His throne, where you will hear from His divine lips, those words of sweetest praise, "Well done! good and faithful servant. Because thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will place the over many. Enter into the joy of the Lord," Amen.

The sermon being ended, His Lordship addressed himself to the three postulants, and they, having begged for and received his permission to be clothed in the holy habit of the Sisters of St. Joseph, retired from the chapel to effect the change of dress, while that beautiful hymn "Go ve Forth, O Sion's Daughters," was sweetly sung by the choir. After a short interval they returned to the chapel and being once more questioned by His Lordship, expressed their entire joy and satisfaction in the step they had taken and treited to give place to the eleven who were to make their solemn profession. These were also questioned by His Lordship concerning the important step they were about to take and they most earnestly were about to take and they most earnestly entreated him to receive their yows. The Reverend Mother Superior, having given her consent, on behulf of the community, they entered the sanctuary and in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament, exposed upon the altar, pronounced, in turn, the Holy Yows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the Holy Yows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the Holy was of poverty chastity and obedience in the Holy was of poverty chastity and obedience for the string engenously after the perfection of their state and to live always as tree spouses of Jesus Christ,

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God for His great goodness to them, the Sisters file
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REILLY-FOX.—At St. Columbkills Church, Upter grove, on Tuesday, August 11, 1908. by the Rev Father Lindner, C.S.S. R., Mary Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fox. to Edward P. Reilly, Cleveland, Ohio.

DIED.

FARRY.—In Toronto on the 1st of August, Edward arry, third son of the late Edward Farry of Cobourg god thirty-seven years. May his soul rest in peace Higgins—On Saturday, Aug. 8, in Guelph, Mohn Higgins, native of the county Wexford, Ire and, aged eighty years. May his soul rest in peace

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