



THE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIMAGE.



The Pilgrim's Badge.

THE day is near when our pilgrims will embark for France and Paray-le-Monial. The steamship *Vancouver* leaves Montreal on Saturday June 2, at nine o'clock in the forenoon. In spite of the difficulties necessarily attached to the organization of the pilgrimage, it may be interesting to readers to learn that success has crowned the efforts of the MESSENGER. Between eighty and a hundred pilgrims from various parts of Canada have given their adhesion, and are about to visit the shrine of Blessed Margaret Mary; there to pray for their absent brethren of the League of the Sacred Heart in Canada. If we add to this number those who are already in Europe and who have promised to join the pilgrims at Paray on June 22, the Canadian League will be worthily represented there on the "Day of Nations."

On the evening before sailing, June 1 — the First Friday — the ceremony of departure will be presided over by His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi, in St. James' Cathedral, Montreal.

Our readers will also learn with satisfaction that most of the pilgrims, after having satisfied their devotion at Paray-le-Monial, will continue their journey to Lourdes, thence to Rome where they shall have the privilege of laying at the feet of His Holiness Leo XIII, the homage and profound veneration of our six hundred thousand members of the Apostleship of Prayer.

Elsewhere in this number of the MESSENGER, we have invited our readers to receive Holy Communion on the First Friday for the success of the pilgrimage, and to pray frequently during their absence for the safe return of our Canadian pilgrims.