BIGHT

PARIS KNELT AND PRAYED

TEN THOUSAND ATTENDED THE SERVICE IN CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME

By Will, J. Guard

Paris, Sunday Evening, Sept. 13 .-"A Notre Dame, Paris priera aujourd'-hui pour la France "---" At Notre ne, Paris will pray to day for France

. I read this announcement while I was taking my morning coffee in the Hotel des Tuileries, situated on the little side street named Ste. Hyacin-the, into which I moved yesterday after my favorite hotel, the Hotel de Calais in the Rue des Capucines, had closed its doors. I was the last guest and I really think the Italian American manager, Signor Nasi, regretted can manager, Signor Nasi, regretted turning me out. However, with the assistance of my little Paris gamin, my Gavroche Leon Dieux, I speedily packed my effects and carted them to the Hotel des Tuileries, which is enound the corner from the Marche around the corner from the Marche de St. Honore (St. Honore's Market). the Fire Department Company's headquarters and the local Police Commissioner, whose inspectors are

my good friends. During the last few days we have had quite a change of weather. The sunshine has been very fitful. At imes it has been raining and very old. (I saw a bargain in overcoats, of which I think I shall take advantage to-morrow.)

procession

CROWDS GOING TO CATHEDRAL

But I am disgressing shamefully. Let me revert to the subject of my first paragraph. The son of a Meth-odist preacher of Irish birth and Huguenot blood can never become entirely unreligious. I had seen the Paris of the war of 1914 in so many phases that I could not resist the desire to see it express itself religiously and spiritually. Three o'clock was the hour of the service at the ously a Cathedral of Notre Dame. Oh, that cathedral ! Don't you love it? Have you not lost yourself in rapture as you gazed upon its Gothic beauty? Haven't you seen it at night when the full moon glowed from behind its tow-France ers and illuminated the great squarethe Parvis de Notre Dame-the square that evokes memories of Victor Hugo's Esmeralda-the square on which the gargoyles have grinned for centuries and, let us hope, will grin for centuries and, let us hope, will grin for centuries to come? My little horse cab was taking me across one of the bridges when I was as tonished to see an unusual multitude of people all moving in the same 88 L.

What in the world is going on ?" I to my cocher. "Where are all said I to my cocher. "Where are all these people coming from and where

"Why, monsieur. they are going to the cathedral --just as you are !' he replied, a bit surprised." You are too numerous

Nine tenths of them were women-omen of every walk in life. Whe and the square it was literally I reach cked. There must have been 50 or 60,000 people there, and all round the cathedral and in every street leading to it were thousands and thou-sands more. It was with the greatest difficulty that I succeeded in worming my way into this compact multitude of human beings, but finally by a bit of persu-asion and explanation that I was an American heretic I succeeded through the kind offices of a charming young

French priest in getting into the cathedral through the sacristy. By that time the services had be-gun. The church was filled to overflowing. Even the cloisters were crowded with worshippers. I imagine there must have been more than 10,000 people in the cathedral. In the choir alone there were 1,500

lives on the battlefield in behalf of liberty and the Fatherland. Is it while Palistine, Thrace, Holland Portugal and England have each con tributed one to the Papal chair. that even an outsider like strange myself should feel a responsive tremor in the very depths of his soul? Presently there was a movement within the choir. Cardinal Amette, who had just returned from helping to elect the new Pope, was ascending the pulpit. An impressive figure he was in his gorgeous red robes. Perfect silence prevailed as he began h's discourse. I could only catch and it is not a little remarkable that broken phrases, but I could realize the third should have been his sucthat it was a discourse both spiritual cessor, the illustrious Leo XIII., who occupied the Papal throne for and patriotic. His sentences were orisp. His voice was the voice of a real orator. His gestures were earnest and graceful. He spoke with over twenty-five years. authority and sincerity. He recalled

to me another great pulpit orator MEXICAN BISHOPS' that I had heard years ago, Arch-bishop Ryan of Philadelphia. LETTER DEFENDS HONOR OF THE MEXI. CAN HIERARCHY AGAINST

SLANDEROUS ACCUSATIONS-HAVE PRAYED FOR PEACE Then came the famous silver statue of the Madonna and Child given to the cathedral by Charles the IX.; AND NEVER COUNSELLED REVOLUTION the relics of Ste. Genevieve, patron Fearing lest we should aggravate saint of Paris; the silver head of St. the sad condition of our churches, Denis, who brought Christianity to during the unfortunate circum the pagan city, and a number of other sacred relics which had been stances under which they suffer, we have kept the profoundest silence in brought to Notre Dame for the occa face of the monstrous and criminal sion from the several churche falsehoods with which some have en which are their custodians. The deavored to stain the clean reputa the wound around tion of the bishops and clergy of church, while the great organ again Mexico. But, realizing on the one pealed forth and 10.000 voice hand, that the truly lamentable state chanted in unity the Credo. It was of the persecuted Church in our unthen that I managed to get out of fortunate country cannot be worse the church through a side door and and learning with sad surprise, on round to the square in front. The the other hand, that many of those

three big doors were wide who call themselves Catholics have The crowd was even greater than ever. The hymn, which flowed believed and spread reports greatly injurious to the Mexican Bishops through the open portals, was taken up by the thousands awaiting withwe think the moment has come for us to open our lips in protest against out. Very soon the procession emerged from one of the three doors the vehement asseverations with which they pretend to justify the unand passed between the iron grating heard of vexations to which the min and the facade of the cathedral, isters of God have been subjected and the profanations and sacrilegi reentering by the third door, as the law prohibits a religious procession cus crimes perpetrated against that which our Catholic religion holds taking place in a public street in most venerable and holy. As we ex-press our septiments in this wise, in When Cardinal Amette finally appeared a great shout arose: "Vive le Cardinal!" Handkerchiefs and compliance with our duty, we do not mean to vindicate ourselves in the hats were waved in the air. I would eyes of any political parties, but to

not have been surprised to have defend our honor, which is the sac seen the statue of Charlemagne red honor of our episcopal dignity which stands on the side of the and of our apostolic ministry, and to square suddenly come to life and prevent, as far as lies within us, our wave its sword. A little stand had beloved children, the faithful whom been improvised on the steps of the Jesus Christ Our Lord has placed cathedral. Cardinal Amette could under our charge, from being scan dalized by these falsehoods. not let such an occasion go by with-out taking advantage of it. Mount-First, we should declare that any ing it, he addressed the vast gather person that represents the constituted government is the legitimate ruler,

ernment, deemed it their duty, should

ing briefly. A nice young French reporter, who was near me, read me and therefore God's representative his notes and this is the substance and minister, to whom respect and obedience are due, according to the You are too numerous to permit inviolable principles of the Catholic my voice to be heard by you all, but doctrine contained in these luminous

at least my heart shall go out toward each and every one of you. This wonderful scene recalls to me that which unfolded itself before my eyes last week when in the presence o the multitude assembled on the great square of St. Peter's in Rome was proclaimed the election of the new Pope. The same faith lights up in your eyes ; the same confidence is painted on your faces. I am going to give you the pontifical benedic. May it keep you faithful to God and to your country! May it also preserve safe and sound those whom you love and who are now contending on the field of battle to protect our firesides a_d our altars!

GREAT CROWD KNEELS

The great assembly sank to its knees as one person as the Cardinal such rumors be true, to address a collective letter to the Catholic party, with magnificent gesture made the reminding its members of the unlaw sign of the cross. This done, the fulness of rebellion against the legit-crowd within the church and with that Catholics should take no part in out once more shouted thunderously : 'Vive l'Englise!" "Vive la France! any movement that might be con Then the Cardinal and the processtrued as rebellion or lack of obedision reentered the cathedral, where ence to the constituted authority. . the services in due time came to an We are in a position to ascertain end, after which the multitude slowly and state in the face of the world that neither the Bishops nor the clergy in Mexico have ever contribdissolved, while a friendly aeroplane hovered like a dove of peace over

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

While we have thus preached we never intended to declare ourselves for the triumph of any political party but only sought to maintain union but only sought to maintain unio and harmony among all the member Nine Popes reigned less than one month, thirty less than a year, eleven of the great Mexican family. If on account of such conduct we have more than twenty years and six over twenty three years. The reign of St. Peter was the longest in the history merited persecution and are guilty of ffense, let our enemies pronound of the Papacy, being seven years in Antioch and twenty five in Rome. Next to him in length of service was judgment against us ; but let them no longer class among the beautiful Pius IX, whose death in 1878 ter-minated a reign of thirty one years. virtues of the human heart compas-sion and mercy towards the afflicted and the love of order, tranquility and

progress that rise from them. Furthermore, we raise our voice in protest against the false accusation with which many have deceived the people, namely, that we are helping the actual dissension and discord with our pecuniary support. Even i we wanted, we could not do so, simply because we are not possessed

riches, and the offerings from the people barely cover the current, pressing and urgent necessities of our dioceses. In these sad strivings of brothers against brothers, our ideals have been higher and nobler than that. All our aspirations, our preaching, our prayers, our laborsall have been directed to the realiza-

"Pax vobis," "peace be to you," which is the characteristic saluta bion of our loving Master and Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

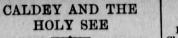
In order to justify the spoliation of the priests and Bishops, the ab-surd story has been spread every. where, even in foreign countries, that the Catholic Church in Mexico abounds in riches and temporal goods. But what grieves us most keenly is that Catholics, who should be our help and consolation in the tribulations pressing on us so heavily would help the persecutors to spread their false and malicious murmurings. when these Catholics realize privations and even misery to which are subjected not only the humble and self sacrificing pastors of num-berless parishes but also some of the prelates

Complying with the duty imposed on us by our sacred ministry, we de-clare, venerable brethren and beloved children, that we revere and accept with all humility and submission the wise paternal designs of our Heavenly Father, who has willed to try us by the fire of tribulation. Do the same yourselves, venerable brethren and beloved children. Let us accept all the pains and sorrows that perhaps are reserved for us, in satisfaction for the sins of our people, and in union with the sufferings of Our Lord. Receiving the doctrines and following the glorious example of our Divine Redeemer, Who with boundless charity and tender tears asked pardon for those who insulted and crucified Him, we forgive, from the bottom of our hearts, all our enemies and humbly ask Our Lord to forgive those that oppose and persecute us.

To conclude : we exhort you, venerable brethren and beloved children to keep your Faith alive in the midst words of the apostle St. Paul There is no power but from God." of persecution, and to strengthen "He that resisteth the power, re-siseth the ordinance of God, and they your souls with the example of our Divine Saviour and with the frethat resist, purchase to themselves damnation." (Rom. xiii.) quent reception of the holy Sacra ments of confession and Com It is clear and evident that all the munion. Watch and pray continu-ally that you may not fall into temp. Bishops in general, by means of pastoral edicts and Episcopal acts of every kind, have ever defended and ation, and behave yourselves in all things as becomes true disciples of upheld the respect and submission due to constituted authority. This Jesus Christ, that you may be the consolation of your afflicted pastors even as the Apostle St. John and the is why in January, 1918, the Bishops assembled in the national convention Apostle St. Paul were comforted when they knew their children of workingmen at Zamora, having heard the rumors that some were plotting a conspiracy to overthrow the constituted and established gov-

walked in the path of truth. This pastoral letter should be read 'inter Missarum Solemnia." on the first day of obligation immediately follow ing its reception and afterwards shall be affixed to the usual places.

Assuring you every blessing in the Lord, we accord to you our Pastoral regarded by Welsh Protestantism.



Less than two years ago the Angli-can Benedictines of Caldey Island were one of the anomalies of the Church of England, and at the time of their conversion to the Catholic religion there was a good deal of epeculation among Anglicans as to the ultimate fate, as a community, these men. The Island is to be sold, said one report. This was followed by a very natural corollary about the disposition of the proceeds ; whereby arose a digression concerning the morality of using Anglican money for Roman purpose Nothing, by the way, was ever said on the question of using Roman money for Anglican purposes, even for purposes "by Law Established!" In the event of the Island being allowed to remain the property of the monks, the wise ones declared that the community would be dispersed. Certain continental Anglicans, who professed to be in the con fidence of continental monks, gave it as their opinion that Rome, th to say the ecclesiastical authorities. for language in such circumstances is entirely relative and symbolic, would swamp the Caldey community with religious from other houses and appoint an entirely new Superior the reports were kept afloat for the past year, gaining in intensity and absurdity until it was proclaimed from the housetops—of Canterbury that "Ecclesia Romana will not accept Elred and says he has no vocation. In the course of a little rubbing against the world, Ecclesia Romana

as learnt how to manage her own YOUNG LADY GRADUATE OF SACRED Heart Convent, Ottawa, desires position as affairs, and perhaps in no way has she shown more discrimination and shrewdness than in her regulation of the religious life. The actual facts, contrary to the forebodings of the MOTHERS, SEND FOR A PICTURE AND sample material of our 60 cents dress for little girls. Girls' Dress Co., Windsor, Ont. 1878-1 Canterbury prophets, reveal the ex treme graciousness, tact and deer understanding of the English which ONTARIO FARMS FOR SALE : 100 ACRES is possessed by the Holy See. It may even be said that nothing could have

declared more plainly than the inci-dent of the Caldey Benedictines the love and tender affection which the late Pius X. bore his English children In June of last year, by favor of the Apostolic See. Caldey was canoni cally constituted a monastery, and the regular novitiate was begun under the care of Benedictine Fathers from the abbey of Maredsous, to which abbey the late Superior of Caldey repaired to make his own novitiate For a year the brethren of Caldey gave themselves to the exercises of the religious life, leaving their whole future in the hands of the Holy Father who gave plenary powers to the Bishop of Menevia, the monke diocesan, to act in all matters accord ing as he saw fit. Meanwhile our

separated brethren were busily en taged in forecasting the future. The year is now past, and Rome has declared herself. Let us see what the actual facts are.

On the feast of SS. Peter and Paul Brother Ælred Carlyle made his solemn profession as a monk of the Order of St. Benedict in the abbey church of Maredsous. In the same church, on the feast of the Preciou Blood, he received the dignity of the priesthood at the hands of the Bishop of Namur, and on the following day as a Catholic priest sang the High Mass in the presence of the abbot and community. Then, with the blessing of the abbot and monks of Maredsous, he departed some few days later for his island home in South Wales.

On August 3rd, the little town of Tenby, whence the passenger takes boat for Caldey, turned out to welcome the new abbot. Catholics are few and far between in that part of Wales. and the incident tells in favor of the affection with which the monks are The presence of the Bishop of Mene

them their heart's desire. Against

the disquieting rumors that have

been so busily circulated among Anglicans has been set the truth.

The Holy See and every one in the Catholic Church connected with the

from being restricted and hampered

with conditions of all kinds, every

facility has been granted to Caldey to continue the religious life on ex-

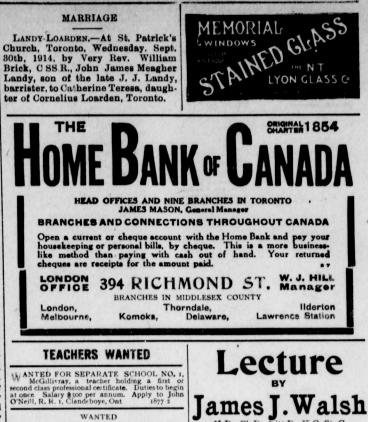
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clergymen. Non Catholic Huguenot Irish American as I am, it was one of the most impressive occasions of life. Here was Paris, that had just heard the most encouraging news of the war-in fact the only encourag ing news—the news so carefully emitted by the Government—that the English and French were forcing back little by little the German in vaders-Paris, which for weeks had maintained its calm composure while everything seemed to promise the worst and maintaining a truly marvellous savg froid in the presence of a situation which seemed like a turning point in the struggle—here was Paris on its knees in prayer !

10.000 JOIN IN SINGING

The preliminary service over, the organ pealed forth and 10,000 voices joined in singing the cantique, the words of which I was told were en-

"Pitie mon Dieu, c'est pour Notre Patrie.

"Sauvez, sauvez la France, au nom du Sacre Cœur."

One must have a heart of stone to One must have a heart of stone to be untouched with emotion on such occasions as this. Tears came to my eyes as the hymn swelled out. I had the same feeling that I had years and years ago when at an Ocean Grove camp meeting I heard a con-gregation of 6,000 earnest Metho-dists singing :

"Rock of Ages, cleft for me," Let me hide myself in thee !"

Perhaps my sophisticated readers will smile at this, but there are moments in life when we experience emotions that stir the very depths of our mysterious beings. I leave it to the professional psychologists to analyze and explain such phenomena. As to nationality, or This is a human document and I am simply recording in all honesty my feelings of to day. Every woman, and child in Notre Dame this afternoon was thinking of the loved ones who were jeopardizing their

the sacred monument. As I was moving away whom should I meet on the bridge but M. and belief, to help any of the Revo lutions that have disturbed our country in these modern times. We Arthur Meyer.

"There is a deep significance in to-day's event," said he. "It convinces me that France's mentality after the war will be mystic and military. therefore, protest against the unjust and groundless calumny which has given rise to the cruel persecution raging against the clergy and the Catholic Church. It is, likewise, false that the Catholic Church in Mexico,

It will be mystic because experience has just demonstrated the emptiness of the sceptical doctrines which either by means of financial help or moral influence, has failed to comply certain philosophers have tried to impose upon it. These professors of Doubt and Negation wished to subwith the strictest rules of neutrality. No one can produce proof or a con-vincing argument to the contrary. stitute for the theory of noble action that of a dreamy dilettantism. Men who fight are, in the full force of the eral, from the Bishops down to the last clergyman, has been most noble term and in the highest degree, men of action. And all action is creative. These men are destined to become the adversaries of those who repre sent a desiccating, a sterile nega-

tion. M. Arthur Meyer's remarks are well worth considering.

FACTS ABOUT THE POPES

A recent writer has summarized some facts about the Popes which will bear repetition. Of the first thirty, twenty nine were martyrs, the exception being St. Dionysius, who was

And who does not know what the the twenty fourth successor of St. bishops and priest have done, even at the risk of their very lives, to moderate the rigors of war, and to Peter. The total number of martyred Popes is thirty three. Eighty two

save disinterestedly the lives and honor and goods of the innocent As to nationality, one hundred and four were Romans, one hundred and peace-loving people, regardless of their own personal political opinions and regardless of the political party with which they might have been affiliated ?

neavenly gift of peace.

anediction Given in the city of Mexico on the

via for the installation of Dom Carlyle 16th day of July, the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, of the year as Abbot of the Island and Abbey of Caldey on August 10th, was a happy of Our Lord 1914. Archbishops Ramon, Archbishop of conclusion of a joyous home-coming There yet remains the Abbatial Bene

Paebla; Francisco, Archbishop of Lindiction, which takes place in October ares: Francisco, Archbishop of Guad-So we leave the convert monks The aim and desire of their life was lajara. to be Benedictines, and God has given

Bishops Nicholas, Bishop of Chihuato the best of our knowledge hua; Ignacio Valdespino, Bishop of Aguascalientes; Francisco, Bishop of Sinaloa; Jesus Maria, Bishop of Saltillo: Emeterio, B shop of Leon; Miguel, Bishop of Zacatecas.

CONVERTS OF HISTORIC NAME

monks have shown the utmost generosity and kindness. So far Mr. Scannell O'Neill, associate editor of the Catholic Citizen, writes : "An interesting book might be made of notices of the convert relatives of great Americans. How many of us, or instance, are aware that among the living bearers of the illustrious The attitude of the clergy in gen-Caldey Convert, in America. name of Washington is an Ursuline nun at Arcadia, Mo.? Or that a

and highly worthy of our sublime mission, which is a mission of love great grandson of Commodore Perry is a Jesuit? Or that the great great grandaughters of Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin are Cathoand peace. Our endeavor has always been directed to obtain peace. We have preached sweet peace every-where. Our humble prayers have lics ? We could fill this entire department with names of other daily ascended to heaven for the longdescendants of great Americans who daily ascended to neaven for the long-desired gift of peace. We have worked unceasingly for it. And, as is shown by all the pastoral documents we have issued from the beginning of the Revolution in 1910, we have are to day devout Catholics."

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