

PARIS KNELT AND PRAYED

TEN THOUSAND ATTENDED THE SERVICE IN CATHEDRAL OF NOTRE DAME

Paris, Sunday Evening, Sept. 13.—"A Notre Dame, Paris priera aujourd'hui pour la 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. Hyacinthe...

During the last few days we have had quite a change of weather. The sunshine has been very fitful.

But I am digressing shamefully. Let me revert to the subject of my first paragraph. The son of a Methodist preacher of Irish birth and Huguenot blood...

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Why, monsieur, they are going to the cathedral—just as you are!" he replied, a bit surprised.

Nine tenths of them were women—women of every walk in life. When I reached the square it was literally packed.

By that time the services had begun. 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.

10,000 JOIN IN SINGING The preliminary service over, the organ pealed forth and 10,000 voices joined in singing the canticle, the words of which I was told were entitled:

"Pitié mon Dieu, c'est pour Notre Patrie. Sauvez, sauvez la France, au nom du Sacre Cœur."

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.

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.

lives on the battlefield in behalf of liberty and the Fatherland. Is it strange that even an outsider like 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.

The sermon finished, the procession formed. It was in honor of the feast of the day, the Nativity of the Virgin.

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GREAT CROWD KNEELS

The great assembly sank to its knees as one person as the Cardinal with magnificent gesture made the sign of the cross.

As I was moving away from the cathedral I met on the bridge what M. Arthur Meyer.

"There is a deep significance in today's event," said he. "It convinces me that France's mentality after the war will be mystic and military."

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.

while Palestine, Thrace, Holland, Portugal and England have each contributed one to the Papal chair.

Nine Popes reigned less than one month, thirty less than a year, eleven more than twenty years and six over twenty three years.

MEXICAN BISHOPS' LETTER

DEFENDS HONOR OF THE MEXICAN HIERARCHY AGAINST SLANDEROUS ACCUSATIONS—HAVE PRAYED FOR PEACE AND NEVER COUNSELLED REVOLUTION

Fearing lest we should aggravate the sad condition of our churches, during the unfortunate circumstances under which they suffer, we have kept the profoundest silence in face of the monstrous and criminal falsehoods with which some have endeavored to stain the clean reputation of the bishops and clergy of Mexico.

Complying with the duty imposed on us by our sacred ministry, we declare, venerable brethren and beloved children, that we receive 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.

To conclude: we exhort you, venerable brethren and beloved children to keep your Faith alive in the midst of persecution, and to strengthen your souls with the example of our Divine Saviour and with the frequent reception of the holy Sacrament of Confession and Communion.

It is clear and evident that all the Bishops in general, by means of pastoral edicts and Episcopal acts of every kind, have ever defended and upheld the respect and submission due to constituted authority.

We are in a position to ascertain and state in the face of the world that neither the Bishops nor the clergy in Mexico have ever contributed, to the best of our knowledge and belief, to help any of the Revolutions that have disturbed our country in these modern times.

CONVERTS OF HISTORIC NAME

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And who does not know what the Bishops and priests have done, even at the risk of their very lives, to moderate the rigors of war, and to save disinterestedly the lives and honor and goods of the innocent peace-loving people, regardless of their own personal political opinions and regardless of the political party with which they might have been affiliated?

While we have thus preached we never intended to declare ourselves for the triumph of any political party but only sought to maintain unity and harmony among all the members of the great Mexican family.

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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.

In order to justify the spoliation of the priests and Bishops, the absurd story has been spread everywhere, even in foreign countries, that the Catholic Church in Mexico abounds in riches and temporal goods.

On August 3rd, the little town of Tenby, where the passenger takes boat for Caldey, tumbled 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 regarded by Welsh Protestants.

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