A SPIRITUAL RETREAT

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION BY A GRATEFUL RETREATANT (G. E. Sweeney)

In close proximity to Montreal City, yet far enough away from its noise and turmoil, and easily acces-sible by the tramway, is situated the Retreat House. Cartierville, P. Q. The house stands on a gentle declivity that slopes almost to the water's edge, where the beauties of the scene are rendered more attractive by placid waters. The spot, I daresay, was selected by some holy man who had an eye for nature's beauty spots, as a place well suited to retirement and prayer.

The building is spacious and airy, containing about forty bedrooms for those making the retreats, a large recreation room, a devotional chapel, a dining hall, and rooms reserved for the small staff of Jesuit Fathers who conduct the retreats. Around the house runs a covered terrace, where the retreatants can walk in all

To the south east of us is Montreal City, completely obscured by the Heights of Mount Royal, over which come dull clouds of smoke-in striking contract to the freshness of our

present surroundings.
It was on a Thursday evening near ing the end of September when about thirty of us set out for this hallowed ground to spend three days in secluput aside our business for that time order to think of God, of our own edule, of the example of Christ, of the meaning and dignity of our lives, of our duties as of our privileges.

After a short journey by motor, we arrived at the Retreat House. feeling of sanctity pervading the at-mosphere produced that set of conditions eminently helpful for an efficient an thorough retreat.

By the time we arrived it was com-pletely dark and the friendly lights from the Hospics were a pretty sight as they shone on the water, their reflections quivering like warm tongues of flame on its dark surface.

The feelings of awe and nervous ness, bewilderment and even apprehension, which possessed those of us who were making our acquaintance with the place for the first time, were soon dispelled by the kindly recep-tion given us. This calmed our fears, and by the time we had been shown to our respective rooms, we had be gun to feel quite at home.

Returning from our rooms we were requested to observe strict silencean essential of a good retreat-which instead of being the frightful, fearful thing some of us had expected it to be, proved exceedingly simple and

delightfully refreshing.

A short instruction and prayers before retiring prepared us for our work, and, as each of us repaired to our rooms we felt the better for having come, and looked forward with equanimity to the morrow, which previously had caused us some fears

and misgivings.

After a deep undisturbed night's rest in a spotlessly clean, sweet room, we rose retreshed at 6 o'clock and descended to the little chapel at 6.30 for prayers: later return-ing to our rooms for meditation. Mass followed, then a review of our meditations, after which, we had breakfast. Breakfast over, the retreatants, marched in slow procession along the avenue reciting Rosary." Kext on the Order of the Day was "Free Time" and this was usually utilized for a walk through the grounds, meditating on the points raised by the preacher and getting a thorough understanding of our real created things, and ever keeping before us the questions: Who am I? Whence am I? Why am I in the Is it to be my permanent shode? If not, whither am I tending? Getting a clear knowledge of the disorder of our lives, our failings, our sins. To begin the reformation of our lives and set ourselves courageously and with determina follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. To awaken and foster within ourselves great gener-osity in God's service, determination not only to avoid sin, but also to be of service to Holy Mother Church and our neighbour. The remaining hours of "Free Time" were spent by the utterance of ejaculatory prayers visits to the Blessed Sacrament and pious reading.

Lunch intervened and our medita

tions came to a conclusion.

After lunch followed recreation, and this was the first opportunity the retreatants had to converse with each other. Needless to say this short period of relaxation was util-Needless to say this

ized to the greatest advantage.

As I wandered through this holy place. I felt the sanctity of the atmosphere sink deep into my soul filling it with an intense holy peace. the spirits of the saints, in whose honor we were praying, were lingering near us, helping our falter. ing wills : subjecting our bedies to the desires of our souls; infusing over our spirits an earnest longing for the things of Christ, purifying our senses, and lifting our hearts towards that land where the hills are everlasting and the glory of God

unmeasured. Recreation over, the retreatants ambled in the chapel for the way of the Cross. This is a moment when our souls are most exalted in watch. ing our Saviour die. If ever there is a time when it is preper for us to turn to one another, and to verify our glory of the Cross that it claims to

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Meditation, plous reading, diction of the Most Blessed Sacra-ment, supper and recreation filled up the evening's exercises.

During the day lectures adapted to the retreatants, dealing with our practical duties, our responsibilities, sion, prayer and earnest thought; to the dangers of Socialism, the need of Catholic Social Organizations, and the like were given.

It should not be imagined that there is anything of dryness or tedium about a retreat. On the contrary, the days are happily occupied, and pass all too quickly. There is a time for sleep; a time for cultivating the understanding; a time to nourish the soul with prayer and pious meditation; a time for innocent recreation to refresh the mind, and invigorate the body, and quite apart from its spiritual advantages, is also a rest for the body.

Saturday morning was spent in preparation for confession. Our sins confessed, we left the seat of penance bearing with us the great blessing of the retreat, that is a plenary indulgence, which leaves the soul as free from sin's temporal punishment as on the morning of baptism. In the evening a beautiful lecture on the passion was given, and later, as we repaired to the chanel for Benediction, our hearts were full of joy: we felt bright, content, and happy in the knowledge that we had done something which excited our sorrow and contrition for transgressions in the past and had made good resolutions for the future.

Sunday morning we arose at clock, heard Mass half an hour later, and received Holy Communion. The remainder of the day was spent in thanksgiving, drawing practical conclusions and strengthening our resolutions for future conduct.

On Monday morning our work was consummated by a fervent Holy Communion and receiving the Papal Benediction. It was an inspiring sight to watch those thirty odd retreatants kneel side by side at that altar which knows no distinctions of

rank, intellect or wealth. Only those who have witnessed the retreats can have any idea of the wonderful miracles of grace which they normally effect. On the second day you see a change on all faces.

world of ideas. The silence, the the mercy of God! We constant round of devotional exercises, the prayer in common, the quiet thought in your own room, the devotional reading during the meals. the presence of holy pictures and images, all give emphasis to the great truths put before your mind three or four times a day in the meditations. The soul is withdrawn from its distracting surroundings and conventional estimates; it considers the great purpose of human life, which is the glory of God by the manifestation of His excellence in man; it considers its own duties in view of that purpose; it reflects how, in the past, it has thwarted that purpose by sin and irregularity; it looks upon Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life, enabling man to fulfil that purpose aright. The Church is revealed to you as the Divine foundation, answering all the needs of the numan heart, binding men together in a great Communion, giving worth to the humblest life, and meaning to the most trivial action.

All these considerations are put before you three or four times a day and you afterwards retire to your room to reflect upon them. lession on the second day and Holy Communion on the third, bring cleansing and strength. Finally the soul comes to see how the love of God is the force which raises man above himself, ennobles his life, and secures his eternal happiness.

This intense spiritual experience is no vague sentimentalism or "revivalism." It is a deliberate and reasonable adoption of a new atti-tude with regard to life. Moreover, its effects are permanent, and solid as well as intense, and this leads us to what is an essential feature of the

It was new Monday merning as the time had come to bid this hallowed spet a sorrowful farewell, for charity, it is when we stand beneath the Cross; since it is the supreme away from its silence and hely quiet, glory of the Cross that it claims to make suffering the deepest bond of human relations.

and we were entering a new werld, as it were, full of hopes and possibilities. "Whereas I was blind, now

Within the enclosure of this place no shadow of the outside world rested : no coho of the cruel war that was turning the continent of Europe into a vast battlefield and filling the souls of meu with the lust of blood and the desire of those material possessions that must in so short s

time pass away for ever.

Here there was no thirst for the destruction of human life or property no clamouring of the flesh for sen sual pleasures; no restless wish in the heart for the joys of the world no lingering with thoughts that find their reflection in dark shadows on

the soul.

No, naught was thought of in this holy spot but Christ and His Saints. naught was desired but Christ and the never ending beauty of the city of His Love.

DEATH SUMMONS JOHN N. MULLINS

The death in New York yesterday of John N. Mullins deprived the railway service on the American continent of one of its most promising young men. One of a family which had distinguished itself by providing numbers who have risen to prom inence in making popular the coad from East to West, he was fast encroaching on the laurels of he kinsfolk when he was cut down sud-denly. Mr. Mullins was for six years with the Dominion Express Company in Toronto before he transnis services to the C. P. R. and later he removed to New York, there to become the district passenger agent for the Penusylvania Railroad Company. Great success followed him, and last year Mr. Mullins became chief conductor for the Frank Tourist Company. In this capacity he conducted many happy parties to the San Francisco Exposition.

His brothers are Tim Mullins, city passenger agent for the C.P.R., at Ottawa; W. E. Mullins, general manager of the United Fruit Company, New York City; Ed. Mullins United Fruit Co., Costa Rica Geoffrey Mullins, civil engineer, Tor Costa Rica onto Harbor Commissioners, and Rev. F. Mullins, C. SS. R., Montreal, and Richard I. Mullins at home at 145 Beverley Street, Toronto. Mullins, who has three sisters alive, was thirty two years of age, and to many Toronto hockey players he will be better remembered as "Jack" Mullins, of the Express hockey team. -Toronto Mail and Empire, Oct 19.

ALL SOULS

All the month of November is devoted by the Church to the prayerful remembrance of all the souls in purgatory. Catholics who love their dead do not have to be urged to observe this practice.
It is of faith that there is a purga-

tory for the souls of the just who, when leaving this life, are not entirely purified, and that these souls may be assisted by the prayers and suf-frages of the Church, says The Missionary. This doctrine, which was laid down against the Protestants by the Council of Trent and which is conformable to the preceding councile, to the teaching of the Fathers, to tradition, and to the belief and constant practice of the Church, powerfully appeals to the human We find an Anglican clergy. man, the Rev. W. A. Collisson, M. A. in a sermon which he has delivered Everyone is much in earnest—hope at Mims, giving utterance to his beful and courageous, and for the most lief in it through what we may call a part, as simple and docile as children.

At every turn you find evidence that you are face to face with a new war! They are new dependent on scandalous neglect of the faithful departed, like much of our defection from faith and truth, to Germany Some years ago I attended a Requier Mass in a London Roman Catholic church. It was on behalf of 'the departed souls forgotten in England since the Reformation.' buke to us! In all directions there are signs of a desire for reparation Even men who liked to be labeled as Low Churchmen are apologetically saying that prayers for the dead are parmissible. I am a Catholic. As a Catholic I must remember the faith ful departed." Mr. Collisson will, we trust, see the necessity of entering the Catholic Church, which has pre served the doctrine whole and intact The war is teaching many the value of the consolations which that Church offers to those in peril and distress .- New World.

INVITED TO SPEAK TO

NON CATHOLICS The Very Rev. A. Stocker, O. S. B., D. D., editor of the Guardian, Little Rock, Kans., writing in that paper of the ebb of the tide of anti-Catholicism locally, says: "We have always believed that the American? is at bottom fair minded, and that the bigotry which of late years obscured that favorable impression would prove a passing distemper. If local symptoms permit a judgment as to the general condition of the body, we have not been mistaken. Right here, in the neighborhood of New Subiaco Abbay, prejudice against the Catholic Church was rampant less than a year ago. At present there are indications that our neighbors re returning to a saner mind ther day we were invited to address a gathering of non-Catholies in

Public school building of our neigh-borhood. On their own initiative these good people had sent a messen-

ger to us with the request that we

would favor them with a talk on the Catholic Church. We went with

I see." was the general sentiment of | pleasure and found a most attentive and well disposed audience. For an hour and a half we spoke to them in a friendly way, showing them how they had been misled into false notions concerning the Catholic Church by untruthful reports and un fair publications. The result was that they invited us to come again."

RNGLISH BIGOTRY

AGAIN BREAKS LOOSE OVER BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN (Catholic Press Association Service)

Much to the annoyance of the Ken sitites, Sir Henry Howard, British Ambassador to the Vatican, who will soon be returning to Rome, had another long audience of King George recently. The Kensitites have been endeavoring to slander Irish soldiers at the front and to stir up bigotry by attacking the Pope as

The publication of this scurrilous printer, Kensit, accuses the army of being governed by the Jesuits who are at the front as chaplains, and even attacks a notoriously Protestant organizat on, the Young Men's Christian Association, because its executive has been kind enough to offer the use of their buts at the base camps in France to Catholic priests who have no place in which to say Mass.

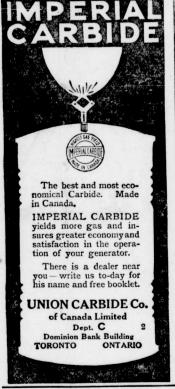
Another piece of bigotry has been perpetrated by the Common Council of Christ's Hospital, or the "Blue Coat" school, an ancient Catholic foundation, who have repudiated the choice of the Court of Aldermen in Sir William Dunn as governor, on the ground that this future Lord Mayor of London is a Catholic and cannot therefore sit on a Protestant The aldermen refuse to amend their choice, so a legal action is threatened.—Church Progress.

MARRIAGE

CAMPBELL CAMBRON .- At St. Mary's Church, Mabou, N. S., by the Rev. J. F. MacMaster, Mr. Angus R. Campbell to Miss Mary Cameron, both of Mabou.

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What is an Internal Bath?

By W. R. BEAL

Much has been said and volumes have been written describing at in condition, but it takes a little time, length the many kinds of baths civi and in these strenuous days people lized man has indulged in from time have time to do everything else to time. Every possible resource of necessary for the attainment of the human mind has been brought happiness but the most essential into play to fashion new methods of bathing, but, strange as it may seem, the most important, as well as the most beneficial of all baths, the "Internal Bath," has been given little thought. The reason for this is probably due to the fact that few people seem to realize the tremen. health.

If you were to ask a dozen people to define an internal bath, you would have as many different definitions, and the probability is that not one of them would be correct. To avoid any misconception as to what constitutes an internal bath, let it be said that a hot water enema is no more an internal bath than a bill of fare is a dinner.

If it were possible and agreeable to take the great mass of thinking people to witness an average post mortem, the sights they would see and the things they would learn and impress them so profoundly that bathing would be unnecessary to convince them. Unfortunately, however, it is not possible to do this, profitable as such an experience would doubtless prove to be. There and that is by acquainting them them to appreciate the value of this long - sought for health - producing

Few people realize what a very little thing is necessary sometimes to improve their physical condition. Also, they have almost no conception of how little carelessness, indifference, or neglect can be the fundamental cause of the most virulent lisease. For instance, that universal 'constipation," "auto · intoxication." 'auto infection" and a multitude of other terms, is not only curable, but preventable, through the consistent practice of internal bathing.

How many people realize that normal functioning of the bowels and a clean intestinal tract make it impossible to become sick? "Man of to day is only fifty per cent. efficient." Reduced to simple English, this means that most men are trying to do a man's portion of work on half a man's power. This applies equally to women.

That it is impossible to continue to do this indefinitely must be apparent to all. Nature never intended the delicate human organism to be operated on a hundred per cent. overload. A machine could not stand this and not break down, and the body certainly cannot do more than a machine. There is entirely too much unnecessary and avoidable sickness in the world.

How many people can you name number is appallingly small.

It is not a complex matter to keep thing of all, that of giving their

bodies their proper care. Would you believe that five to ten minutes of time devoted to systematic internal bathing can make you healthy and maintain your physical efficiency indefinitely? Granting that such a simple procedure as this will lous part that internal bathing plays do what is claimed for it, is it not in the acquiring and maintaining of worth while to learn more about that which will accomplish this end? Internal Bathing will do this, and it will do it for people of all ages and in all conditions of health and disease.

People don't seem to realize, strange to say, how important it is to keep the body free from accumulated bodywaste (poisons). Their doing so would prevent the absorption into the blood of the poisonous excretions of the body and health would be the inevitable result.

If you would keep your blood pure. your heart normal, your eyes clear. your complexion clean, your mind keen, your blood pressure normal, would prove of such lasting benefit your nerves relaxed, and be able to enjoy the vigor of youth in your further argument in favor of internal declining years, practice internal bathing, and begin to day. Now that your attention has been

called to the importance of internal bathing, it may be that a number of questions will suggest themselves to is, then, only one other way to get your mind. You will probably want this information into their hands, to know WHAT an Internal Bath is, WHY people should take them, and with such knowledge as will enable the WAY to take them. These and countless other questions are all answered in a booklet entitled "THE WHAT, THE WHY and the WAY, OF INTERNAL BATHING," written by Doctor Chas. A. Tyrrell, the inventor of the "J. B. L. Cascade," whose lifelong study and research along this line make him the pre-eminent authority on this subject. Not only has internal bathing saved and pro longed Dr. Tyrrell's own life, but the disorder from which almost all lives of multitudes of hopeless indihumanity is suffering, known as viduals have been equally spared and prolonged. No book has ever been written containing such a vast amount of practical information to the business man, the worker, and the housewife. All that is necessary to secure this book is to write to Dr Tyrrell at Room 455, 257 College street, Toronto, and mention having read this article in The CATHOLIC RECORD, and same will be immediately mailed to you free of all cost or obligation.

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