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"Truth is Catholic; proclaim it ever, and God will effect the rest."—BALMEZ.

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## Thoughts for November.

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An October is dedicated to the Holy Angels, so in November we are asked to think of the departed souls, and our relations to them.

Amongst the thoughts which may be classed as simply overwhelming is this, that of the countless myriads that have sprung from the stock of Adam, there is not one but is still alive and conscious. The spark within burns with immortal glow. It can change in accidents, as of state or surroundings, but substantially must be the same forever. In time it is confined to the body, giving it form and life; but the dissolution of this earthly tabernacle leaves it essentially untouched, and ready to enter, in a new state, and among new conditions, upon a career which can have no end.

How unimaginable the millions who already have this experience; and what do we know about them? Where are they, and how? Entirely cut off from us, or still, as used to be when they were on earth, members of the same family, and capable of communion with those who remain behind?

It is impossible to be indifferent to these questions, and yet in the hurry and fret of life, too little thought is allowed them, nor is there indeed a natural means of finding a satisfactory answer.

Everyone, we suppose, remembers the time he first stood on the hither side of the great portal, which opens from this life into eternity, that is, the first time he saw some one die and can recall, with other feelings, the intense curiosity that filled his mind to be instructed in the prodigy he was witnessing.

The day I saw the first death of a relative, overhauling a visitor obscure to his neighbor: "She knows more now than she ever did." I remember going to the room where the body lay and listening with eager attention for some explanation of what was so bewildering. She, that far off morning, I have seen in cold lines in many a loved face, but never heard a sound to dispel the mystery.

We read of friends making a compact that whichever of them is taken first, shall come back if possible, to tell what he has learnt; but still the veil hangs down, and silence and darkness reign, as of old, round the region of the tomb.

And, again, how many forbidden paths are pursued in the hope that some of them may lead to an opening into the land of the dead. Paganism was full of these wicked ways, and even many so-called Christians, in the over-eagerness for knowledge, become the dupes and puppets of the Evil One through clairvoyance, spirit-rappings and other sinful practices. All of which whilst very deplorable need excite little wonder, for the longing to follow the departed into their unexplored home, is so natural and impressive, that if the truth cannot be had they will accept almost any falsehood, rather than give up thinking on what concerns them so closely.

There must be, as there always has been, either necromancy or religion, and that religion which cannot give an intelligible account of what happens after death, is thereby convicted of impotence and inadequacy to its end. Life, whatever else it is, is surely a highway to death, and a short one at that. The traveler may be held, or earth or air, or water, or whatever else you like; all he can do is walk a few paces, and then trip or be tripped, and fall forever out of sight, leaving the world to wonder what has come upon him.

Now just here comes the messenger from heaven, by the knowledge she has of both worlds, comes in with her explanation, and that comfort which the human heart then so keenly needs. Our friends, she teaches, those whom we knew and loved, are gone indeed from the reach of sense but by no means separated from communion with the soul. Nay—except under the dreadful condition—that of reprobation—are as closely united with us as ever. We can speak to them and be heard; they can pray for us, and continue and multiply in the far-off regions of death, the same affectionate ministrations which made them so dear during life. The golden chords of the same life, springing from the sacred heart of Him who is the first born of the dead, bind all together, whether in heaven or earth or purgatory, in the unity of the communion of saints; a multitudinous body, in which every particle is a distinct living unit, with a life and individuality of its own, but joined inseparably to all and the rest by participation in the life of Christ which is common to them all. And as in the human body, because of the actual union of its parts what is felt by one is felt by all, so in the family of the elect, whether its members be in glory, or in trial, or in suffering, there is unbroken sympathy, and common aim and mutual co-operation; and those keep up a more active and real friendship than is possible in the land of sense.

The members of that great throng whom St. John saw standing in each glory around the eternal throne forgot

not their friends upon earth but stand up for them the sweet incense of their prayers through the golden censor of an angel. The pitilessness of purgatory remind us of our common brotherhood by their pathetic petition "Have pity on us, at least you who are our friends"; and, standing between them, we on earth know and hear both, and join with them in the work they are doing, praising God with the saved in heaven, and, by our prayers and good works, helping the souls who are in the state of punishment. In the Church there is no room for that heartless rule "Each for himself"; but the contrary, each for and with all the rest, to God, through the source of our common light and life, Jesus Christ, our head. Death may blind the bodily eye, and wring the natural heart, it is powerless to break the bonds of union and friendship which hold together all who are servants of the common Lord.

This subject is too vast for a short article, and we have dared to touch it only to remind our Catholic readers of the rich stores of reflection and religious comfort opened up to the whole of us by the special devotions for November.

Make a deeper study of the "Communion of saints" and practice what it enjoins and you will have shorn death of its terrors.

### Death of Rev. Eugene O'Growney.

The movement of the revival and perpetuation of the Irish language has just sustained a loss such as it has not suffered since the death of Eugene O'Growney. Another of the great modern champions of the Old Language has passed away. A telegraphic dispatch, received, on October 19th, from Los Angeles, California, by Major Edward T. McCrystal, of the Sixty-ninth Regiment (President of the New York Gaelic Society), announced the death, on that date, of Rev. Eugene O'Growney—the eminent Irish scholar and poet—which sad event took place in Los Angeles, in which city and in Phoenix, Arizona, he has been some thirty-seven years resident for the last year, having been recommended by his medical advisers to try the higher atmosphere of the Rocky Mountain regions, for the restoration of his health, which had been failing for a long time. He had to say, "The change of climate came too late to stay the fatal inroads on the constitution of the sufferer; and on the date mentioned, Father O'Growney passed away, consoled by the ministrations of the sacraments and by the recollection of patriotic duty to his people and his native land, well and fully discharged.

Rev. Eugene O'Growney was a native of the County of Leitrim, Ireland, where he was born some thirty-seven years ago. Having, at an early age, evinced a vocation for the religious state, he was, after passing through the usual classic studies, entered as an ecclesiastical student in Maynooth, where, after passing his collegiate course and examination, he was advanced to the priesthood. It was while thus engaged that he took up the study of the Irish language, in which he subsequently became so proficient. He spent the greater part of his vacations from college were spent on the Isles of Arran, in Donegal, Cork, Kerry, Clare, Waterford, and in Scotland—to such good effect that, when he was ordained, he was regarded as one of the best speakers of Gaelic in the country. He also, he showed his powers, by his contributions to the Press, and through the establishment of the "Gaelic Journal," which has rendered such efficient service in the Irish language movement. Under Father O'Growney's influence, the movement, which, previously had been of an exclusively scholastic character—took a pronounced national tone, which it has ever since maintained. The Irish Language movement, thus, became the uncompromising opponent of the process of Anglicization, which had been making serious headway in Ireland. Two years later, Father O'Growney was made Professor of Gaelic in Maynooth College, and at once recognized that department in the old institution. Under the great labors he had undertaken, however, his health gave way, and, in the hope of his recovery he was induced to try a change of climate, and came to America—too late, however, to be of material benefit to him, and for some time past he had been compelled to cease all labors. His last literary work was the metrical translation of the "Star Spangled Banner" into Gaelic.

### St. Agnes Society's At Home.

The St. Agnes Beneficial Society (Branch No. 9, I. C. B. U.) held their first annual "At Home," on Friday evening, Oct. 20th, in Pythian Parlors, Queen and Victoria sts. Professor Tromba's orchestra provided excellent music, and those present seemed to enjoy very much. There were eighty-five couples present. Among those who were members of the various branches throughout the city. Mr. W. O'Neil, Grand President, spoke very encouragingly of the Branch and its progress since its organization. He advised all Catholic young ladies to become members. Mr. J. J. Flanagan, Grand Secretary; Mr. J. Cummings of No. 4 Branch, Hamilton, were present. A supper was provided by Mr. Teasdale. The ladies in charge deserve great praise for the manner in which the whole affair was conducted.

## THE DELEGATE AT OTTAWA UNIVERSITY.

(SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 14.—Ottawa University was on foot to receive the Papal Delegate, Mgr. Falconio, and he was extended a hearty welcome by the faculty and students. His Excellency arrived early in the morning, accompanied by His Grace Archbishop Dubamel, Vicar-General Routhier, and the two secretaries, Fathers Edwards and Etienne, and the priests from the archbishop's palace, Montreal, Fathers Roy and Callaghan.

The delegate celebrated mass at 8 o'clock, and at 10 he was escorted by the faculty to the Academic Hall, where the students were assembled to meet him.

It was a thrilling moment indeed when, on the entrance of the delegate, the strains of the Colugo Band, blended with five hundred student voices in that proudly swelling, triumphant hymn in honor of Leo and his legate, "Long Live Pope Leo."

When His Excellency was seated in the throne on the platform, Rev. Dr. Constantineau, rector of the university, bade the delegate welcome on behalf of the faculty in the following words:

"It is with feelings of most legitimate joy that we, the faculty of the University of Ottawa, welcome in our midst the representative of our glorious Pontiff, Leo XIII. In the person of your Excellency we behold an evident proof of the kindness, the love, the special predilection of the Holy Father towards the Dominion of Canada, and as far as we ourselves are concerned, we are pleased to note that in choosing your Excellency for the difficult and delicate mission of Papal Delegate, he has added another to the many favors already received at his hands, especially that which, although unmerited, conferred on us the rights and privileges of a Catholic University.

"As the representative of our august Pontiff, now gloriously reigning, we the professors in this university which he himself created, extend to your Excellency a most sincere and filial welcome.

"It is with sentiments of reverence and love that we profess our attachment to and bow before the other Leo, who is our guide, our light, our model, and the head of the Church himself. But as professors we specially welcome your Excellency for another reason. Acquainted with the arduous work of your early days in Alleghany College, Pennsylvania, we believe that you will be able to give us the best advice, which will bind us together. We are pleased to see in your Excellency one who has sacrificed several years of his life in the vast and difficult field of education. We realize, therefore, that our work and the difficulties which will have to be met will be better understood by your Excellency, and it is for this reason that we feel confident of always counting the aid of your Excellency's enlightened counsels and practical suggestions.

### THE STUDENTS' ADDRESS.

The address of the French students was followed by the address in English, which was read by Mr. Joseph McDonald. The address read as follows:

To His Excellency, Mgr. Diomed Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to Canada. May it please your Excellency.

In your first words to the Catholics of Canada, your Excellency expressed the fervent hope that in your passage through this fair Dominion you should meet with no godless schools. We are exceedingly happy to assure your Excellency that at least so far as is concerned this institution, which we are honored by your presence to-day, your hope is fully realized. This is a professedly Catholic institution, whose arms bear the faith avowing motto "Deus Scientiarum Dominus est," and whose educational system places moral development in the foremost rank according to the inspired ideal of the Royal Psalmist: "Bonitatem et Discipulatum est Scientiam doctorem."

Yes, your Excellency, this institution is Catholic, and Catholic is the education given here; and it is the Catholic spirit we here have imbibed that makes us feel it a duty and a joy to honor to-day in the person of your Excellency the zealous and learned religious who have accomplished so much for the greater glory of God and His Church, both within the sacred limits of the great Franciscan Order to which you belong, and without the fold of the serene St. Francis in the world at large. Animated by the same Catholic spirit, we deem it likewise a duty and a joy to honor your Excellency, the worthy prelate who has administered with such heaven-blessed results, a large and important portion of the Church's wealth, the distinguished Prelate of the Church, who has been signally honored in divers ways by the Supreme Pontiff himself. But the thrice-pleasant duty and the thrice-doubly joy are ours to-day, of honoring in the person of your Excellency, him, whom you represent among the great men of this century, him, who is designated in the depths of his wisdom to establish in this favored region a permanent Apostolic Delegate, and has chosen your Excellency for that delicate office; him, who is the proudest of the grand old men of this century; him, who occupies with such surpassing dignity and renown the throne of the Fisherman, built by the Carpenter's Son, the

great, the glorious, the supreme Pontiff, Leo XIII. He is the man who has caused the Vicar of Him who is the "True Light That Enlighteneth Every Man that Cometh into this World."

Especially, then, in your capacity, of vicar of the Vicar of Christ, do we welcome your Excellency to this Canada of ours, to this Capital of our land, and particularly to this university, which was created by Leo XIII himself and which he pleased to designate "his own." We confidently trust that your Excellency will find the Catholics of this country loving and generous of heart and docile of mind, who we sincerely hope and earnestly pray that your sojourn in Canada may be pleasant and happy, and that Almighty God in His goodness may go before you in all the ways, that so your mission be fulfilled in a manner beneficial to our country, creditable to yourself, agreeable to the Sovereign Pontiff, and glorious for God and His Church. We warmly thank your Excellency for this great visit to our fair Dominion, and we assure you that it will always be a source of the greatest satisfaction for us to see you present at any of our entertainments or academic ceremonies it may please you to attend.

His Excellency in reply, spoke in English, and said that the Pope would be greatly pleased to learn of the reception his representative received from the faculty and students of Ottawa University. He emphasized their devotion to the Holy See and their affection for the Archbishop of Ottawa. He said that to the students and faculty of the university he would give a special blessing.

The faculty of the university were present in the morning, Monday, and His Excellency will at the present take up his residence at the university.

### Wedding at Bracebridge.

At St. Joseph's church, Tues. 7, Oct. 17th, the pastor, Rev. Father Collins assisted by the Rev. Father Fleming, united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Mr. Patrick Joseph Murphy of Bracebridge, to Ida Ann Touche of Huntsville. Mr. William White of Huntsville gave the bride away. The bridegroom was assisted by Mr. John Dinnor of Bracebridge, and the bridesmaid by Miss Agnes Moohan of Huntsville. The popularity of the happy pair was clearly seen by the good wishes they received from all sides, and the many presents from their admiring friends. Immediately after the marriage ceremony, the Rev. Father Collins offered the Holy Sacrifice in which the happy couple received holy communion.

After Mass, the Rev. Father Fleming took occasion to speak a few words to the large gathering present, mostly Protestants, on the nature of the solemn vows just made at the altar, in which the newly married couple engaged in a binding contract to be faithful to each other till death at the same time being strong in their faith with the manifold graces conferred on them by the worthy reception of so holy a sacrament. He said it was most lamentable to think how lightly so-called Christians nowadays regard the holy state of matrimony when under some form of protest they seek cause to break the solemn vows made to God, and worse than all, they appeal, and to say, not in vain, to the powers that be to sanction their wickedness, to a minister of the gospel (?) who witnesses their iniquity. Not so in the Catholic Church. She can never consent to such an unholy union. Being the true bride of Christ, she knows full well the solemn words once spoken are spoken for all time. "What God hath joined together let no man put asunder."

### Death Tidings Calmed the Storm.

New York, Oct. 25.—The London correspondent of The World says: "One of the most impressive scenes ever enacted in the House of Commons was witnessed there Friday night. The Irish members, with Dillon and Davitt in the forefront, were offering the sternest resistance at every step to the Government's war policy. Their open avowals of sympathy with the Boers, and their reiterated charge that the war was deliberately provoked, had aroused the fiercest resentment and hostility among the Ministerials, and the proceedings threatened to terminate in some violent outbreak of passion. Both sides were getting rapidly beyond control, when Col. Kenyon Slaney, a Tory member with a record of conspicuous bravery on the field of battle, rose, in a few brief, simple words, spoken with profound emotion, prayed for a truce to contention for that night out of respect to the dead and lying Englishmen, who were scattered all over the battlefield, as well as their gallant foes. "The effect was instantaneous. The clamor was stilled, and Mr. Dillon acknowledged the manly spirit of Col. Slaney's speech, which recognized the valor of English feet, and appealed to the Irish members to fall in with the suggestion. "Then Arthur Balfour acknowledged the generous attitude of the Irishmen, and read a touching telegram, announcing that Gen. Symonds, so warmly gallantly the British success was due, was mortally wounded. The whole morning for the war was then voted, and without further discussion the House adjourned."

## THE CHURCH IN SOUTH AFRICA.

(SPECIAL TO THE REGISTER.)

### VICARIATE OF NATAL.

Pietermaritzburg (Natal), Residence of Bishop Jolivet O. M. I., and seven Oblates.

Durham (Natal)	6	Oblates
Oakford	1	"
Eastport	1	"
Emoyoni (Zululand)	1	"
Ladysmith	2	"
Cala (Cape Colony)	1	"
Kokstad	1	"
Umtata	2	"
Total	21	"

13,000 Catholics—1,000,000 Infidels.

### VICARIATE OF ORANGE FREE STATE.

Kimberley (South Africa), residence of Bishop Gaughran, O. M. I., and five Oblates.

Beaconsfield (South Africa)	1	Oblates
Yagersfontein (Free State)	1	"
Bloemfontein	3	"
Harrismith	1	"
Vaugs (Bechuanaland)	1	"
Matoking	1	"
Total	17	"

4,000 Catholics—1,000,000 Infidels.

### VICARIATE OF TRANSVAAL.

Johannesburg (Transvaal), residence of R. F. DeLacy, O. M. I., Vicar and five Oblates.

Protoria (Transvaal)	4	Oblates
Potchefstroom	1	"
Lydenburg	1	"
Voelochfontein	1	"
Total	16	"

### VICARIATE OF BATTULAND.

Roms (Battuland), residence of R. F. Conze, O. M. I., Vicar, and eleven Oblates.

Montliver (Battuland)	1	Oblates
Gethsemuni	1	"
Sion	2	"
Korokoro	2	"
Ficksburg (Orange Free St)	3	"
Total	21	"

### VICARIATE OF CIMBABESIA.

Windhoek (Dutch-Southwest Africa), residence of R. F. Herrmann, O. M. I., and eleven Oblates.

Oblate Fathers	11	Total: 11
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Grand total of the Natal, Orange, and Transvaal Vicariates, 89, and seven Fathers recently embarked for South Africa.

In view of hostilities between Great Britain and the Transvaal it is worth while to consider how well is effected the Catholic mission, says The Catholic Times. The Transvaal was formerly part of the Natal vicariate, but on the 10th of March it was declared a separate province. The mission, which is conducted by the Oblate Fathers, embraces the territory of the Boer Republic. The first priest to visit the Transvaal was Father Houdouanger. On his arrival at Potchefstroom in 1866 he was welcomed by the Government officials not only as a missionary, but as a member of the expedition. His ministrations were answered by the threat being carried into effect. He received twelve hours' notice and a field cornet was instructed to see him out of the country.

This objectionable regulation was repealed in the following year through the efforts of the Catholic residents and owing to the visit of the Governor of Quilimane, a Catholic, who wished to be present at Mass. Since then there has been considerable progress. There are churches with resident priests at Pretoria, Johannesburg, Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Barbeston, Veischofontein, and Lydenburg. The Marist Brothers have a college with five or six hundred pupils at Johannesburg, and there are in the same town three convent schools under the direction of the Sisters of the Holy Family. The Oblate Fathers conduct a college at Pretoria, and both there and in connection with the other vicariates there are convent schools, whilst at Veischofontein there is an industrial school for natives.

The Transvaal Government gives no aid to Catholic schools of any description, but there is little of that active hostility to the Church which was shown in England not so many years ago. The Sisters who have the care of the hospitals at Johannesburg and Klerksdorp have found good friends among Boers and Uitlanders alike. The Orange Free State is also a vicariate, and the vicar apostolic is the Right Rev. Dr. Gaughran, O. M. I., so well known in England. War cannot fail to have a most disturbing effect not only in the Transvaal and the Free State, but throughout South Africa. Many of the priests in the country districts would have to leave their missions; native converts would again fall under the influence of their pagan associates, and generally speaking, the work of the missions would be thrown back ten or twenty years.

### Death of Mr. James De Caillion.

In St. Michael's Hospital on the 21st inst. there peacefully passed away Mr. James De Caillion after two months of patient suffering. He deceased for 60 years of his life had been one of the most widely-known and respected residents of the county of Huron, having successfully followed the profession of a school teacher in that county for over 30 years; and it may be said that he and his brother, who still survives him in

Scotland, were the first to establish the seeds of education in the Western county. Many of their students who are now successful business and professional men, attribute their success to the sound preliminary training they received from these teachers. The deceased, though French in name was a true Irishman, immigrating from the County Kerry, and was descended from the De Caillion family of Ballyhogue Castle, sequestered in the penal times because of their loyalty to the House of Stuart. The deceased was a scholar of no mean ability, having received his early training in Dublin, Ireland. The last two years he resided in St. Helen's parish, West End, here he spent the evening of his days and where he was well and favorably known. The funeral took place on Monday morning from St. Shuter st. to St. Michael's Cathedral, where requiem services were performed by the Very Rev. E. P. De Caillion. The remains were taken to St. Columban Cemetery, near Scaforth, for interment.

### I. C. B. U.

The very unfavorable state of the weather on last Tuesday evening did not prevent the members of Branch No. 1, I. C. B. U., from being present at their regular meeting. When the President Bro. R. Scollard called the members to order nearly every seat in the hall was occupied. Visitors from Branches 2 and 12 were present during the meeting. One new member was initiated. A resolution of Condolence with Bro. Cosigan on the death of his father, was passed.

The committee in charge of the concert to be held in Dingman's Hall on Nov. 10th, reported that all arrangements were nearly completed and trusted the members would make it a success. After the business of the evening was gone through, the entertainment committee submitted a programme, and with Bro. P. McCabe as Chairman a pleasant hour was spent in music, song and dance. Bro. McCabe in opening the programme, by singing the hymn, thanked the members for asking him to preside over the evening's entertainment and extended a cordial welcome to the visiting members and friends.

Bro. T. Pundy easily carried off the honors of the evening by singing the Irish language. It is almost needless to say that he had to respond to an encore. Bro. M. Moran sang in fine style "Nell Flaherty's Drake." Bro. Jos. Duvoy sang in a splendid bass, "The Golden Crown." Short addresses were also given by Bro. O'Neill and McDonald.

With a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Entertainment Committee the members dispersed.

### The Cabinet of Hon. Mr. Ross.

The formal swearing in of the members of the Ross Ministry took place at Government House before Sir Oliver Mowat on Saturday last. The only Minister absent was the Hon. J. T. Garrow. The offices taken by the various members are announced as: Premier and Provincial Treasurer—Hon. George W. Ross. Attorney-General—Hon. J. M. Gibson. Minister of Education—Hon. Richard Harcourt. Commissioner of Crown Lands—Hon. E. J. Davis. Provincial Secretary—Hon. J. R. Stratton. Minister of Public Works—Hon. F. R. Latchford. Hon. J. T. Garrow and Hon. Wm. Hardy, Ministers without portfolio.

### Boer Leaders Cut Down.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—An official despatch from Ladysmith, gives the following list of casualties among the prominent Boers at the battle of Eland's Laag: General Viljoen, killed. General Koop, wounded and captured (since dead). General Schiel (German officer commanding the artillery), wounded and a prisoner. Commander Pretorius, wounded, imprisoned. In this battle the British loss included and wounded was about 250, including many officers.

### Obituary.

Christina Melady expired at her home on Regent street on the 11th instant, aged 64 years. Deceased was sister to Messrs. P. and N. Melady, who formerly did business as clothing merchants on King street. She was born in Navan, County Meath, Ireland, and had resided in Toronto since 1830. May her soul rest in peace.

### St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax.

HALIFAX, N. S., Oct. 19.—St. Mary's Cathedral, the most imposing Catholic edifice in Halifax, having been declared free of debt, was to-day consecrated with impressive ceremonies, conducted by Archbishop O'Brien. This evening a sermum will be delivered by Rev. Father Ryan of Toronto, a report of which appears on another page.

In the Temple at Karnak, on the site of the ancient Thebes of Egypt, the tomb of the pharaoh Sesostris III. has been discovered by H. L. Vivian. A luncheon will remain intact but the fall of the masonry gives clear warning that the structure now is care and standing over 3,000 years.