

THE SPIRIT OF FATHER DAMIEN.

It is said that, owing to some peculiar hidden influence in our modern life, the terrible disease of cancer is on the increase, while as yet no infallible remedy has been discovered to cure it.

"I was informed about a French charity which takes care in a number of hospitals, both in France and England, of incurable cancer cases. I was told that in America these incurable cases, when destitute, are terribly neglected; and, if attended to at all, are dismissed from hospitals after six months, whether death steps in as a relief or years of suffering must ensue."

THE DEPARTURE OF THE MISSIONARIES.

Sacred Heart Review. There is in Paris a community of young ecclesiastics who attract universal attention, when taking the walk which is the only outdoor recreation to be had by such in a large city.

This Society for Foreign Missions is altogether unique. Unlike societies of religious, it can scarcely lay claim to any one person as its founder and father. It is the result of the zeal of different persons in different places for the spread of the Catholic faith.

God has a supreme right to our service. We are His creatures. It is God Who created us, Who called us out of nothing. To God we owe our life; to Him we owe the preservation of that life during every moment of existence.

These brave, young hearts enter the Seminary of the Foreign Missions with the burning zeal of the first apostles, and pass their days there preparing themselves for the hard-labors store for them. From the day they enter the seminary they never leave it till the day on which they bid goodbye forever to family, home and country, and go to verify the solemn promise to consume themselves in the conversion of the heathen.

The ceremony of his adieu to all that the natural man can hold dearest is one of the most touching ever witnessed. It takes place the evening before the departure. The young missionaries enter the chapel and kneel on the steps of the altar. Blind them their conferees, and then come their friends and relatives. A solemn silence reigns in the holy place and every one experiences that indescribable clutching at the heart and swelling in the throat which precedes the performance of all touching ceremonies.

devil, nor to ourselves; we owe nothing to them; we owe everything to Him Whose love for us has moved Him to buy us with His blood. And so it is that every act of rebellion against God's law is always an act of ingratitude as well as injustice; every sin, besides its special malice, has the malice of injustice and ingratitude.

You who have wasted the morning, the noon, perhaps the evening of life in idleness, in sin; "go you into My vineyard" there is still a chance for you to redeem the wasted time. Wake up out of your lethargy. Break the chains that have bound you to the service of the devil, the slavery that has smothered within you every instinct of justice, every worthy prompting of the heart, every noble aim in life.

MAN'S THREE FRIENDS. Trust no friend if you have not proved him; they are oftener found at the banqueting table than at the door of the prison. A man had three friends; two of them he loved greatly; to the third he was indifferent, although this one was the most honored and sincere.

WORKING FOR GOD. "Why stand you here all the day idle?" (Matt. xx) We are called by God to labor in His vineyard. That is to say: we are called to serve God faithfully; to fulfill His divine will; to observe His laws and precepts; to avoid the evil He forbids, and to do the good He prescribes.

GUARDIAN ANGELS. One sultry day, during the long holidays, when I was making a tour through South Wales, I flung myself on the soft turf at the foot of an old oak tree. The beautiful river Wye lay at my feet, and through the trees, tinged with the rich hue of autumn, a glimpse of the ancient ruins of Tintern Abbey conjured up ghosts of the past, when the good Cistercian monks inhabited it, and tilled the rich soil in the lovely valley; for the monks were not idle men. Their days were spent in bodily labor, in study, or in visiting the sick.

Left Prostrate. Weak and Run Down, With Heart and Kidneys in Bad Condition—Restored by Hood's Sarsaparilla. "I was very much run down, having been sick for several months. I had been trying different remedies which did me no good. I would have severe spells of coughing that would leave me prostrate. I was told that my lungs were affected, and my heart and kidneys were in a bad condition. In fact, it seemed as though every organ was out of order. I felt that something must be done and my brother advised me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I procured a bottle and began taking it. Before it was half gone I felt that it was helping me. I continued its use and it has made me a new woman. I cannot praise it too highly." MRS. SUMMERVILLE, 217 Ossington Avenue, Toronto.

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refuse he collects, to an aged grandmother whom it helps to support. Hugh has one great wish: he longs to be a priest of the great God Whom he loves and worships."

The scene changed. I found myself in a brilliantly lighted hall. Richly-dressed ladies and gentlemen were seated at a rich banquet, addressing flattering speeches to their host. Each had an angel guardian.

"Dear angel," I said, "you are still with him, and you are smiling now." "I have never left him for an instant," replied the angel, "and the priest—who is his old companion, Hugh—has never ceased to pray for his conversion. Jasper made his peace with God before his illness, and to Him he gives the immense wealth he has amassed. Hugh still treads the courts and lanes, where, in their childhood, he and Jasper toiled together; but now it is as the priest of God, and to do His work."

Two Important Conversions. The Rev. A. W. Bennett, M. A., until recently curate in charge of St. Gabriel's Church, Bromley by Bow was recently received into the Catholic Church by Father Eskridge, of Notting Hill, and has been confirmed by Cardinal Vaughan at the Arch bishop's House, says our contemporary the Liverpool Catholic Times. Mr Bennett has decided to become a priest and join the Oblates of St. Charles. The Rev. A. W. Milton, M. A., formerly vicar of Stowmarket, Suffolk, and more recently of Markyate, Dunstable, has also been received into the Church by Father Humphrey, S. J.

About Cataract. It is caused by a cold or succession of colds combined with impure blood. Its symptoms are pain in the head, discharges from the nose, ringing noises in the ears. It is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies and enriches the blood, soothes and rebuilds the tissues and relieves all the disagreeable sensations.

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