Our Weekly Sermon.

THOUGHTS ON THE ROSARY.

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The Rosary contains within itself all devotions, because it is the compendum of the Incestration, from which all devotions in the Church ske their rise. Lest the special attraction of anyone be what it may, he will surely find it in the Holy Rosary. Take the devotion to the Blessed Sacrament—it is there in its very fountain; the devotion to the Passion—there it is; the devotion to Our Blessed Lady,—we find her there.

Do we desire to propare for Mass? There, in the grand central mystery of the Cruesfixion, is the Holy Sacrifice begun. Do we wish to prepare for destif? What better preparation can we make than by those oft-repeated words, by which, contemplating Our Lord's death, we invoke the help of His Blessed Mother at our own? We may without profanity say of the Rosary what is said of the Blessed Rosarament: that it has in it all manner of sweetness. I say without profamity, because it is the same Lord and God incarnate whom we find in both. But, besides all this, there is

Accessive what is eard of the Blessed Sacrament: that it has in it all manner of sweemess. I say without profactly, because it is the same Lord and God incarnate whom we find in both. But, besides all this, there is a most marvellous power in the contemplation of Our Lord's life as an unbroken whole, which only those who have accustomed themselves to the recitation of the entire Rosary fully comprehend.

Meditation on Our Lord's life is the very essence of Christian life; it is meditation par excellence. However high we may be in contemplation, as St. Teresa says, we shall never get beyond that. It would be a very hallow view to take of it if we looked on it only as we view meditation on the site is much more than this; for His life is the life of the Saint of saints. But it is much more than this; for His life is in reality our life, and meditation on the life is life and death is, so to speak, a kind of sacramental participation in them.

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At is a wonderful thought when we see before us a hundred or a thousand persons, and remember that there a nundred or thousand lives being led by all those individual human souls. We are apt, in thought, to make distinctions—to think of one soul as more important than another, probably in the eye of God all are of equal importance; in one sense we know that they are so. But all these distinct human lives, with all their separate thoughts and joys and sorrows, are comprehended in the life of our Blessed Lord.

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As a great sympathizing heart is able to take in all and sympathise with all who approach it, so in His Heart, as in an immense coesa, all our lives lie reflected. He has condescended in the most real way to associate Himself with these joys and sorrows, and to make Himself one with them. In the Rosery He deigns to call that time we are all accustomed to look back upon as the happiest of our lives—the years of our childhood—as the time of His Joyful Mysteries. To most of us the peculiar charm and perfume of that happy period was the love and influence of a mother; and so He shows His sympathy with this most oberished of our memories by revealing Himself in what we may call His domestic relations—as a little child in His humble home at Nezareth, and under the oare

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But He did not remain there; method is a serious can pass from birth to death without its passion; suffering is sure to come in some way, interior or exterior—in the body or in the soul. And here agony may be, whether it be the struggle with our own nature or our own affections, trial from within or trial from without. He has gone through it all, that He may give us in our hour of need the word of consolation that in the agony attempts to omes. "And there appeared to Him an angle from mean has may give us in our hour of need the word of consolation that in the agony strength comes. "And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him. And, being in agony, He prayed the longer." Strength to go through courageously all that has to be gone through; strength to take up the cross and carry it; to the creditation, and remain crucified till the work of God is done. But He does not leave us even there. When we have patiently suffered with Him, He will have us rise with Him do a new life. He will, as it were, give us an accension by an increasing assimilation of our, thoughts and lives with those of the blessed in heaven.

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assimilation of our, thoughts and lives with those of the blessed in heaven. And, then, in the great central nystery, the continual outpouring of the Holy Spirit, we reach as it were, a standing point of the soul beyond which nothing remains but to die. When we have joined ourselves to God we have found rest—a rest which the world cannot give us. And then what matters it our life be ten, twenty, fifty years longer? They are but as the jwo little decades of the Rosary still left in our hands. The Rosary itself seems to teach us that there is nothing amore; for the last two mysteries are but the completion of the rest. Yet not even in death does our most leving Lord leave us. He takes us up to the gates of Paradies and shows us half open door and Himself waltwish a beautiful crown for us. It mes seems impossible to believe, yas we do our own sins and and wretebedness, that that

res seems impossible to believe, yas we do our own sins and and wretchedness, that that orown ever can be ours. Yet promised end; our Rosary saves us with God.

CHAMPLAIN SUMMER SCHOOL

PROGRAMME OF NINTH WEEK.

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OLIPP HAVEN, N.Y.

No more impressive ceromony has been witnessed at Chiff Haven since the founding of the sobool that the dedication of the now chanel of Our Lady of the Lake on Sunday by Right Rov. Henry Gabriels, D.D., Bishop of Ogdensburg, in whose dicoses the Summer School is situated. After there services the closing Fornitical High Mass was colobrated.

The congregation was greatly privileged in laving the Lipotiumity of listening to Rev. Thomas F. Ba. ko. CS.R., who delivered a magnificent sermon on "The Individual and the Church." It was in all respects an exceptional sermon, because of its superior exceilence in matter, form and delivery, and because of its superior exceilence in matter, form and delivery, and because of its superior exceilence in matter, form and delivery, and because of its thorough and exalted Catholicity.

The last lecture courses of the session of 1600 were begun on Monday, one being a series of talks on "Distinguished Catholicity and because of the resident of the course of lectures on "Irish Music" illustrated by some very fine vocal selections by Mrs. Helen O'Donnell of Brooklyn, assisted by her husband, Mr. Bernard O'Donnell.

Mr. Adams' loctures especially appealed to his addiences r cause of the selections by Mrs. Helen O'Donnell of Brooklyn, assisted by her husband, Mr. Bernard O'Donnell.

In ithe evenings, Mrs. O'Donnell's lectures on Irish music drew large audiences who wished to avail thomselves of this chause of hearing some exceptionally fine music. As a lecturer Mrs. O'Donnell was most pleasing. She held the attention of the audiences throughout when she traced the rise and development of Celtic music, but she roused them into enthusiasm when she sang, with magnificent coloring of tone and warmth of expression, some of the most exquisite melodies of that people. The piane selections given by Mr. O'Donnell were selections given by Mr. Chonnell was most pleasing of the first plant of the most exquisite and of the most exquisite when she are hearing some selections given by Mr. Gelting mu

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many persons, despite the fact that the locture programme was finished this wock, are remaining at Cliff Haven, the attractions of the place being too strong to allow them to depart. The social life is still at its height, the cottages trying with each other in providing pleasant entertainment. Dances at the club and the Curtis Pine Villa, a cuchre and a musicale at the New York, various other feativities proclaim the continuance of the pleasure, of life at Cliff Haven.

Many plans are on foot for next year. A priests cottage is to be among the new features. Block is being eagerly taken by the prieste, and there is no doubt but that a handsome new house costing about ten thousand dolars will be among the new buildings ready for occupany at the beginning of the seesion of 1901

The necessity for increased facilities and accommodations in all departments for the seesion of 1901, has been apparent during the seesion just closed. Five hundred guests is the maximum number that can now be accommodated. For 1901 the attendance will undoubtedly reach one thousand, and plans are now being made for this number. Beades the priests' cottage are denny Austin Adams, who is charmed with the place and will make it his summer home for himself and family; Mrs. Annie Jones and Mrs. R. M. Twomey of New York and several others.

The work of macadamizing the roads will be continued and finished for the next session. New boat and bath houses will be built, and probably a class building, administration building and an areade. Also the Dining Hail will be onlarged.

The Champlain Olub this year was a delight to its members and friends. The beautiful and commodious new dining hall over-locking the lake added greately to the convenience of the cultis and the bead quarters for the Cliff Haven Yacht Club next season.

The last of the Sisters of Charity at Military Hospital No. 1, which was known as the Alphonso NIII. Hospital nucler the Spaniards, have given up their charge there, and a number of them will go to Spain. This was one of the great military hospitals of the Spaniah Government, which always maintained a large number of troops in Havana, and the Sisters of Charity had been in charge since 1854. At times during the late war there were as high as five thousand patients in the hospital at once. There were then forty sisters at the hospital.

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Sisters of the Congregation of 8t. Joseph.

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Among the many pious orders of religious women that have added to the glory of God and of His Church, the Congregation of the Daughters of B. Joseph stands foremest. Born at a time when the Church of Jesus Christ was serely tried and in need of rolig fous auxiliaries, its career has since been one of widespread usefulness.

The Sisterhood was founded in La Puy, France, in the year 1660, at the suggestion of a sautify mesonary of the Hustrous Scouty of Jesus—Hev. John Paul Medaille, the Aposite of Velay. In his apostolic journeys, this holy priest had met many pious widows and young girls anxious to raitine from the world in order to devote them selves, in a spiritual manner, to prayer, the practice of virtue and them consecrating their lives to the services of their neighbor.

The establishment of a community whose object would be to unite the exterior works of charity with the repose of contemplation, had been the first conception of St. Francis de Sales for his Order of the Visitation. This ideas were fully carried out in the pious Sistenhood of St. Joseph, a community destined for the solace of human miseries and the Obristian admand the only a few years after his death, his ideas were fully carried out in the pious Sistenhood of St. Joseph, a community destined for the solace of human miseries and the Obristian pious Sistenhood of St. Joseph, a community destined for the solace of human miseries and the Obristian education of youth; uniting prayer and contemplation with the external works of oharity, and thus adding another jewel to that glorious crown of the religious life, which is at one the monument, the honor and the strength of the Church.

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THE FOUNDATION

Previous to the foundation of the Sustenbook, many holy and learned persons were unable to conceive that the flower of virginity could be present and inviolate without the safeguards of zolitude and the cloister grate. The saintly Father Medaille, on the contrary, thought with Saint Francis de Salos, that the fear and love of God were infallible antidotes against temptation and worldly seductions; and that, wanting this holy love and fear, the closest grates would prove but feeble barriers. Instead, then, of devoting the new order of Sisters to a life wholly cloistered, thor holy Jesuit Father placed them in hospitals and schools and in charge of works of charity in general. He sent them as mothers to the bedside of the sick, the atties of the poor, into isolated huts and garretr, on far distant inssions among savages, even to the soldiers camp, "with the city streets and highways for their convent, obedience for their enclosure, the fear of God/for their grate, and holy modesty for their wril." To such work the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph are marvelouely suitable, for our Divine Lord, in His infinite and ineffable goodness having willed to have as His representatives on earth, the silicet, the bungry, the naked and homeless poor, declaring that whaters is done unto the least of the unfortunate is done unto Himself, it follows that it is He whom Himself, it follows that it is He whom Himself, it follows that it is He whom Himself it to manity.

The advent of this Sisterhood began a new epoch in the history of female religious communities. The world never ligious communities. The world never ligious communities. The world never ligious communities are inserted to the services were most needed.

THE RULE.

The rule of the Sisterhood is that of St. Francis de Sales, while the constitutions are those of St. Ignatius Loy-clos. Their object is to train each religious to the highest possible degree of virtue and learning. The member are to be those who, in everything pertaining to human knowledge, do not remain behind their age, but are to follow on, even its advances. They are alive to every change in the popular phase of education; they hold to nothing simply because it has the sanction of antiquity, but are ever-ready to adopt what stands the test of experience.

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The Sisters annually, for a period of soven years, make the customary yows of poverty, chastity and obedience.
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of poverty, chastity and obedience. Only those who, after years of faithful labor and strict observance of the rule, have proven themselves worthy and reliable members, are permitted to take perpetual vows.

The Sisterhood was established at La Grange, Cook county, Illinois, which is located on the C.B. & Q.R.R., fourteen miles from Chicago, in October, 1899, by His Grace the Most Roy. Archishop Feeban and the Rev. Mother Stanislaus Leary of saintly memory, who went to receive the reward of a selfless life February 14, 1900, on the fortieth anniversary of her religious profession. The mother house, novitiate and house of studies is connected with Nasareth Academy, a select boarding achool for girls, at the above place. Nearby, the Sisters also conduct Gonzage Hall, a select boarding school for boys under fourteen years of age. The congregation has been wonderfully blessed by God since it was established in Chicago.

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Letters of inquiry regarding admis-sion to the novinate of the Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph, in-variably accompanied by a lotter from the spiritual director, may be addressed to Reverond Mother Genoral, Nazareth Academy, La Grange, Cook county, Ill.

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Mr. Richard J. Kelly, B.L., honorary secretary to the Galway Aroleological and Historical Society, court button an interesting biographical sketch of the Lord Blehop of Galway to a recent issue of "New Ireland, from which we extract the following." The first Catchiol Bishop of Galway was Dr. Brown. Next to him in succession came Dr. O'Donnell, Dr. MacEvilly, Archbishop of Taam, Dr. Carr, Archbishop of Melbourne, and the present worthy occupant, the Most Rev. Francis MacCormack. Like most Gthe Ismous prelates of Tuam, notably Drs. MacGormack is a Mayo man, having been born at Ballintaber on the Sth April, 1883. Dr. MacCormack was educated at the well-known coolesiastical sominary of St. Jarlativ. Tuam, and, going thence to Maynooth, was, after a brilliant academic career ordained on the 10th June, 1862. He was immediately appointed to several curacies in the archdloese of Tuam, and distinguished himself from the first as a very hardworking and zealous pastor. His great talents and eloquence could not soon fail finding recognition, and from the Administratorahip of Westport he was appointed to the vasant See of Achony, having been consecrated bishop on the 4th February, 1872. Dr. MacCormack at the time was one of the pointed to the vacant fee of Achoury, having been consecrated bishop on the 4th February, 1872. Dr. Mac-Cormack at the time was one of the youngest Catholic prelates in Ireland, but from the first he occupied among his brother hishops a high place for learning, judgment, and oratorical abilities of the highest order of pulpit elequence. This fame secured his selection on many coassions as a his brother bishops a high place for learning, judgment, and oratorical abilities of the highest order of pulpit elequence. This fame secured his selection on many occasions as a preacher, and he was a familiar figure at conscersion eeremonies. Dr. Cartaving been appointed Archbishop of Melbourne from the Sec of Galway, Dr. MacOormack was in 1887 selected his successor by the Holy See, and also, as were his predecessors, nominated Apostolic Administrator of the historic Sce of Kilmacduagh. Subsequently the latter See was formally unted to Galway, and Dr. MacOormack became Bishop of Galway, and Olimacduagh—a postion he has filled with eminent ability, marked zeal, and rare judgment. His Lordship is a man of great capacity for administrative work, and his zeal, energy, and industry are remarkable. His postoral letters are always destinency and industry are remarkable, and argumentative exposition of popular rigitle, and are written in a very convincing, clear, and clever atyle. His contributions to the public discussion of those important questions so closely interesting and affecting Ireland are eminently useful. His constant and unanswerable advecacy of his country's claims to a Oatholic University are especially noteworthy. There are many plendid churitable and educational institutions in Galway under the foatering care of Dr. MacOormack, especially the convents and schools of the Sisters of Mercy, the Poor Olares and Dominican Nuns, the Magdalen Asylum, the Taylors Hill Convent Day and Boarding School, and the Jeauits' Esminary, while the Churches belonging to the Dominionan, Jesut, Franciscan, and Augustinian Orders are all very fine buildings—a credit to the zeal of the derry and to the fatto of the copy.

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