

"I had the happiness of spending a whole night in prayer in the basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. I forgot none of you, my dear friends. I asked our Lord to grant each one of you the grace you need most, consolation in your sorrows, strength in your difficulties. I asked Him to bless you in the spiritual and temporal order. How well one prays there! I was reminded of all those sweet impressions this morning at Mass, while reading these words of the collect for the Feast of the Rosary: 'O God, whose only begotten Son did, by His life, death and resurrection, procure for us the prize of eternal salvation,' etc. These words present a good summary of the spirit in which we made that pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I said Mass in the grotto of

#### BETHLEHEM.

"There God became a child in the arms of a woman, of His Mother! What a soul-constraining thought! True, there are some drawbacks to this shrine of Bethlehem. Greek schismatics occupy a part of this holy place. But we turn a deaf ear to their chants and prayers, we forget all else but the sacred memories of the place. How well one says Mass there! And how lovely is

#### NAZARETH!

"There the Hail Mary was uttered for the first time by the Archangel. There the Word was made flesh. There our Lord spent most of His life. We saw the workshop where He wrought; we adored Him as a youth earning His bread in the sweat of His brow. What a lesson of humility! The childhood and youth of the Lord have left their impress on nature around Nazareth. Jerusalem is very different; it is a heap of ruins, relieved indeed to a certain extent by large Christian establishments; but the general aspect is sad. The Turks have made a wilderness of the environs; one sees nothing but bare, rocky hills, with hardly any grass. But all nature smiles in and around Nazareth. It seems still to preserve some of the sweet freshness of Christ's youth. Never have I seen so many children and so many really interesting children. Smiling nature opens the heart to gladness. Nazareth is stamped with sweet piety.

"To have seen these holy places in an abiding joy ever growing in my heart. Sacred passages in the missal and the breviary now and henceforth take on a new pregnant meaning; they now say to me much that I never fully realized before. Jerusalem will ever revive fresh memories. I thank you for having obtained for me the grace of making this pilgrimage, during which I always felt that you were with me in spirit, that I was not alone. In

#### ROME

I saw the Sovereign Pontiff, our great Pope. He is so wonderfully kind, his face positively beams with kindness, he is above all a father. His predecessor was especially a Pope for the outside world. He too radiated powerfully, but among the nations outside of Catholicism. His crowning glory is that he brought to his feet the Emperor of Germany and the King of England. For the first time since the Reformation these great rulers offered homage to the Pope. The King is reported to have said: 'They told me he was decrepit, but he is full of strength. He spoke to me of my mother, whom he had known.' The King was delighted with this interview. It was the homage paid by a whole nation. The war between England and Rome was at an end. The two powers long for truth and peace. The Emperor of

#### GERMANY

said, after his interview with the Pope: 'How foolish are the men who fight against this venerable Pontiff! These were the triumphs of Leo XIII. But now God gives us a Pope who devotes himself to the internal affairs of the family. That is why He chose him among the working clergy, that is why God chose a Pope who has been first a curate, then a parish priest, then a bishop, afterwards an archbishop. When he was elected the great ones of the earth said: 'We shall have an easy-going, commonplace man. We can do with him what we like.' But the world soon discovered that this gentle Pope is wonderfully firm and perspicacious. He treats first with the nations that are professedly Catholic. See what a victory he has won in France. No government has ever been checkmated as the present French government has in its recent conflict with the Vatican.

The enemies of the Church counted on two bishops, and both of them escaped to the feet of Pius X., who has raised the Church higher than she ever was in the last hundred years. He has proved that schism is not popular in France. Never has the Pope been so powerful, never has he reigned over hearts as he does now. Everybody in Rome is astonished at the ease with which he understands everything and goes straight to the core of every difficulty. He is as firm as he is kind. When I was admitted to a private audience with him, in my name and yours I fell down before him. It was a consolation to me to perform this act of devotion to the Pope as the representative of Christ, to tell him how much we all love him. I spoke in French. He answered in Latin with so much kindness and geniality. He realizes fully that now more than ever Catholics must understand their duties to the Church. He said to me that the bishop, priest or layman who would not interest himself in social questions would make a great mistake. We have the experience of what is happening in France. Is it because there is nothing good in France that the government expects its best children, who are welcomed by Protestant sovereigns, as in England and Germany, men of science and virtue, women of marvelous virtue? Whence this unchecked persecution the religious orders? It is because French Catholics are asleep. They could easily reconquer religious liberty. A people that has faith cannot be lost. I heard French Catholics, who witnessed our pious procession through the streets of Jerusalem, say: 'We are freer here than at home. This ought to make us love the Church more and more, it ought to urge us to feed on true doctrine and to spread the truth everywhere. No people has more faith than the Canadian people. Still there are dangers ahead. The devil is always going about the world. It behooves us to profit by the sad lesson of France. In many countries the masses of the Catholic people are becoming negligent. Let this be my principal recommendation to you all, zeal for God's glory. I myself feel more disposed than ever to labor for the cause of the Church. We live in a country which is, perhaps, the freest in the world. Let us take advantage of this to spread the Kingdom of Christ. O Lord, thou art the Master of the nations, reign thou over them, convert the wicked and the unbelievers, bring back the faith of the Crusaders, and in those who have preserved their faith, deign to increase it.

"Yes, indeed, I will bless you all. Rest assured that I never forgot you. I bear in mind especially the Very Rev. Vicar General, who, during my absence, ruled the diocese with so much tact. He took upon himself all the anxiety, thus doubling the joy of my journey. I felt as if I were still here with you. God will reward him, not only in heaven, but also on earth. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' I thank my clergy and the laity. In blessing you I impart to you the benediction of the Holy Land, taking you with me to the foot of the Cross. The Pope said to me: 'You will bless your people in my name, and I place no limit to the blessing I call down upon your people.' May this benediction give you joy, consolation and strength."

After this most consoling and thought-provoking reply, His Grace gave his solemn benediction, and returned to the palace, greeted outside the Church with renewed cheers.

#### Obituary

##### MRS. JAMES GALLAGHER.

We regret, in common with many devoted friends, the death of Mrs. James Gallagher, which occurred on the last day of September, after three weeks' illness from typhoid fever, during which she received the last sacraments at the hands of Rev. Father McCarthy, O.M.I., with perfect resignation to God's holy will.

The late Mrs. Gallagher was 35 years of age and was a daughter of the late John Kennedy. She was born in Pembroke, Ont., coming to Winnipeg in the early days of her childhood. Besides her husband, there are left to mourn her untimely demise, six little daughters, her mother, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, 252 Hargrave Street, three sisters, namely, Mrs. Barieau of Medicine Hat, Sister Mary Slecta of St. Mary's Academy, Windsor, Ont., and Miss Alice M. Kennedy of Winni-



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peg; four brothers, Joseph T. Kennedy of Butte, Montana, and Lawrence Kennedy, John Kennedy, and Aubrey Kennedy, all of this city.

The funeral took place on Sunday at 9 a.m., from her late residence, 632 Elgin Ave., to St. Mary's Church, where Rev. Father Cahill, O.M.I., officiated, and thence to St. Mary's cemetery, where Father McCarthy conducted the services.

The pallbearers were Messrs. A. H. Kennedy, J. N. Wright, E. Lafrance, J. Gage, J. Gibson and B. H. Holman. Many beautiful floral tributes were placed on the coffin, including a wreath, "Gates ajar; peace, perfect peace," from the Gallagher, Holman & Lafrance company; cross of roses from the employees at the abattoir; broken heart, J. Y. Griffin; wreath, W.K. Beck; spray, Nurse Hall; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw; spray, Mr. Jackson; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bawlf; spray, Mr. H. O'Connor; cross, Flora Enright; cross, W. Watson; cross, Mr. and Mrs. H. Holman; wreath, Mitchell & Sturgeon; spray, Mr. J. Keays; wreath, Mr. James Enright; cross, C.P.R. telegraph messengers.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. McManus, of York Ave. and Edmonton Street, over the loss of their infant son, Charles, who died on Wednesday evening. The funeral took place on Thursday at 3 p.m. from the family residence to St. Mary's Church and cemetery.

#### A CARD OF THANKS.

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To all the dear friends who showed me such great kindness on the occasion of my beloved husband's death, I return my heartfelt thanks, also to Miss Chevrier for her beautiful singing at the church, to Father Drummond, who left his college to stand by the coffin of his old friend, and to the St. Andrew's Society for their lovely floral offering, which has not before been mentioned in the papers.

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