

MAY ANNIVERSARIES.

In Literature and Art.

LUCY LARCOM. Born 1826—Died 1893.—Few names have become more familiar to American homes than that of Lucy Larcom, the singer of such simple, sweet verse, in which the soul seemed lifted up to a nearer view of the spiritual and to a closer union with all that is good in our nature. The news of her death brings sadness to all who knew her songs and were familiar with her life and work. Among her prose writings is a book, entitled "A New England Girlhood," in which she introduces us to herself, because as she says "the commonest personal history has its value when it is looked at as a part of the One Infinite Life. Our life—which is the very best thing we have is ours only that we may share it with Our Father's family at their need." We are all glad that she draws aside the veil and allows us to gaze upon a life so full of events which cannot fail to bring consolation and hope into many a heart. Born in Beverly, Mass., she was one of eight children. Owing to the death of her father, she was obliged after settling in Lowell to leave school and enter a mill where she spent nearly ten years in helping support her family. Her industry led her from the simple duty of doffer, to spinner and cloth examiner. Her spare moments were spent in study and even at seven years of age she wrote verse, and while a mill girl learned the lessons of life so admirably taught by her to others in later years. In her "Idyl of Work" as also in her "New England Girlhood" she gives admirable pictures of Factory Life fifty years ago. Here she saw examples of self sacrifice and gentleness which helped develop the character which has made her so loved by all who came beneath her influence. Her first efforts in Literature appeared in a periodical published by the female operatives in the Lowell mill in which she worked. It was also at a meeting of a literary circle among the help that she first met the poet Whittier, who became her strongest friend. How pleasant to trace her upward career, ever ambitious and ever succeeding; subsequently at school and finally a teacher of literature when her health failed and she retired to Beverly Farms, where her remaining years have been spent in literary work. She died April 19. Though not a great poet, yet she has sung songs that will live. "Hannah binding shoes," is known everywhere.

Poor lone Hannah,
Sitting at the window binding shoes.

Religious poetry had a great attraction for her, "As it is in Heaven" is a book full of her thought of the spiritual life. She was full of love for all.

"As a bird unto its nest
Flies the tired soul to Thy breast
Let not one an alien be,
Lord, we have no home but Thee."

As editor of "Our Young people," she won the admiration and love of her myriad of child readers.

What an ennobling thought comes from her life, "To take life as it is sent to us, to live it faithfully, looking and striving always towards better life," this was her encouragement. By this ideal she was able to rise from the poverty of her early home, and the humble work of a "doffer" in her mill duty, into the fulness of a womanhood with a character worthy of any true woman's imitation. In spite of difficulties she educated herself and gave an opportunity to her talents to develop into one of the sweetest singers in the language. Read her "New England Girlhood" and you must love the gentle, beautiful christian life of Lucy Larcom, whom kind hands have just laid to rest in her New England home, while the good God whom she always revered opened to her the door to that home whose beauty she so often sang.—*Editor Catholic Home and School Magazine.*

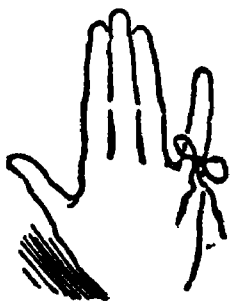
JOAN OF ARC. Born, Jan. 6, 1412, died, May 30, 1431.—There is a picture which represents a pious, simple peasant girl laying her warrior armor at the base of a pedestal while on the feet of the statue is placed her sword. The statue is of the Blessed Virgin and the maiden is Joan of Arc. Every Christian child should learn the story of this French maid, and every Christian girl should rejoice in the exploits of one of God's heroes, who, girl that she was, led the armies of France to great victories. Do you know her history? It is full of glory and sadness. Many ridicule her simple faith and call it superstition or witchcraft, while others attempt to ex-

plain by natural causes her most wonderful life. Let us recall the facts, and while doing so, let us remember that the same Providence that led the people of God unto victory over the numberless hosts of their enemies, still exerts its influence over nations. What are the facts which we find in history? Joan of Arc was a French peasant girl, born in Domremy, in the valley of the Meuse, Jan. 6, 1412. Her parents were pious, God-fearing people, and Joan was so trained up in the practices of religion that she was regarded in the village as a model girl. At thirteen years of age, she tells us, she heard a voice from heaven bidding her leave her home and go to the King and tell him that she was commissioned by God to lead his army to victory and then conduct the King to Rheims to be consecrated. Charles VII. was a weak King, his army was small, and the project was regarded by the wise men of the King's household as the ravings of an insane mind; but when Joan revealed to the King things which he thought no one but himself knew, he began to believe in her, gave her a royal commission, and the young shepherdess stood at the head of the armies, won signal victories over the English forces, rode into Orleans and Rheims, and Charles was consecrated King of France. The sign of her mission, she asserted, was to raise the siege of Orleans, which happened April 27, 1429.

At this siege she was wounded. She scaled the wall, an arrow struck her, she fell, but with the courage that was more than human, she pulled the arrow from her wound and again led the men to the final assault. The city was saved—and the Te Deum rang out from the hearts of the grateful people, who burst out into loud acclaim: "Truly she is sent by God." Other places held by the English were won from them, and Charles VII. was led to Rheims to be consecrated.

The mission was not only to place the rightful sovereign on the throne, but the restoration of peace to France and its consecration to God. Taken prisoner, she was given over to the enemies. In December she was brought to Rouen where an iron cage was made for her. With no one to advise her, she was tried before a packed tribunal, and as now appears, from irrefutable testimony, a most iniquitous proceeding. She was condemned to be burned at the stake. With piety and devotion she received the decision, and with pardon to her murderers, with the name of God on her lips, the Maid of Orleans died May 30, 1431. A few years later, in 1456, the case was reopened and her character vindicated. French history has shown her to be a martyr to her religion, her country and her King. Her character has made her dear to the French peasantry, who has honored her as a saint, and France rejoices now that Pope Leo XIII. has declared her worthy of being declared blessed.—*Editor Catholic Home and School Magazine.*

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SOUTHERN INDIA.

A Royal Visit to Mannanam.

From Illustrated Catholic Missions.

MUTHOLY, KALLAYAM, 10th March, 1893.—His Royal Highness Martanda Varma, the second prince of Travancore, visited Mannanam Convent on Feb. 26th, 1893. His Highness was accompanied by several officers of the Travancore government. Though some of the heathen officers tried to dissuade His Highness from visiting a Catholic monastery, the Prince paid no attention to their prejudices. He is a B.A. in English, and very skilled in Sanscrit and other languages. His Highness was met in the public way leading to the Convent by students of St. Ephrem's College, with banners, music, &c., and by the clerics of St. Joseph's Seminary, and received at the entrance by the Very Rev. E. A. Nidiry, the former Vicar-General, Very Rev. Fr. Prior, and other fathers of the convent, and conducted to the Convent Hall, decorated for the occasion, where two addresses were presented, one in English and one in Malayalam verses, to which His Highness delivered an appropriate reply. Afterwards he was shown over the Convent church, seminary, college, etc. His Highness was very much pleased with all he saw, and cordially thanked the Fathers for the ovation given him. He left the Convent at 6 p.m. for Yetumonoor Pagoda. His Highness was born in 1871, and is the third heir of the throne of Travancore.

His uncle, Rama Varma, G.C.S.J., F.M.U., the late Maha Rajah of Travancore, who was a great artist, sent as a present for this convent a fine large picture of the Blessed Virgin Mary, painted by himself. This was hung over the middle of the aforesaid hall.

This is the first time that a Catholic Convent in Kollayam Vicariate has been visited by a royal prince.

Mannanam Convent is the mother house of the Syro-Carmelite congregation in Malabar.

The first Catholic printing in the Malayalam language was begun in 1846.

FR. S. THOMAS.

CATHOLIC NEWS.

Queen Victoria visited the Holy Sepulchers in the Seven Churches at Rome recently.

The statue of Archbishop Feehan is in the midst of the Catholic education exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition.

The great Catholic philanthropist Reuben R. Springer, in his last will bequeathed to the Most Rev. Archbishop William Henry Elder, D. D., the magnificent sum of \$100,000, for the education of priests.

Monseigneur Satolli attended the opening of the World's Fair in his official capacity of World's Fair commissioner.

The Empress of Austria has placed at the disposal of the Pope the sum of 200,000 francs towards the expenses attaching to the reading-room of the Vatican.

The Jesuit Fathers connected with St. Francis Xavier's Church, New York, gave a record of 125 conversions to the Catholic faith during the past year.

The Catholic Truth Society of America will hold a national convention in Chicago during the same week as the great Catholic Congress.

Leo XIII. is the only Pope that ever sauntered down London's famous Piccadilly. The Pope performed the feat when, as Monsignor Pecci, he visited London in 1846.

Nazarath and Bethlem are about to feel the blessed influence of the Christian Brothers. The French Brothers of the Christian schools have already opened a home at Nazareth. Thus do the cause of education and Christian charity continue to flourish.

Monseigneur Satolli has defined his own authority very clearly in the evidence he gave last week before the vice-chancellor of New Jersey, who interrogated him, with reverence to the Swedesbore case of common notoriety. The apostolic delegate testified, and offered the Papal commission in proof of the correctness of his statements, that he has been sent to this country as the sole representative of Leo XIII. with jurisdiction over all Catholics authorities here that his decisions, or affirmances of decisions pronounced by the American bishops, are final, and that there is no

appeal from his sentence. There is nothing new of course, in this definition of the delegate's power: but it is interesting as being Monseigneur Satolli's own statement of his authority.

The Premier English Duke of Norfolk did not go to Rome only as heard of the English pilgrimage and to present his rich offering to the Pope, but his Grace had another object in view which touched his innermost heart. He is a widower, and has one delicate child, now thirteen years of age. The afflicted father seeks every possible means and implores the protection of heaven for the unfortunate heir to his enormous wealth. It was really a touching sight to see the poor father mounting the Scala Scanta on his knees with his boy in his arms.—*London Register.*

BREVITIES.

After a long debate in the House of Commons Sir Charles Dike's motion in favor of evacuating Egypt was lost without a division.

The Fathers of Mercy will this year elect a Superior General, and the heads of the various houses will assemble at Paris next July for that purpose.

Of the nine French Catholic prelates deprived last year of their stipends in consequence of their avowals of hostility to the Republic, all except one have been restored to all their rights and privileges under the French Government. The one prelate excepted is Archbishop Gouthe-Souillard, of Aix, who was tired and fined for insubordination.

The Brothers Spidon, of Italy, exhibit at the World's Show at Chicago an original model of St. Peter's made to the just proportions of Michael Angelo's designs. This artistic work was begun in the seventeenth century and completed in the last. It is more than nine yards long by four and a half across, and reproduces the minutest details of the Archbasilica, including the six hundred statues. It is estimated that its construction cost half a million lire Italian.

Some days ago at the monastery of the Good Shepard, Angers, France, twenty-five young ladies received the religious habit, and fifteen novices pronounced the vows. Amongst the latter were—Miss Nora O'Driscoll, of Valentia Island (in religion Sister Mary of Perpetual Succour), and Miss Delia Holly, of Waterford (in religion Sister Mary Magdalen. Monseigneur Mathieu, who has just succeeded to the Episcopate of Angers, vacated by the death of the late distinguished Monseigneur Freppel, presided, assisted by other ecclesiastical dignitaries.

A Prominent Lady Arrested

much attention at a Washington ball by her remarkable appearance of health. The glow of health and the charm of beauty need not depart from so many women, when a certain remedy exists in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for their functional and organic diseases. It properly cures nausea, indigestion, bloating, weak back, nervous prostration, debility and sleeplessness. Strength is renewed, energy returns, and beauty again blooms. It is purely vegetable and perfectly harmless. Druggists have it.

Writing a letter is, to many people, an irksome task, but it isn't half so irksome as it is to hear a lawyer reading your letter about five years afterwards in open court.

Parents Must Have Rest.

A President of our Colleges says: "We spent many sleepless nights in consequence of our children suffering from colds, but this never occurs now: We use Scott's Emulsion and it quickly relieves pulmonary troubles." 43-2

"Ella," said Clara, as they were seated on the verandah of their country house, "I went fishing with Charlie, this morning." "Did you? What did you catch?" "I caught Charlie."

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"Why, Tom, my dear boy, how much older you look." "All right. The fact is, I never was so old in all my life."