

cese by the Eucharistic Congress of Namur, he said that even in rural districts churches now remain open all day, visits to the Blessed Sacrament have become frequent, every morning at least one member of every family hears Mass, the number of Communions—and the number of Communicants too—has increased; many persons who had long absented themselves from Communion were brought back to the Holy Table. We lay on the Congress of Montreal our highest hopes. For twenty years we would say after each one of the great International reunions; "Oh! this one surpassed all the others and we never saw the like." I am confident that the same will be said on the day after the Congress of Montreal. The faith, the activity and the devotedness of the Catholics will render to the Eucharist a triumph superior to those of Cologne and London.

To reporters His Lordship said:

These Congresses have now taken their place, and a very conspicuous one, among the manifestations of Catholic life. They are not only meetings of Clergymen but rather conventions of the whole Christian people testifying to their faith in the Real Presence and paying solemn homage to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

In London the great meetings of the Albert Hall were composed of laymen from the catholic members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons to the workingman just issuing from the factory. Orators like the Duke of Norfolk, Mr. Charles Santley the great artist Mr. Hilaire Belloc a member of Parliament, Mr. Arthur Verhaevgen President of the Belgian Democratic League, Mr. Duret Professor in the Catholic University of Lille, etc., spoke together with Bishops of all nations. The same takes place in all Congresses. The Mayor of Cologne made a speech at the first general meeting of the Congress last year. We heard there members of the Reichstag of Germany, a Senator of the Luxembourg, etc. The audience is always very enthusiastic. The papers of England have described the scenes of London, the warm reception to Cardinal Vannutelli, the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given from the balcony of the new Cathedral of Westminster to the two or three hundred thousand crowding the place and the surrounding streets,