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## A CONVERT'S TRIAL.

Another Impression of Cardinal Manning.

"In a Walled Garden," a new volume by Bessie Rayner Belloc, affords some glimpses of celebrities of the passing generation. One of the most interesting chapters of the book deals with the auther's first meeting with Cardinal Manning,-then Dr. Manning, of Bayswater, the head of the Oblates of St. Charles Borromeo. She thus illustrates his keen sense of "the torments to which sensitive converts were exposed by the change":

He said that the wearing of the round Roman collar in the street had been a misery to him; and he told me of having said to Hope Scott as they walked away from the church where I think they had both been received simultaneously : Now my career is ended." And headded, looking at me impressively: "But where I once worked on an acre I now work on a square mile.

Madam Belloe speaks of the Cardinal's absolute titness for the high position he afterward held,-one, however, which he never expected or sought. "In 1851 he obeyed the call of conscience, and for fourteen years lived literally in obscurity. like any other ordinary ecclesiastic. He had lost himself, and his place knew him no more, so far as his Protestant fellowcountrymen were concerned; and when, in 1865, he was made Archbishop of Westminster, the appointment was greeted with a deep murmur of dissatisfaction." For he was known to be far from conciliating: his whole leaning was toward counsels of perfection; he was utterly regardless of human respect. He was not popular, and he knew it. Cardinal Manning " stood out as a landmark or a lighthouse in the troubled sea of public life. . . . Into the very marrow of the social politics of his time had he penetrated, striving to bring into them the will and words of that Saviour in whom he believed."

In the course of her sketch Madam Belloc refers to times when Cardinal Manning had felt it his duty to with stand some current thought popular among his own people, and to which he himself once alluded, saying in a tone of intense feeling: "And I bore the reproach." The writer remarks that probably none of the English converts to the Church had suffered from interior causes more deeply than Cardinal Manning, and thinks that these words would make "a worderful epitaph for his tomb."

Madam Belloc's impressions were well worth preserving, and her book appears opportunely to correct even by its meagre outline the utterly false impression which another recent writer has unwittingly given of one of the greatest among the best men of our time.—Ave Maria.

# MODERN PROGRESS.

THE REV. FATHER SLEVIN'S COURSE OF LENTEN ADDRESSES.

The Rev. Father Slevin, at the Church of the Cosu last Sunday night, continuing the course of Lenten addresses inaugurated by him on the first Sonday in Lent, discussed the subject of modern progress. He reviewed the theories advanced by prominent communistic and socialistic writers, and drew the conclusion that no true progress or enlightenment could be effected or bestowed except through Christianity. He defended the Roman Catholic Church against the attacks of its adversaries. The faith of Rome, he said, was not opposed to reason. On the contrary it was based upon the most logical and natural theories. The Church of Rome had aiways been the champion of the Irish truth. She had upheld the doctrine of Leo XIII., sent the following comthat reason and faith, liberty and aumunication to John Dillon, M. P.: thority, Church and State, were not as had been pretended, mutually hostile terms. Genuine liberty was distinct from license, and the restraint of authority was salutary in preventing the abuse of liberty. The reverend Father dwelt eloquently upon the beneficial His Holiness interrupted me, saying:—effects of Christianity in aid of the work 'Dillon is it not? Has he accepted?' I of civilization. Without Christianity, answered:—'Yes, Holy Father, and to civilization could not endure. Allusion day he charges me to lay at your feet his missionaries among the Indians of the afforded yet another illustration of the ance of your message. Then he said:well known truth, "The blood of 'Yes; I bless him, and let them be martyrs is the seed of the Church." The united, let them be united." He laid his Catholic Church had been rich in mar hand impressively on mine, evidently had caused its expansion. The creed of fruit of his blessing." the Church of Rome had been old when other creeds had been young; yet it would survive all others, and would still be found to possess the vigor of youth, when, as Macaulay had said, the New Zealander came to London to sketch the ruins of St. Paul's.

# FATHER TREPIER ON MIRACLES.

The Rev. Father Trepier preached on | year was as follows: Sunday at the Notre Dame Church on the subject of miracles. He explained the doctrine of the Roman Catholic Church on this point, quoting St. Thomas of Aquinas' definition of a miracle as "an extraordinary and genuine phenomenon, produced exclusively by God, independently of the laws which constitute the natural order of creation." Miracles are supernatural, and the supernatural is the natural sphere of the soul. When not believing in miracles the soul has lost the secret of divine life. A celebrated free thinker once said: "When I feel free thinker once said: "When I feel the faith in miracles vacillate in my parish will give a grand concert and lecsoul, I also see the image of God become ture on St. Patrick's night, March 17th, dim before my eyes. He ceases to be in aid of the orphans. The programme,

which the soul communes as with a master and a friend. And when this holy communion is interrupted, what remains to us? Reduced to the occupation of eating, drinking and making money; deprived of all prospect for the future, how puerile seems our ripe age; how sad our declining years; how senseless our agitations. Ah! be well assured, the incredulity which rejects miracles depopulates heaven and disenchants the

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH NOTES.

THE FORTY HOURS CLOSED.

On Sunday, at High Mass, the closing exercises of the "Forty Hours" devoions took place. The sacred edifice was thronged with a most attentive and devout congregation. During the procession around the Church the whole of the electric lights were simultaneously turned on; a grand effect was produced, which added brilliancy to the solemn ceremony and showed off the recent decorations of the Church to the very best idvantage. Sunday's ceremonies will be long remembered by all who had the advantage of being present.

#### ST. PATRICK'S NOVENA.

The usual Novena in honor of St. Patrick commenced last Monday night and the exercises will be continued at the usual hour in the evening, for nine nights. All the parishioners are expected to attend as much as possible in or ler to prepare, thus, for a really worthy celebration of the great national festival.

### ST. GABRIEL'S PARISH NEWS. THE PATRON SAINT.

Last Sunday the people of St. Gabriel's parish celebrated their patron's feast in t most impressive manner. High Mass was sung by Rev. Father Heffernan, assisted by Rev. Fathers Bruyere and Robillard, as deacon and sub-deacon, respectively. The sermon was preached by Rev. Father O'Meara. It was an able and earnest discourse on the grand mission of the Angels in general and of the Angel Gabriel more particularly. In the evening, at seven o'clock, solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament took place. The singing and music, under the direction of Mr. J. S. Shea and Miss O'Byrne, the or ganist, were equal to any ever heard in

# A BELL TO BE BLESSED

the church.

IN MONTREAL FOR THE CATHEDRAL AT PRINCE ALBERT.

Rev. Father Lacombe, the North-west misssionary, is organizing a fete, which is to come off in St. James' Cathedral on the evening of Sunday next on the occasion of the blessing of a new bell, east at Troy, N.Y., for the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart at Prince Albert, N.W.T., the E; iscopal Sec of Mgr. Albert Pascal. Mgr. Fabre will preside over the cere-mony, and Mgr. Laffeche, of Three Rivers, will deliver the sermon. The bell weighs 2500 pounds, and on it are the following inscriptions in Latin, French, English and Cree: Vox. Vox clamantis in deserto, Pauperes evangelisantur, Ego sum Leontina, Adelarda, Alberta; Ninaka moun-I sing; Ni matoun-I weep.

A large number of ladies and gentlemen are to be invited to act as sponsors at the ceremony.

# THE POPE'S BLESSING,

WITH A WORD OF ADVICE, CONFERRED UPON MR. DHAON.

Ballard Smith sends the following special cable despatch from London:-Monsignor Kelly, the rector of the Irish College in Rome, has, by the authority

"I am to report that, to day, after a discourse with the Holy Father, in reply to an address from the Sacred College, I said :- Holy Father, our members of Parliament have recently elected a new Chairman in the person of---.' Here day he charges me to lay at your feet his was made to the work of the Jesuit homage and felicitations, and, at the same time, to implore your benediction. West, and the results of their self- The Pope manifested, by his look and sacrificing labors. Their sufferings had attitude, particular and paternal accepttyrs, and their sacrifices of themselves wishing to inculcate unity as the desired

## ST. ANNE DE BEAUPRE. THE NUMBER OF PILGRIMS THAT VISITED

THE SHRINE LAST YEAR. La Semaine Religieuse supplies the following statistics for 1895 of the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre: Number of pilgrimages, 136. The number of pilgrims during the various months of the

January, 690; February, 570; March, 700; April, 550; May, 2500; June, 15,000; July, 45,000; August, 23,000; September, 19,000; October, 3750; November, 1500; December, 1300. Number of pilgrims by rail, 60,000; number of pilgrims by bont, 40,000; communions, 116,000; Masses, 5000; crutches, etc., left behind by the pilgrims, 100.

#### ST. MARY'S CONCERT AND LEC-TURE.

braces solos, duets, trios and instrumental music by distinguished amateurs. The lecturer will be the Rev. T. J. Slevin, S.J., whose learned and instructive sermons attracts such large congregations to the Church of the Gesuduring the Lenten season. The Rev. gentleman's subject will be: "The Irish in the past and present,—the providential sowers of faith destines by God to keep the fire which he once lit upon earth enkindled in the hearts of nations.'

## A C.M.B.A. HALL.

THE PROJECT ENDORSED BY THE OFFICERS OF THE DIFFERENT BRANCHES

There was a large gathering of C.M.B.A. members, in the Glenora Hall, last Monday evening. The regular meeting of Branch 26 was opened at half-past seven, President H.J. Ward presided, and there was a large gathering of the members of the Branch. Considerable business was transacted, including the election of three new members, and three applications for membership were received. The meeting was brought to a close about 8.30 o'clock, as by this hour those present were reinforced by the arrival of representatives of the various city branches. Grand Deputy Costigan presided. District Deputies P. Reynolds and Casimir Dandelin occupied the vicechairs, and amongst those present were President Ward, Chancellor Feeley, Branch 26; President Polan, Branch 50; Chancellor O'Brien, Secretary Daley, Branch 54; Chancellor Coffey, President John Penfold, Branch 74; Chancellor Dandelin and Bro. Carle, Branch 83; President Spedding, Branch 130; President Girard and Chancellor Potevin, Branch 142; Sec. H. Kieffer, Branch 143; President C. E. Olivier and Bro. Beautieu, Rranch 190; President A. T. Martin, Branch 226; President G. A. Carpenter, Secretary Choquette and Bro. Ireland, Branch 232; Chancellor T. J. Firm A. D. McGillis, Bres. L. E. Simoneau, D. J. McGillis, J. E. Shortall, T. J. Kayanagh, J. Quinsey, G. A. Gadbois, M. Eagan, James Milloy T. R. Stevens, J. R. Nagle, M. Sharkey James O'Toole, J. A. Hartenstein, Wm Palmer, Joseph Gould, E. P. Ward and a heree number of others.

The Grand Deputy briefly explained the objects of the meeting, which were, firstly, to take into consideration the advisability of the branches within the district entering into arrangements for the erection of a central C. M. B. A. hall. Chancellor J. Coffey was unanimously elected secretary. Grand Chancellor Finn was called on, and briefly addressed the meeting. He stated that there were 17 Branches of the Association in Montreal, with a membership of over 1300 None of the branches had a bull which they could call their own. This matter had often been discussed before, but no definite action had ever been taken. Years ago the strength of the C. M. B. A. was not what it was now, and the tim for action in the matter had arrived.

Chancellor O'Brien, of Branch 54, followed, and, in a few eloquent remarks. endorsed Chancellor Finn's stand. Chancellor Simoneau, Spedding, Girard. Potevin, A. D. McGillis, Brothers Penfold, Coffey, Carpenter, Sharkey, Eagan. and nearly all present, spoke tavorably of the project, and, on motion of Chancellor O'Brien, seconded by President Carpenter, the object was endorsed by the meeting, and the presidents present were requested to take the sense of the members of their branches on the subject, and report at a subsequent meeting. A motion was also adopted tending to the formation of a joint stock company to carry out the project. President Martin made a brief address, in the course of which he made some valuable aggestions. On motion of Chancellor O'Brien, the second Monday in April was appointed to receive the reports of the branches.

# ST. MARY'S PARISH RETREAT.

The Retreat for the men will open on Passion Sunday, March 22nd, and close on Palm Sunday, March 29th. We beg of the men to make a memorandum of the date and take a firm resolution to tollow the holy exercises from beginning to end. All will derive infinite benefit therefrom. Yes all, the fervent, the lukewarm and the sinners.

The obligation for every Catholic of making his Easter duty should render the retreat doubly welcome at the above mentioned date. To those who, in the past, have misunderstood or disregarded this solemn obligation, we make a special appeal.

Does the sting of remorse grawing your conscience remind you of serious transgressions? Come to the Retreat and your conscience will find repose with the healing of your soul.

Rev. Father Klauder will have a word of wisdom and of consolation for all and will not have lost the secret of sending all home better and happier men. The ladies are also again reminded of

the reception of members into the So-dalities of the Holy Rosary and the Children of Mary, which has been promised for the same occasion. The date of this double ceremony has been fixed for Palm Sunday, March 29th. By the attendance at that celebration Rev. Father Klauder is to pronounce judgment on the result of his Retreat preached in St. Mary's last December.

# ST. GABRIEUS PARISH MISSIONS.

Rev. Father O'Meara, the zealous pastor of St. Gabriel's Church, has secured the services of the Rev. Fathers Doherty and O'Bryne, two most successful Jesuit missionaries, to open a mission for the women of the congregation on Sunday, the God, free and living; the God with | which is varied and entertaining, em- | March 15th, and another for the men, on | Santa Fe in New Mexico. Brother | condemned.

Sunday, March 22nd. These two talented missionaries have preached number less retreats and missions during the past few years, and, no doubt, the people of St. Gabriel's will take advantage of their presence to profit by the instructions given.

#### RELIGIOUS NEWS.

The Catholic Italians of Detroit, Mich. are about to establish a parish of their

St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore, by a compromise with the heirs of Frederick Lange, will receive \$60,000.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites has rected a fresh Prefecture-Apostolic in King Williamsband, New Gninea. The vacancy in the executive com-

mittee of the Catholic University has been filled by the election of Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul. Mgr O'Connell, late rector of the Am rican College, is at Cairo as the guest of

Mrs. MacTavish, nee Wintield Scott. He is improved in health. Archibishop Ireland has been elected and has accepted a position as vice

president on the executive committee of the anti-saloon league. According to La Vera Roma the next onsistory has been fixed definitely for April, and the Nuncios at Paris, Midrid,

Asbon and Vienna will be created Cardinals. Mr. Lawrence Pendergast d ed recently this home in Derrygrath in Ireland. His brother is pastor of Tallow, three o

his sons are priests, and two daughters nuns in the Presentation Order. Preparations are being made for the elebration of Archbi-hop Elder's Golden lubilities. As the actual date, March 20. falls on Palm Sunday, the eclebration

will take place later, probably in May. Madame Ste, Lucie, the reversed Mather Provincial of the Nans of Jesus Mary n India, is now on her visitation to the Bombay Province, and has opened a new house of the order at some distance

rom Poona. The work of St. Joseph's Society among the colored people of Virginia now has wo priests, thirteen sisters, two layteachers, two churches, three schools and one orbhan asylum. The field is impremer and the preaus are scanty

In the Catholic churches of the Roman communion in Balgaria on a recent Sunday no prayers were offered for Prince Ferdinand. The government paper. Mir, at Sofia, has published a violent ar icle against the Pope and the Catholic

Rev. Father Patrick Cusack, paster of St. Patrick's Church, London, is said to be one of the heirs to a fortune placed at \$15,000 000, left by an old bachelor mele Matthew Cusick of Australia The latter left Ireland about 50 years ago and nothing was heard of him until a few years since.

Rt. Rev. Edward McColgan, Vicar General of the Baltimore archdiocese met with a painful accident recently while descending to the basement of St Peter's Church where he says Mass very morning. He lost his balance on the narrow stairway and fell in such a manner as to snap the ligaments of his

The constitution of a new religious order has been recently approved by the Holy Father. It is the congregation of Priests of the Blessed Sacrament, which was approved ad tempus by Pope Pins IX., but which has now received its approbation in perpetuity. It is a French order and was founded by Very Rev. Pierre Julien Evmard.

Madrid has lost one of its most illustrious preachers by the death of Jose Maria Mon, who for years had been a member of the Jesuit Order, but left it some time ago. In his last days, at his carnest request, he was re-admitted, and received on his death all the consolations of religion from the hands of his fellowpriests and Brothers of the order.

A cable dispatch from Rome announces the appointment of Rev. Michael J. Hoban as coadjutor to Bishop O'Hara of Scranton, with the right of succession. Owing to his great age, Bishop O'Hara asked for an assistant six months ago. The new Bishop is pastor of St. Leo's Church of Ashley, and is about 43 years of age. He was educated in Rome and travelled extensively.

St. Joseph's Colored Mission Union, of Virginia, has issued an interesting report of its work during the past years. The union now has two priests, thirteen sisters, two lay teachers, two churches, three schools and an orphan asylum. All these depend for their support on charity. In Richmond, in 1803, the number of baptisms was twenty-five; in 1894, thirty-seven, and during the last year, seven-five

Representative William H. Grain of Texas died in Washington on February 10. He was but forty-eight years of age and was a graduate of St. Francis Xavier's College in New York. The last debate in which Mr. Crain took a conspicuous part was on the 6th inst., when he gallantly defended the appropriation to Catholic denominational institutions in the District of Columbia, against the A. P. A. attack led by Representative Hainer of Nebraska.

# GOING SOUTH.

REV. BROTHER BERNARD'S DEPARTURE FOR NEW MEXICO.

We learn from New York exchanges

Bernard is well known in this city and was for years connected with Mount St Lonis College. During the past five years he has been connected with the De la Salle institute, New York, occupying the post of vice-president. Ill health having come upon him it was found necessary that he should go South for a time to recuperate. His host of triends in Canada will learn with pleasure his early restoration to strength and health. Brother Bernard has our best wishes for his journey, and we hope to see him again amongst us, before long, as active and as well as ever.

ST. PATRICK'S T. A. & R. SOCIETY. A PROPOSAL TO AMALGAMATE WITH SISTER SOCIETIES CONSIDERED.

The regular monthly meeting of St Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, held on Sunday afternoon, at St. Patrick's, was large attended. Father McCallen, Rev. President of the society, conducted the religious services and preached a most doquent sermon on Self-Denial. After he sermon the Rev. Father administers ed the pledge of total abstinence to a lage number.

Mr. M. Sharkey presided at the business meeting. Several new members were admitted to the benefit branch. Mr. Costigan submitted the remote sand reports of the Committee of Management, vinch were adopted.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASS THE LARGE TO THE WALL OF THE PATRICK'S Church, on the memory of the Street when the Control of the Seventeenth, will have the advantage of the Seventeenth. seventeenth, will have the givantance of the orbithe Ross. Attain Wages grand masterd and developed treat. Har not be single serve is tredescent of the occasion, the Messe Solomelle devotion. We like a imagine conserve sical composition of great difficulty. This Mass is very popular in France and i-

The singers are preparing it very carefully, and it is considered one of the best efforts since the reorganization and augmentation of the choir. At present the hoir membership is over sixty and the theory and singing lessons, given every Monday, by Professor Fowfer, are producing excellent results

The solos, duets and other part pieces of the Mass will be given by Messrs, J.J. Rowan, F. Cahill, D. McAndrew, O. Brennan, G. A. Carpenter, and T. Wright, baritones; Messrs, J. Murray, and M. Corcoran, bassos. At the Offertory, a "Gratias Agamus" will be song by Messrs, J. J. Rowan and C. Smith.

Professor Fowler, as usual, is putting forth his best efforts to make the musical service worthy of the grand occasion. During the service, Professor Fowler will render some of the sweetest of Irish melodies on his magnificent new organ.

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY MUSIC.

The members of St. Gabriel's parish have secured the services of the only Irish Band in the city for the Seventeenth. It is the St. Gabriel's Indepen dent Fife and Drum Band. Mr. E. O'Donnell is the leader.

The splendid 65th Brass Band has been engaged by the County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for St.

Patrick's Day. St. Ann's T. A. & B. Society has also secured a first class band for the parade on the Seventeenth.

# PERSONAL.

Miss Annie Egan, daughter of Sergeant Egan, of Grand Trunk Street, Point St. Charles, has been quite ill for a couple of weeks past. The True Witness wishes the young lady a speedy recovery and restoration to her usual good health.

# CLERICAL APPOINTMENTS.

The Archbishop of Montreal has made the following appointments: Very Rev. Father A. Dion, of the Order of the Holy Cross, care of St. Laurent; Rev. Abbe C. O. Mousseau, vicar at St. Constant; Rev. Abbe A. Champoux, vicar at Vercheres.

WHEN Zola next attempts to enter the French Academy he will be met with an anthology of the objectionable words that Rev. Brother Bernard, of the and phrases in his works. Out of his Christian Brothers, is about to leave for own mouth shall the blasphemer be

## LOURDES.

The Lesson of the Apparition to the Waid Bernadette.

The appointion of the Blessed Virgin to the maid Bernadette at Lourdes was a powerful confirmation of Catholic faith and an impressive stimulus to devotion to the Queen of Heaven. That was a most telling, practical argument which M. Lasserre presented to the infidel writer, Zola, who made the most plans ible professions of a desire to do justice to the subject which he had gone to Lourdes to " write up."

M. Lasserre began by taking him to the little cottage where the humble peasant girl first saw the light, and where all the surroundings indicatedpoverty, simplie ity, and an atter absence of worldly wisdom and worldly ambition. Having shown him the early surroundings and the simple character and eccupations of the maid, M. Lasserre conducted the movelist to the scene of the apparition, and showed him the Gretto where the Blessed Virgin had appeared, new sur rounded on all sides to stacks of crutelies cames and inclination, appliances of every kind and shape for the relief of tametress and dispertion of firm's pass or or aby the hundred, all presenting speaking expectage title most worder to there they the extraordinary spring Mr. dotte. Wash. the Committee of which had tested buttoucher in the Management were instructed to the city of Borolette. In solid into a transportation of the committee of the following the city of the committee of the committ formation of realization with the sister | the major that at his a condition for all agreeted by the lattle of his time are of imposite theory the place for the

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by J. H. Newry, will be rendered for a drawn by the neverticus influence arst time in Montreal. It is a stored as which seemed to prevade the familiate a as they viewed the right maid white slo kinds in absorbed devotion, saying her song in many of the Parisian churches. Resary in presence of the Queen of Heaven. Who can begin to comprehe d. much less to appreciate, the mysterious supernatural communication that took place between the Immaculate Virgin and the elect soul of that dear simple, unsophisticated child? We can not discorn that glorious form, but we can see its effects upon the child. We can see the radiance that beams from her countenance, the rapt contemplation, the absorbed devotion, the appearance of ecstatic joy, -in fact, the complete transformation of the humble shepherdess for the time being into an inhabitant almost of another world,-a world of light, of bliss, ofglory, with which she is in ecstatic communication. We feel the attraction; we are profoundly impressed, and irresistibly drawn toward this extraordinary scene. We instinctively prostrate ourselves with the multitude, who also seem spellbound by this striking glim; se

of the supernatural. But if such is the effect of this dim shadow, as it were-this momentary glimpse of an imperfect reflection of the transcendent beauty, majesty and leveliness of the glorious Queen of Heaven,— oh, what must be the full and unclouded vision! How does the devont soul long for that sweet and holy union and communion which takes it out of itself and elevates it above the evanescent pleasures of this abode of sin and sorrow, and gives it a foretaste of the joys that never end in the immediate presence and beatific vision of God, of Jesus, and His Blessed Mother, and of all the glorified

spirits in heaven! We do not forget that this radiant effulgence of the Blessed Virgin is but the reflection of that of her Divine Son. In and of herself she is nothing: that which gave her her peculiar glory is the fact that she is the highly-favored Mother of this Divine Son—bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh; and our confidence in her intercession arises out of the fact that this relation gives her great influence with her Son. Of the intercesion of the saints in heaven, of coure, we have not the slightest doubt. That granted, it necessarily follows that the prayers of the Blessed Mother of Jems, the Saint of saints, will be speci-

ally powerful with her kon.

The apparition of Lourdes confirms our faith, attracts our hearts, kindles our love, and inspires new ander of devotion; because it is an assured foreglimpse, so to speak, of the transcendent beauty, clory and happiness of heaven. Ave Maria.

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