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PENITENTS' PARADE INTERESTING MEDIEVAL

By Rev. J. Van der Heyden Despite the modernizing spirit, little Belgium, with its numerous quaint traditional religious ceremonies, which neither time, not wars, nor changed conditions and conceptions succeeded in eliminating, remains charmingly archaic.

SURVIVAL

There is for instance the peniten-tial procession of Furnes, medieval if anything, yet, notwithstanding all the vicissitudes of changing times, repeated year after year with a fervor ever new. This famed re-ligious street demonstration is a combination of the mystery plays and the penitential processions of the Middle Ages. The marchers in the pageant wear either gorgeous costumes of a dead past or dark, hooded gowns and masks.

There are groups in line representing events and personages from the Old and the New Testament; the First Parents' Fall, the Patriarchs, the Prophets, John the Baptist, Herod's Court, the Saviour's Entrance into Jerusalem, etc. Then there are floats with tableaux vivants of the Nativity, the Adoration of the Magi, the Flight into Egypt, of Jesus teaching the Doctors of the Law, and of other Biblical events. The series is closed with the scene of Our Lord carrying the Cross. He is helped by Simon of Cyrene, for the occasion a sturdy Flemish peasant, who, to make sure of accomplishing properly his part in peasant. the religious cortege, is as likely as not, and quite unconscious of the anachronism, to count the beads of

his Rosary.

The end is not yet; for here comes a cohort of Roman warriors mounting stalwart Flemish steeds. The horsemen are brawny men from the country, ill at ease in their multi-colored rig-out. A clangor of irons and chains, the guardsmen's heavy thumps with antique halberds upon the paved streets, the measured rat-a-tat of muffled drums, achieve the realism of a shifting panorama heralding the approach of the two thieves clad in somber garb and shouldering heavy crosses. Following the Good Thief, there is a long line stretching as for almost long line, stretching as far almost as the eye can see, of gowned and masked figures, each one carrying his or her cross; for women as well as men take part in this penitential The women wear a coarse, black, hooded gown and the men a dark brown. As they step along, they repeat: Zyn kruis wel dragen, is God behagen: "To carry one's cross cheerfully, is pleasing to God."

In and between the different living groups there are also statues, and floats with clusters of statues, sculptured ages ago, primitive of form and expression: Jesus scourged at the Pillar, and in front of Him a soldier with outstretched tongue; St. Peter's denial; Jesus before Pilate, etc. The statues are carried, the floats dragged, by penitents in mask and cloak. Among them are members of the foremost families of the city and of the neigh-

boring towns. At intervals along the line of

whom the Flemish primitives, a Memling or Matsys, used as models for their paintings.

It is all exceedingly impressive and the crowds that line the sidewalks look on in unbroken silence, at times even with bated breath, at the passage of the group of the Nativity escorted by Angels singing the glad alleluia of man's redemption or of the group commemorative of Jesus' triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, which bursts forth in an exultant hosanna to the "Blessed One who cometh in the Name of the Lord." The words of the songs and the dialogues, more or less modernized, date from the year 1696. Both songs and dialogues more lessed on the dialogues are allogically as a solow must necessarily come to those dear members of the family who assisted at that first the end of the Mass solos were beautifully rendered by Miss Minnie Gay, and Mr. James Gallagher. Rev. Father Quirk, S. J., officiated at the grave. The spiritual and floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The pall-bearers were. M-ssrs J. Harris, J. M. Dooley, J. Sweeney, R. J. Hanlon, W. P. Foote, J. Ryan, J. E. Phelan, G. L. Bush. May his soul rest in peace.

SHOW STRONG TREND TO ROME

TO ROME

INTELLECTUAL CLASSES ARE stood as they are wafted along the course of the meandering procession to the thousands of pious on-lookers and listeners.

With haught else in view but the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

The initiating years of her teaching career were spent in St.

adoring "the God with us." The noise now is of tinkling bells, and of

among His Own.

The tramp of the gendarmes' horses following the dais rouses from the pious reverie, recalls to the reality that the procession is no more; that once again the command issued by Baldwin Bras-de-Fer in the year 870 has been fulfilled and that you are invited to enjoy with the Flemish burghers the kermess which is the traditional complement of the religious festivity.

died in the harness; for sne left field post of duty but a short time ago to take a much needed rest.

Her devoted brother, Reverend D. R. Macdonald, Pastor of Glen Nevis, spent anxious hours beside her death bed during the last few days of her mortal life. At 9 p. m. Sunday, the 3rd inst., she passed away peacefully and trustfully into the arms of her Creator, whose call to render account of the inestimable gifts of the religious life, was

If there is any one quality of the mind in which the really great have conspired, as it were, to surpass other men, it is moral courage.

OBITUARY

VERY REV. DEAN R. C. LEHMANN The Very Rev. Dean Rudolph C. Lehmann died at St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph, on Thursday evening, December 7th. His remains were taken to Mildmay on Saturday. The funeral took place there on Wednesday, Dec. 13th. The Right Rev. J. T. Kelly, V. G., was the colaborate at the solemn ent in the sanctuary. The remains were interred in the Mildmay cemetery. The Very Rev. Rudolph C. Lehmann was born at Osnabrueck, Germany, on Jan. 12, 1870. He began his studies in Germany. In 1886 he came to America to his uncle Father Steinlage who was parish priest of Piqua, Ohio. Jerome's College, Kitchener, going to the Grand Seminary, Montreal, in 1891. He was ordained priest on Aug. 5, 1894. For a little more than a year he was assistant at the cathedral, Hamilton, and then was appointed pastor of Carlsruhe. From 1898 to 1901 he was teaching final at St. Laryme's College, Kitchener. 1886 he continued his studies at St. at St. Jerome's College, Kitchener; he was afterwards at Deemerton and Macton, and took charge of the parish of Mildmay in 1903. For over twelve years he labored faith-fully in this parish; the stately Church of the Sacred Heart, Mildmay, built in 19 2 under his care is a monument to his zeal and administrative ability. He was a gifted speaker and did not spare himself in looking after the spirit-ual interests of his parishioners. He was also a musician of pro-nounced ability. Ill health com-pelled him to resign his charge in 1915. After several years of sickness he recovered to some extent and was appointed parish priest of Hanover in June, 1921. He resigned on account of sickness, in Aug. 1st, 1922, and retired to St. Joseph's

SISTER MARY OF ST. COLUMBA Happy brides in spotless gar-

Hospital, Guelph, where he died

Close beside our Lord we throng; Where the Lamb goes, there we While we sing the unknown song."

This divine promise made by the heavenly Spouse in the Book of Canticles should bring supreme consolation to the Religious Family of Holy Cross that mourns today the loss of one of its most cherished

Sister Mary of St. Columba, (Catherine Julia Macdonald,) the eldest daughter of a noted Glengarry family, entered the Convent of the Sisters of Holy Cross, after having spent her school years under the direction and the tuition of the same religious body in St. Margaret's Convent Alexandria

year 1696. Both songs and dia-logues are clearly heard and under-with naught else in view but the

lookers and listeners.

Stirred by the sentiments expressed they fall upon their knees to a man when the long rows of cross bearers and impersonators have passed and the priest carrying the Sacred Host treads along under a rich baldachin of gold brocade. Reverential awe holds the multitude adoring "the God with us." The

adoring "the God with us." The noise now is of tinkling bells, and of clinking censers, whence ascends the sweet perfume of incense, a figure of the prayers ascending from the hearts of thousands kneeling to the Lord of Hosts treading among His Own.

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For two days the body lay in state in one of the Community

continues to claim the master minds of the nations. They know that right through history marches a magnificent procession of Catholic geniuses. They know that art, literature, and science would be poor indeed without the Catholic Church. They know that Europe, outside Germany, is nothing if it is not Catholic.

"The conversion of a Chesterton, who has followed the lead of his deceased and distinguished brother, again recalls the towering English minds which of recent years have

reception rooms during which time the Sisterhood kept a prayerful the Sisterhood kept a prayerful guard of honour. Reverend D. R. Macdonald chanted the Requiem

Mass. Present in the sanctuary were: Very Reverend George Cor-bett, Vicar General of the Diocese of Alexandria, Rev. Dr. J. E. McRae, Alexandria; Rev. Father Hingston, S. J., Rector of Loyola College; there on Wednesday, Dec. 13th.
The Right Rev. J. T. Kelly, V. G., was the celebrant at the solemn obsequies and Rev. C. W. Brohmann preached the sermon; there were also about twenty-five priests present in the sanctuary. The remains Novices of the Presentation Brothers, Montreal. Surrounding the bier were Mrs. H. R. Macdonald, the venerable mother of the deceased, and her two daughters, Mrs. A. L. Bishop and Miss Agnes Macdonald. Two Sisters of Providence, and several friends of Glen Nevis, and a delegation of pupils from Mount Royal Academy were also present.

The Community of Holy Cross, the Boarding School of over two hundred students, with the teaching staff also paid their last tribute of respect to the departed one. remains were then carried to their final resting place in the Community

RICHARD PIGOTT At St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph,

early Wednesday morning, Nov. 29th, there passed away a highly esteemed citizen of Guelph in the person of the late Richard Pigott. The deceased, who had been in failing health for the past year, suffered a paralytic stroke four weeks ago. He died fortified by all the rites of the Catholic Church, of which he was a devoted member. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a charter member of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association. The deceased was born in Trafalgar Township, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pigott. Later he moved to the farm on the Elora Road adjourning the Jesuit Novitiate. For some years he con-ducted a stove and hardware busi-ness on the Market Square and later engaged as salesman in the carriage and implement business. His many sterling qualities and kindliness of heart endeared him to a wide circle of friends, while in his family life he was a most devoted husband and father. Besides his widow there survive four daughters. Margaret of the Guelph Collegiate Staff, Teresa of the Simpson Co. Office Staff; Celestine and Mertina of the Guelph Separate School Staff. The following members of his family predeceased him; a brother M. A. Pizott of Hamilton; four sisters, M. M. Ignatius of St. Joseph's Community; M. M. Basilla of Loretto Community, Mrs. J. Holman and Mrs. J. McLaughlin.

The funeral was held from his late residence, 84 Cambridge St., direction and the tuition of the same religious body in St. Margaret's Convent, Alexandria.

She was then a beautiful young maiden of twenty, endowed with an ample share of those rare qualities of mind and body that mark those women around whom center the same research to pay a lest the same religious body in St. Margaret's Convent, Alexandria.

Italie residence, 84 Cambridge St., Guelth, on Friday morning, Dec. 1, to the Church of Our Lady, where Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Doyle, S. J., as deacon, and Rev. Father Corinor, S. J., as sub-deacon. A large number of the same religious body in St. Margaret's Convent, Alexandria. women around whom center the adulations of the world. Hearken-At intervals along the line of march, a penitent's mask has dropped and his hood fallen back upon the shoulders and you are startled to see a stubble-bearded face, a cropped-hair head and stern rigid eyes that recall the faces you saw upon canvas in the museums of Antwerp, Bruges and Ghent; and you may find yourself wondering if they are the descendants of men they are the descendants of men the mass admitted to the religious profession August 15, 1888. What hallowed reminiscences of mingled ing to the voice of conscience that called her to a life of religious perfection, she left home with all its joys, its comforts, and its hopes, in order to give a loyal and life-long schools attended in a body while schools attended in a body while deed, a wonderful thing as we there were representatives of the following: The Knights of Columbus; the C. M. B. A., the Separate Schools attended in a body while deed, a wonderful thing as we walk about, to think that "we have following: The Knights of Columbus, the C. M. B. A., the Separate Schools attended in a body while deed, a wonderful thing as we walk about, to think that "we have following: The Knights of Columbus, the C. M. B. A., the Separate School Board, the Board of Education, the Guelph Collegiate Institute. The music was rendered by the boys' choir, with Miss Rose Gay presiding at the organ. At the loyal and to pray to the schools attended in a body while deed, a wonderful thing as we walk about, to think that "we have schools attended in a body while of collega." ing to the voice of conscience that and to pray for the repose of his called her to a life of religious person. The children of the Separate

INTELLECTUAL CLASSES ARE WELL REPRESENTED

"The souls of kings and peasants The souls of kings and peasants are of equal value in the eyes of the Catholic Church, and the conversion of a litterateur means no more to her than that of a laborer," says the Freeman's Journal (Catholic) of Sydney, Australia. "If Mr. G. K. Chesterton has returned to the faith of his fathers he alone is to be congratulated. But there is a lesson for those outside the Church in the steady stream of intellectuals who are passing from doubt and dark-ness as they follow the lead of the 'kindly light.' It is a complete answer to the silly charge that Rome only flourishes where ignor-ance and superstition abound.

MASTER MINDS OF NATIONS "Of course, educated men know that the Church has claimed and continues to claim the master minds

decided against the claims of the Protestant Church, born of the Reformation. It is a long list, if we begin only with Newman, and we begin only with Newman, and we have the curious spectacle in England, a Protestant country by law established of a Catholic aristocracy in the higher walks of intellectual life—an aristocracy daily being added to as thoughtful sons of Oxford and Cambridge seek the safe haven behind the Rock of Peter. In America to cultured Peter. In America, too, cultured converts are also seeking new and permanent moorings so numerously that the non-Catholic Churches show dismay.

"How, we wonder, would those who decry our Church explain these extraordinary happenings? No matter how they slander the Irish people they can hardly charge a Manning, a Lucas, an Aubrey De Vere, a Benson, a Burnand or a Kinsman with mental darkness. Most of them have much to lose Most of them have much to lose socially and sentimentally, if not financially, by going over. It was the urging of an earnest spirit, after the fullest and most complete enquiry, which brought men like those we have mentioned into the Catholic fold. Logic convinced them it was the Catholic Church or none which was founded by Our Lord Jesus Christ. They were given the grace to recognize the divine marks.

THE ONLY CLAIMS

"We would like some of our local politicians to recall the intellectual eminence of these latter-day converts to Catholicity before they again speak evilly and blatantly of Catholic ideals. For if the Catholic Church is the Church of the ignorant and unilluminated ant and unilluminated, as some of these sectarians infer on the platform, how comes it, we ask again, that the brightest minds of the age are voluntarily seeking sanctuary

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DIED

SINNETT.-At her late residence 475 De St. Valier Street, Montreal, Que., Mrs. Michael Sinnett, aged fifty-three years. May her soul rest in peace.

IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Annie Mulligan, who died 14 December, 1902, at her home 24 Parliament St., Dublin, Ireland, Inserted by her son John, Chatham,

THE MASS

It is always a pleasant thing to have been at Mass; it sweetens and savours the whole day. It is, indeed, a wonderful thing as we walk about, to think that "we have seen the Lord"—seen Him with our own ever withing a few feet of Him.

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