

functions should be as frequent and as striking as possible, for all this, and incomparably more can prove but a trifling requital for the overwhelming measure of divine love wasted upon mortals. But the present *Intention* is of such vital importance that it overshadows all else; and we dare affirm that those who live in remote country districts, isolated, even, from other League Associates will have it in their power, this month at least, to bring joy to the Heart of Our Lord as effectually as if they attended the June services where they are celebrated with the greatest pomp and magnificence. One thing alone is required—that they pray with all the fervour of their souls and unceasingly for *Union among Catholics* in our own land, and all the world over.

The trials and sorrows of the Church are mainly due to the want of that union; or, at least, it is true to say, that her enemies have found it possible to afflict her because her children are not united. This holds good for every nation of Christendom, it holds good for our own country. An injustice has been perpetrated in our midst, on our co-religionists, and so far it has been impossible to right it, owing to dissensions among Catholics. This month, the month of the Sacred Heart, the voice of the people will make itself heard. The sound it will give forth will depend upon the stand Catholics take. If they stand together the injustice cannot be perpetuated; on the contrary, if they set personal or party interests before those of Holy Church, the result will entail the most disastrous consequences on the dearest interests of the loving Heart of Our Lord for the present, and for generations yet unborn. We think that our Associates now fully understand us when we attach so much importance to unremitting prayer for this month's intention, and give it more prominence than all the ceremonies, be they ever so dazzling in magnificence, which generally accompany our June devotions.