

TIME FOR ACTION BY KNIGHTS.

The situation of the Catholics in France requires prompt action by the Knights of Columbus. The eloquent Father Fidelis lamented the fact that the American Federation of Catholic Societies and the Knights of Columbus were not in France to take up the burden of militant Catholicism not to defend the Church.

It is a time when knighthood is needed for the defense of the faith in that country. We Knights of Columbus are thousands of miles away from the scene of the conflict between infidelity and the grand old Church. But we can make our shots tell as forcefully as if we were on the ground.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES.

As Christmas is the feast of the children and of the family, inevitably, when it comes around, memory goes back to days of old. Who does not remember Christmas as it was in the days of his childhood?

PRE-CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

Once again the blessed Christmas-tide draws nigh when the Christian world seeks respite from care and the spirit of unrest; and the larger heart and kinder hand of humanity are everywhere in evidence.

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

But Christmas is especially and so prominently children's day. It is theirs by every right, human and divine. Then, indeed, the words of Christ, "Suffer little children to come unto Me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven," have an emphasized, tender significance.

ADVENT.

The last month of the year ushers in the holy season of Advent. The word advent implies a coming, and is used by our Holy Mother, the Church, to designate the season of devotion and religious preparation for Christmas, the birthday of our dear Lord and Master.

Let us pray for those to whom the season of Advent brings tears and yearning. Let us be generous as we pray during Advent, which brings us such sweet and holy thoughts of the coming of the dear Babe of Bethlehem.

With Advent comes the last month of the year and we are constrained to look backward. Perhaps we shall gaze on days of sorrow and think of the loved ones that in the past year have been taken from us, or it may be that we shall think of the happy days now gone, when the goodness and the mercy of God were so manifest even to our dull understanding.

MEDITATIONS ON THE ROSARY.

The body of Jesus was taken from the cross by Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea and laid in a beautiful new sepulchre and His blessed mother attended Him there with all the neatness and gentleness of a loving mother's hand.

THE RESURRECTION.

Forty days after His resurrection, during which period He constantly appeared unto His chosen apostles and instructed them concerning the government, ministrations and sacraments of the Church, He led them out to a hill near Bethany and lifting up His hands, the same hands still marked by the wounds from the nails, He blessed them, and said: "All power is given unto Me in Heaven, and on earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and lo! I am with you all days, even to the consummation of the world."

THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

When the days of Pentecost were accomplished, they were all together in one place; and suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

And there appeared to them parted tongues as it were of fire, and it sat upon every one of them; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak.

THE ASSUMPTION.

Fifteen years after the death of her divine Son, the Blessed Virgin died. Her death took place in Jerusalem in the same room in which Our Lord had instituted the Blessed Sacrament.

THE CORONATION.

The Blessed Virgin, after her glorious assumption into heaven where she was received by millions of angels, was crowned by her Divine Son as Queen of all the angels and saints, and the holy Church on earth also calls her as her Mother and her Queen.

MODERN CHARITY EXPLAINED.

THOUGH LITTLE UNDERSTOOD IT MEANS PURE POLITICS, GOOD GOVERNMENT AND SANITARY LAWS. On a recent Sunday the Rev. M. J. Riordan, of St. Charles' church, Pikesville, Md., delivered an eloquent sermon on the beauty and glory of "Charity."

A Good Present.

Christmas and New Year are propitious times for the moderate drinkers as well as the teetotalers to make themselves presents in taking the pledge of total abstinence.

To be good and disagreeable is high reason against virtue.—Anon.

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