

The QUIET HOUR

THE ANGELIC HOUR. (By William Hendrix, S.J., in Ave Maria.)

Ave Maria! Linger, dying. Fades the day in mystic gloom; Soft o'er the downs the westwind's sighing.

GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOR. (Catholic Union and Times.)

Charity, or the love of God and the love of our neighbor, is frequently taught us in Holy Writ, and more particularly by the great apostle to the Gentiles who said: "If I should distribute all my goods to the poor, if I should give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

We are to love God. This the holy scriptures tell us upon every page, but we have a reason likewise from our very selves. We are so constituted that we like that in which we behold beauty, goodness and power.

What, finally, can we say of His power? We need but let the heavens and earth bespeak its praises. The sun by day, the moon and stars by night light up the surrounding glory.

Thus our very natures, as well as the scriptures, tell us that we ought to love God. And though it ought to be sufficient to induce us, the very honor we enjoy in being permitted to love Him, still the effects which follow from so doing cannot fail if considered, to bring us to it.

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we are free from the sorrow and tribulation they engender. We rather kiss the hand that smites us and bear the cross that we may one day wear the crown.

He is showering on us His most precious gifts. We ought, then, in turn give Him the little we have at our disposal. Ever present, ever ready, ever inclined and alone able to fulfill our wants to Him, then, must we look if we would have peace of body and soul, "peace here and peace hereafter," or, as the apostle says, "In Him we are to live, move and have our being."

Now, to get back a little, we see that while we are to love God, we are also to love man. Charity to our neighbor is of equal moment with charity toward God. When our Lord said you should love God with thy whole heart, with thy whole soul and with all thy strength, he added, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

VISIT TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

What love for us the Sacred Heart of Jesus has ever felt and how forcibly that love is shown in the institution of the Most Blessed Sacrament of His precious Body and Blood!

This abiding presence explains the heroism, the saintliness, the self-sacrifice that are found through all the Christian centuries among Catholic peoples. Each of us can say: "Jesus Christ is actually with us. He my Redeemer who died for me, that I might forever live to Him!"

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Jesus Christ is there, in the tabernacle saying softly to the weary soul: "Come unto Me and I will give you rest!"

It is a fair sight to watch the people come and go, on their visits to the Blessed Sacrament, in the warm, moon-lit June evenings, perfumed with the roses and the linden trees in full and fragrant bloom.

PRIESTS' EUCHARISTIC LEAGUE CONVENTION.

In September there is to be an interesting national convention of the League in London, England.

The object of the Priests' Eucharistic League is to promote devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Its means are: To make every week one continuous hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament; to return regularly at the end of each month to the respective (diocesan or general) director a visit to the Blessed Sacrament; to meet annually for the deceased members.

VALUE OF THE SCAPULAR.

We all of us wish to die in our scapular, writes Father Lucas, S.J., in "At the Parting of the Ways." And this, not as though the scapular could save us, as it were, by mechanical means, and independently of the dispositions in which we may then be.

Archbishop Nikon, ex-Archbishop of Georgia, was assassinated in Tiflis June 10, on the step of the Synodal building. His assailants were revolutionists! A monk who was in attendance upon the Archbishop was severely wounded. The assassins made sure of their work. They emptied their revolvers into the body of the Archbishop and then fled. They have not been captured.

The Parish of Ennismore

The parish of Ennismore in the County of Peterborough, is unique among the Catholic parishes of Ontario and probably among the Catholic parishes of Canada.

About six years ago there were fourteen children from Ennismore in attendance at the High School. Ten girls were attending the Convent at Lindsay, and two boys and two girls were attending the High School at Peterborough.

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been brought into us. It is not the law of nature which is the survival of the fittest. Strong nations crush weaker ones and we Americans have been doing the same thing.

Why should not the captain of industry feel in his employes the same pride that a captain of soldiers does in his men? Why should the employes not trust and love their captain as the soldiers do their leader?

They look upon the union men as half-witted, and go into unions to use them. They want an overturning. Labor leaders with whom I have talked all denounce the sympathetic strike. Not fifty per cent. of the strikes succeed, and then only at a great cost.

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The Beauty of a Pure Life

In writing of Cardinal Richard in the Academy, of London, a non-Catholic publication, Rowland Strong thus pays tribute to the virtuous life of the French Prince of the Church: "The asceticism practiced during the whole of his priest life by the late Cardinal Richard gave to his features an ethereal splendor such as I have rarely seen upon any human living face, a certain mysterious dignity which is almost peculiar to the dead, and this because the Cardinal's asceticism formed part of the spiritual as well as of the material decorum of his life.

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