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Bishop of Valleyfield's Pastoral Letter.

His Lordship Speaks on the International Eucharistic Congress of Montreal.

Joseph Medard Emard, by the Grace of God and the favor of the Holy See, Bishop of Valleyfield.

To the clergy, religious orders, and the laity of the diocese.

Health and Blessing in the Lord.

Very Dear Brethren:

In a letter dated August 25th, last year, His Grace the Archbishop of Montreal officially announced the holding of an International Eucharistic Congress, which will open in the Metropolitan city on September 7, of the present year, and close on the 11th. This Congress will be the twenty-first of its kind, and every-thing seems to promise that it shall in no sense lack the success of the preceding ones, whose celebration was, without exception, so solemn, so imposing, and productive of telling results for religion, and especially for piety towards the Holy Eucharist.

An International Eucharistic Congress means a grand meeting of bishops, prelates, priests, religious, men and women of the world, come together from all over the world, at the instance of a committee formed, in the beginning, with the permission of the Holy See, which in its life and work is permanent, whose president is a Bishop (His Lordship of Namur, Belgium, this year) and to whom it belongs, with the help of the religious authorities directly interested and the sanction of the Pope, to name the privileged place where the Congress is to be held. Thus, in London, two years ago, in the midst of the never-to-be forgotten sessions of the 19th Congress, it was decided that, in 1910, all should meet in Montreal.

These Eucharistic Congresses owe their beginning to a special moment, and a very touching, and which was destined to bring the happiest of results.

In 1873, two hundred French Deputies went to Paray-le-Monial, the city of the Sacred Heart, and there, in the little sacristy which recalls the visions of the Blessed Margaret Mary Alcouque, they vowed themselves and their country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in a special act of consecration. On this occasion, a pious person, touched with inspiration from on high, first suggested the idea to her spiritual director of holding local Eucharistic meetings. These beginnings met with success surpassing all expectations, and through them arose the project of an international congress properly so-called. Mgr. de Ségur, of holy and illustrious memory, wrote the Holy Father about the matter. Cardinal Deschamps, Archbishop of Malines, strongly seconded the holy bishop's project. Leo XIII approved and blessed the project, and the first permanent committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Mgr. de Ségur himself. But, alas! he who had been the soul of the whole work of preparation was not destined to see his plans realized, while in the flesh, God having called him home before the opening of the first Congress, which was held at Lille, in 1881. Those that followed were held in France, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, England, and even in Jerusalem. Ever and always was the same zealous work of organization apparent, the same ardor and knowledge were noticeable features of the sessions; the same manifestations of over-brightening and ever-deepening piety were the rule; there was ever the same enthusiasm on the part of the faithful; while the fruits of soul and spirit grew increasingly abundant.

It is worthy of remark that, in the majority of cases, often the result of unforeseen circumstances and even at the cost of reversing former decisions, these Congresses were called together in cities which happened to have special relations towards and affinities with Eucharistic worship and service. Thus it was in Liège, in the land of Saint Juliana Cornillon, that Corpus Christi Day was instituted, together with the procession of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Toulouse holds the relics of St. Thomas of Aquin, the supreme doctor and liturgical bard of the Blessed Eucharist. It was in Antwerp that Saint Norbert, the founder of the Premonstratensians, succeeded in wiping out the heresy of the Sacramentarians; in Jerusalem, it was that the Divine Sacrament was instituted; in Rheims, at Paray-le-Monial, in London, in Angers, and in Rome, did the members of the Congresses meet, too, and it is easy to see that special rights and claims to the like these places could show.

In London, England, the Congress was, after three centuries of banishment, and of interdiction and of exile that had gone before, the triumphant return of God in the Holy Eucharist, with a legate of the Church's Supreme Head in the place of the leader. Finally, Cologne, last year was destined, under conditions particularly favorable, to present the spectacle never to be forgotten of a procession that took hours to pass a given point, and in the sacred ranks of which were Catholics in thousands, of every degree, all countries, all tongues, of all ages and conditions.

Hitherto these Congresses had been

idea of any undertaking at all, and in the thought that cradles its first beginning, a more truly religious sentiment, a faith more lively, a Eucharistic devotion more real? It was in that church, at the foot of the altar, before the tabernacle, under the sacred spell of Holy Mass and Holy Communion, that the illustrious founders of Montreal set forth their project in working order.

Let us see what next happened. On May 18, in the same year, 1642, Monsieur le chevalier de Montmagny, accompanied by Monsieur de Maisonneuve and forty other persons, among whom Madame de la Pelleterie and Mademoiselle Mance, landed in Montreal.

"As they landed early in the morning," says a writer of history, "Holy Mass was celebrated, the first ever said on the island, on a spot where the Castle now stands. In order to add solemnity to the occasion, Madame de la Pelleterie and Mademoiselle Mance were given time to prepare an altar, which they did with a joy hard to describe, and with as much neatness as possible; they could not weary blessing the God of the skies, Who was so kindly on that day as to choose and consecrate their hands in the work of building the first altar of the colony. All that first day the Blessed Sacrament remained exposed, and not without reason, either, for just as God had quickened His servants to undertake the task of making Him known in a place where hitherto He had received no act of homage, it was quite fitting that He should have been exposed on the altar, as if on His throne, in order to give fulfillment to His holy designs and to the desires of His servants. Indeed, this was well, in order that posterity should learn that He had established this colony but to be offered sacrifice and homage on the blessed spot; that this was His only design and that of His servants, and that towards this end had they turned their treasures, their time, their care, and all their belongings into service. It was, therefore, fitting that He should have caused Himself to remain exposed all that day, in order to take possession of the land through the sovereign honors that were paid Him, and in order to show that the place itself was a privileged one for Himself, that He was not willing that it should be profaned by unclean souls and ones unworthy of the grandeur of His designs, which designs were in no sense commonplace, as Père Vimont clearly set forth, in a sermon which he preached on that morning, and during the High Mass which he there and then celebrated: "Behold, gentlemen," he said, "what you see is but a grain of mustard-seed, but it is cast by hands so pious and so animated with the spirit of faith and of religion, that assuredly Heaven must have great designs on the place, since it uses such laborers; and I do not doubt for a moment but that this little grain shall bring forth a great tree, give rise some day to marvelous growth, be multiplied and reach all over." As if he had meant to say that Heaven now begins its work with forty men, but know ye that it has many other designs upon the persons whom it is using to make of the work a success, know ye that your hearts are not in number sufficient to sing forth the praises which He means to receive in the place, but that He shall multiply them, filling with people the whole extent of these places of which we now take possession on His behalf, while offering this sacrifice to Him. The whole of the day was spent in acts of devotion, in thanksgiving, and in singing hymns of praise to the Maker of all things. There were no sanctuary lamps before the Most Blessed Sacrament, but glowworms were used, etc."

Now, following this act of taking possession on the 17th day of May, work was begun in earnest. On August 15, the first feast of the holy island was solemnized, the day of

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The Visitor (Providence, R. I.) thus tells of the passing of a scurvy fellow whose chief aim in life was abuse of Catholics:

Every Catholic in the State of Massachusetts, but more particularly in the city of Worcester, has heard of Judson W. Hall. For a number of years Hall has been the self-appointed censor and moralist of the heart of the commonwealth, and every Sunday for years he was represented in the pages of the Worcester Telegram with two or three, and sometimes more, letters in which he showed his "broad liberality" and "Americanism," by insulting gratuitously the Catholic religion and his Catholic fellow-citizens. Only a few months ago he received a well-deserved castigation at the hands of Rev. Dr. J. McCoy, the fearless pastor of St. Ann's Church. Last Monday night, after an investigation that lasted several days, the police of Worcester arrested five of the most prominent men of that city and booked them charged with unspeakable crimes. The arrests were made after nine girls, whose ages range from 12 to 15 years, had told Chief of Police Matthews a horrible tale of degradation and shame. And the man against whom the most serious charges were made by the girls was Judson W. Hall, the man who for months wrote slanderous letters to the Telegram from Rome, Lisbon, Madrid, Paris, Dublin, and other places, all of which were full of misstatements against the Catholic

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