

Italy.

Italy is at present the centre of the preparations undertaken for the tercentenary of St. Aloysius. All the young men's associations are astir. Religious festivals, with plays, artistic exhibitions, orations in honor of the young saint, are the order of the day. At Rome a new college is to be founded for the youth of all nations. A petition will be laid at the feet of the Holy Father to raise the annual feast of St. Aloysius, Patron of Youth, to the rite of *major double*. A special Album will be placed in the tomb of St. Aloysius at Rome, containing the names of children desiring to be consecrated under his protection. This consecration may be made by parents for their young children. The first act of consecration and name written in the album was that of the Infant King of Spain and his little sister, made by the pious Queen Regent, their mother.

A great feature of the celebration will be two great pilgrimages to the shrine of St. Aloysius, in September: one *international*, representing the Catholic countries of Europe and South America under Cardinal Mermillod; the other of the *Association of the Catholic Youth of France*. Let all our Canadian youth, especially the children of the Juvenile League, join in spirit this great manifestation in September next, and thus have some share of its fruits as promised by our Holy Father in his Brief of January 1st.

THE HOLY LEAGUE AT HOME.

The Lenten season just closed and its after harvest have been rich in fruits for the Sacred Heart. We are happy to be able to contribute to the Easter joy of our Associates by recording the aggregation of five large centres of Holy League activity. As they came in at the close of missions or triduums when the people were fervent, the good work struck all at once roots deep and wide, as we shall see by the following reports.