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MESSENGER ITEMS.

Monday, the 3rd of December, will be the great day. The *Apostleship of Prayer* will on that date celebrate its fiftieth birthday. Owing to the rigor of the season it is not at all likely that there will be any out-door demonstrations on the part of our Associates. Nearly all the centres held their processions and pilgrimages during the month of the Sacred Heart, reserving for the more inclement part of the year the less striking, perhaps, but none the less acceptable manifestations of love and devotion to the Adorable Heart. We trust that there will not be a single centre which will not render that day hallowed by *at least* a general Communion of all its members. In remote localities, where the distance from the church might make this next to impossible, we see no reason why the eve of the feast of St Francis Xavier (which eve is a Sunday), or even the Sunday within the octave, should not be made memorable by a general communion. We already suggested the *Nozema of Grace* in our last issue, in accordance with the wish of our Director-General.

