

who would otherwise have knelt at the shrine at Paray. This was undoubtedly permitted by God who wished not merely to show the power of Our Lady in her own sanctuary at the foot of the Pyrenees, but also that the needs of the Expiatory Basilica on Montmartre should draw the attention of the world.

Now that the great national work of expiation is completed, the time has come to take up again the pilgrimages to the city of the Sacred Heart. During the present year millions will reach France from all quarters of the globe. France is a land of enterprise and attraction; a home of the arts and sciences. Strangers will marvel at the advancement of men's handiwork in the halls of the great Exposition; they will see what men, — forgetful, many of them, that they have sins to expiate, — are doing in the physical world to foster luxury and soften the rigors of life. The friends of the Sacred Heart purpose to take advantage of the inflow of strangers to turn a stream of pilgrims towards Paray-le-Monial where hallowed memories may help them to raise their minds, in high and salutary thoughts, far above worldly interests. Never will a better occasion offer itself for Canadians who desire to do homage to the Sacred Heart; for Paray-le-Monial is the very fountain-head of the devotion.

For over a year, Leo XIII. has been doubling his efforts to make the Heart of Our Lord, and all It symbolizes, loved and honored among men. In the month of June last, in the Encyclical *Annum Sacrum*, he ordered the consecration of mankind to the Sacred Heart. He assured us that this act would be an earnest of great victories for our holy religion. "When the Church," wrote the illustrious Pontiff, "still at its