

THE HOLY ROSARY.

The month of October is one of special graces for the Catholic. Elsewhere we refer to the devotion in honor of the Holy Angels that has been practised for long years in the Church; also is it a month consecrated to that other grand and consoling devotion of the Holy Rosary. Next Sunday will be the feast of the Rosary. The present Pontiff, the great and glorious Vicar of Christ, Leo XIII., has specially recommended these prayers to the faithful, and has signified his desire that this month be one of real merit for all the members of the Church's communion. Numerous indulgences are granted and countless blessings are promised to all who honor the Blessed Virgin in that particular devotion during the month of October.

It would not be easy for us to tell of all the boons conferred upon our human race by the Almighty, boons granted in consequence of this beautiful form of prayer. It is well known, so powerful is the Queen of Angels in heaven, that no one has ever confidently appealed to her in vain. It is also a matter of history that she has personally expressed her desire that the devotion of the Rosary should become universal. We, however, must take advantage of this occasion to repeat—for the benefit of non-Catholics—that the prayers addressed to Our Lady, are not to be considered as an adoration of the Mother of Christ. Merely are they invocations to her, begging that she, who was the most favored of creatures and who is nearest to God, will exercise her influence with her Divine Son, and obtain for us those graces and gifts which, on our own merits, we could not expect to receive. Perchance, in all the annals of prayer there is no more splendid combination to be found, than that which goes to make up the Holy Rosary. The Creed at the beginning is at once a profession of faith, so exact, so complete, so universal that it brings us in touch with the Church in all its greatness and leaves us children of the Saviour in whom we acknowledge our trust and on whose eternal word we unreservedly rely.

The Lord's Prayer, or "Our Father," which is said after each decade of the beads, is the most sublime of all prayers, the one dictated by Christ Himself, and which combines in its perfection every want that man can express. The "Hail Mary" and "Holy Mary," said upon each of the other beads, and repeated ten times between each "Our Father," are the expression of a trust in the Blessed Mother and of an appeal to her for aid and intercession, such as cannot be surpassed in language. The "Hail Mary" is merely the Angel's salutation; it is the Scriptural record of the words pronounced by God's own celestial envoy, when announcing to the Virgin of Nazareth the wonderful tidings that heralded our redemption.

That must have been the proudest moment in her life—if we can imagine pride of any kind blending with the incomparable humility of Mary—when for a first time she realized that the spirit of the Most High had deigned to descend upon her. We can conceive no words that could be more pleasing for her to hear repeated than those of the *Ave Maria*; and each time they are repeated the Mother of Mercy must smile upon humanity and bless the children who have confidence in her.

And while we thus honor God's most honored Creature in the repetition of the Angelic Salutation we make use of that moment of holy communion with the Queen of Angels to send in our request. And what a request! That simple little prayer of the "Holy Mary,"

seems to us to surpass all the pleadings that the genius or eloquence of man could ever invent. "Pray for us sinners—now—and at the hour of our death." Surely the bitterest enemy of our faith cannot find anything in that prayer to indicate undue homage, or adoration, as far as the Blessed Virgin is concerned. We ask her to intercede for us, to raise her powerful voice in our behalf, to ask God to send us the graces we need in the hour of our temptations, the courage necessary to battle to the end, the heroic determination—now, and even unto to the hour of our death, to resist the wiles of Satan and to defeat the enemies of our salvation. We ask her simply to pray for us; to do so now, for we are constantly in need of her assistance; to do so particularly at that dread moment when life slips away and we glide irresistibly into the presence of the Eternal.

Such is the Rosary! such the beautiful string of prayers that, all through October, will be recited in thousands of churches and by tens of thousands of Catholics the world over. With such a grand chorus, in honor of the Holy Mother, ringing out through the universe, surely the echoes of heaven must take up the refrain and waft it to the throne around which the elect of God make undying melody of praise. Surely the perfume from so many prayer-bearing censers must pass beyond the portals of time and precede us into the realms of bliss, the land trod by angels and saints, the region of unending rewards! Surely so many Rosaries offered up for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff must have the effect that he desires and foretells—the turning aside of persecutions arm and the restoration of peace and glory to the Church of Christ!

"ENGLISH" AND "ROMAN" CATHOLIC.

It is strange how the term Catholic is disliked by the very people who make use of every imaginable argument to prove that they have a right to that designation. As an illustration of this we take the following from the Liverpool Catholic Times:—

"The confusion which 'our friends the enemy' are creating by the misuse of these words is becoming serious. One of their organs has lately announced that there are in England two sets of Bishops and priests called respectively 'English' and 'Roman,' and that the 'English Catholic' Bishops and priests, by which they mean Anglican Bishops and parsons, are the only true and lawful successors of the ancient hierarchy, established by St. Augustine. This is not only nonsense, but mischievous nonsense. They know as well as we do that every sane person understands an English Catholic to be an English person and a member of the Holy Roman Church. Go into any town in England and ask for the Catholic or the English Catholic priest, and you will be directed to a real priest of the Catholic Church, and not to any Anglican minister. Your informant may possibly add that there is but one Catholic priest in the town, and so far as he knows he is English, but he may be Irish or Scotch; he will understand the word English to apply to the priest's nationality, and not to his creed. An Anglican clergyman in the Church Times recently replied to a Catholic correspondent who asked him if he were giving a recommendation to a governess, and the inquirer put the question, 'Is she a Catholic?' what would his answer be that he should understand the question to mean 'Is she a Roman Catholic?' He should not consider himself justified in answering 'Yes' if the lady in question were an Anglican. This gentleman took a proper view of the matter, and it is much to be regretted that others of his communion are less wise, not to say less truthful."

CONSECRATION AT MATTAWA.

There will be a grand celebration on Sunday next at Mattawa, when His Grace Archbishop Dubamel of Ottawa will consecrate the Catholic Church

there. Bishop Lorrain, the Bishop of Valleyfield, and other prelates will be present. The church at Mattawa is a very handsome and imposing building, and the energy of the parishioners in clearing it from debt, so that it may be consecrated, speaks well for their zeal.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT

THANKS THE ARCHBISHOP OF MONTREAL.

On Wednesday last the consul-general of France paid a visit to Archbishop Fabre and delivered a letter to him, which had been sent by the Government of France, thanking him for his kindness on the occasion of the services in connection with the death of President Carnot. The letter was as follows:—

Monseigneur Fabre, Archbishop of Montreal:

MONSEIGNEUR,—The Government of the French Republic are truly sensible of the impressive words that your Lordship was pleased to deliver at the funeral service in the Montreal Cathedral in memory of President Carnot. I have to thank your Lordship for the particular mark of sympathy that has been shown France for her regretted President in this unhappy circumstance. Be kind to accept, Monseigneur, the assurance of my highest consideration.

G. HANOTAUX.

THE WEEKLY CONCERT

AT THE CATHOLIC SAILORS' CLUB.

There was a good attendance on Thursday at the Sailors' Concert, and the programme was up to the usual excellent standard. Misses Clarke and Singleton played a piano duet very prettily; Miss May Milby gave some of her clever, ever welcome recitations, the dramatic recitation *Lasca*, being among them. Mr. McCarthy sang and danced and received enthusiastic encores, especially for his clever dancing. The concert was brought to a close by one of Mr. F. C. Lawlor's clever inimitable short speeches, which was as heartily applauded as any item on the programme. In addition to the above the following ladies and gentlemen assisted with songs, etc.:—Messrs. A. G. Read, J. Smith, Poffart, Baird, Parks, Lawlor and Greenwood.

VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

At a meeting of Branch 9, St. Mary's C.M.B.A., and Grand Council of Quebec, held September 22nd, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS: That we, the members of this branch, having learned with feelings of profound regret of the death of Mr. Michael O'Connor, father of Brother Charles O'Connor, M.D., and member of this branch, be it

Resolved.—That we tender our heartfelt sympathy to Brother O'Connor in present grief; and be it also

Resolved.—That copies be sent to Dr. O'Connor and to THE TRUE WITNESS for insertion.

CONGREGATION OF ST. CROIX.

The Very Reverend Pere Berudit, provincial of the Congregation of St. Croix and cure of St. Lambert, accompanied by Rev. Pere Renaud, of the college of St. Laurent, has left for Neuilly, France, on business connected with the congregation.

The community of St. Croix has lately acquired a piece of land situated on the Rivieres de Prairies. It is proposed to construct there a country house for the use of priests during their vacation.

MISS HOLLINSHEAD'S CONCERT.

Miss Hollinshead's farewell concert in the Windsor Hall was a grand success, the hall being crowded with the admirers of Montreal's great singer. Miss Hollinshead sang "Elizabeth's Prayer," from Tannhauser, and "Calm as the Night," with especial power and expression. The splendid talent which supported Miss Hollinshead, and the large audience which attended the concert, was the best evidence of esteem that could be given. Miss Hollinshead leaves for Germany in a few days, and her many friends in Montreal will miss her presence at the concerts she used to attend so generously, and will look longingly toward the time when we shall have her among us again.

ST. PATRICK'S L. & B. ASSOCIATION.

The young men of St. Patrick's L. and B. Association are rapidly organizing a gymnasium class which will be instructed by one of the members who is particularly proficient in this branch of exercise and will in a little while make those who join, as good all-round athletes as any there are in the city. Another direction in which the L. and B. Association shines is in the Dramatic Entertainment in which department they are second to none. Last St. Patrick's Night they were obliged to turn away 300 persons from the doors of the Academy, and their performance was pronounced one of the greatest artistic triumphs of the year. This year they are organizing for a performance which will eclipse everything they ever played: And it is expected that their efforts will be attended with greater success than ever before.

MONSEIGNEUR O'BRIEN.

The Very Rev. Monseigneur O'Brien, Prelate of the Roman Court, preached the sermon at St. Patrick's church on Sunday morning. The sermon was a very powerful one and dealt with the materialists, scientists and the many other clever men who, either through their bigotry or misguided minds, pronounced religion to be the invention of man, and, going further, assert that man himself is merely the outcome of a conglomeration of atoms which once floated in the air and that the breath of life was never breathed into him by God. These men, said the preacher, are a menace to Christianity, and Catholics can only combat their false theories by an increased devotion to their holy religion.

THE LAST OF THE IMMIGRANTS FOR THIS YEAR.

The last of the Catholic orphan immigrants that will come to Canada have reached Montreal and have already been provided with situations, except a few small boys. The Misses Yates, who accompany the children to Montreal from Liverpool, are paying a short visit to Kingston and Toronto in the interest of the orphans, and will depart for England at the end of the week on the S.S. Numidian.

ST. ANN'S BAZAAR.

The ladies in charge of the arrangements for the forthcoming Charity bazaar at St. Ann's are showing marked energy. The entertainment committee is busy preparing tableaux and other features which will prove an attraction. The object of the bazaar is such a good one that every one feels inclined to do as much as possible to help; therefore its success is already assured. The bazaar opens on Wednesday, the 17th of the month.

FATHER MATHEW CONCERT.

A grand concert, under the auspices of St. Patrick's T. A. & B. Society, will be given in the Victoria Armory Hall, Cathcart street, on Wednesday evening next, the 10th inst. The concert will be to celebrate the anniversary of Father Mathew. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. J. A. McCallen and Mr. F. J. Curran, B.O.L.

The Rev. Thomas Heffernan has been appointed to the position of Professor of English at Montreal College.



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Yours respectfully,
J. W. Kuykendall