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A TRIBUTE TO MARY.

To the Christian heart touched by sweetest memories of the Nativity. and wounded deeply by sad recollection of the crucifixion, there is, perhaps, no more fitting memorial erecthearts than the example left us by our heavenly Mother.

Extolled by both Catholic Protestant writers, and honored by all Christendom as the only type of perfect womanhood, a few words appertaining to her who participated in both the Crucifixion and glorious resurrection of our Saviour indeed seem apropos

'Thou art of charity and love, and as the noon-day torch and art living spring of hope to mortal man. So mighty and great art thou, O Lady, that he who desires grace and comes not to thee for assistance fain would have the desire to fly without

These few words just prefaced and so pregnant with thought from the pen of the Divine Poet convey but an inadequate description of her "whose foundations are in the holy moun-

The grace of the Virgin, says the learned Suarez, from the first moment of her conception was more intense than the last moment in which men and angels are consumed.

Formed by the power of God she was by exaltation and acquirement and as we watch the sun declining fallen and degraded man his Liberator and Redeemer, imagination loses that was to be our "good tidings of itself in the endeavor to follow the great joy." greatness not only of her dignity, but her merit.

her crucifixion, and a crucifixion so severe and continued, that it needed all her powers to bear it. Consider

Consider that crushing blow which by the magnificent eulogy of fell upon that purest heart when angel, but, being reconciled to this Simeon gave his prophecy. It was in truth a sword of sorrow and a dagger of poignant grief that would her through life, and until she closed her mortal eyes in that we have reaped from a Cavalry death and the curtain of life be and the eternal glory that awaits the

She had to taste the cut of woe reserved for the widow without

She had to bear the grief of a moment by public authority.

ony, no grief, no disgrace, incidental to human misery, which the singularly kely and most elevated of all creatures had not to endure, and in a manner so intense that it surpassed

in an eminent degree the accumulation of all human woe.

If, then, it surpasses our powers of calculation to reach the extent of merit obtained by Mary in a of God, when she was only the "ves-sel of election," destined for so great a dignity, what can we say of a single day's merit after she became God's mother? What can we even imagine of such a merit elevated by intense human suffering and endured without a shadow of imperfection for the sake of God alone! Every moment extended that merit far beyond human conception.

Every dignity sinks into insignifimee in comparison with Mary's, Every created being must bow in humble recognition to her elevated supremity.

And the daughter of fallen Eve. of the sinner David, of the sinner Ruth, of the sinner Thamar, of sinners in every generation rises before us, pure and immaculate, queen angels and archangels, superior to principalities and powers, above the cherubim and seraphim, our model of humility, our example of charity, our Mother of the great iving God.

Her love for her Son, her deep interest in all that concerned Him, none can call into doubt.

And since her Son so loved man that He laid down His life for him, can we hesitate for a moment to believe or suppose Mary indifferent to this work of salvation? An ordinary good Christian or a saint, say, is never found without charity his fellow man.

The very word saint or holy implies charity, and it would be a contradiction to suppose a saint without this principal virtue.

To be a saint, then, we must love our fellow man next to God, and as that love for our Supreme Master increases, so also increases our love for all mankind, until, like a Vincent de Paul or a St. John of Matha, a St. Francis Xavier or a St. John of the Cross, we would kneel and lick the putrid sores of the ailing to lighten their passing sorrows, for in these countenances is seen the image Him who created us all to His own

Jesus Christ, witness of her laborious habits, sometimes alludes to Son, one God, one law, and them in His parables, and these simple occupations of Mary are preserved in Gospel narrative like a weed in amber'. We see, in fact, the industrious woman putting leaven into three measures of meal, carefully sweeping the floor to recover something lost, and economically mending an old garment.

And when Jesus seeks a companion to recommend the purity of heart, he draws it from the rebrance of her who cleans "both the inside and outside of the cup.' we suspect that this thought is of Mary when He praises the offering of the widow "who gives not of abundance, but of her indigence.

Picture her again ministering the wants of St. Joseph, and behold that grave and simple man with his heavenly countenance, upon which every passion was silent; recognizing in her the woman, purest of all women, the queen whose crown was humility, whose sceptre was love, whose heart was charity, the lily without a stain, the one woman that sin had never sullied and "our own tainted nature's solitary boast."

Let imagination again take to the beautiful town of Nazareth, hearts is not heard that message

even of the increased immensity of while making her evening prayer to at least could not be entrusted with Yes, Gabriel has appeared to Mary With the formation of the humani- tion which meant so much for us is ty of Christ within her commenced pronounced by the celestial envoy: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among

women.' her sufferings on the weary way to Bethlehem, where Uhrist was to tembling at this marvelous appari-Mary no doubt felt an involuntary tion, her humility was disconcerted or else because they thought in wonderful prediction by God's messenger, she believed and left all Him who is and was and shall be.

bitter cut would never heal us by a crucified God? The bounty faithful servant? These two thoughts so diametrically opposed and yet characteristic of humanity, are subjects for our life's meditation.

Adam sinned, and by that sin lost ther whose only child is consigned heaven. Christ died and by that to a public death of shame and tor- death re-opened the gates of Para-

The loss of the human race was begun in Eve and consummated Adam.

and in Jesus was it completed.

the Cross, and the fruit of tree is your crucified God.

The first tree caused death, the last tree life eternal. All the evil was washed away in the blood of year before she became the Mother the Lamb, and all our hopes must be centered on that dear Saviour for salvation.

The sorrows of Jesus were truth the sorrows of Mary, and heartrending was the scene of that terrible crucifixion that the daugh ters of Jerusalem called her "poor mother."

Indeed, may we compare her to the fountain of Arethusa in the old Grecian fable that mingled its waters with the sea, and contracted naught of its bitterness. So Mary associated herself with all the Jewish maidremained ever the spotless lily of Jesse's vine and the immaculate rose of Sharon.

What lesson shall we take the life of this fair Queen,-the King's daughter, clothed with the sun, the moon beneath her feet, and her head encircled with a diadem of stars?

Love, charity, humility and obedince, which were centralized in Mary beyond degree of comparison. Love for one another, that we may fulfil God's precept and that all may know we are His children.

Charity to all, for 'tis the greatest of virtues.

Humility, the opposite of pride, that we may not become self-conscious, but may always consider what we are and how much we are indebt ed to our merciful Father.

Obedience, ready, ever ready follow God's commands and see His authority in His lawful representatives, willing if necessary, to die for a true God and a true faith

Let us, then, henceforward pray to Mary, that her intercession may be acceptable in the sight of God, her Son, and may this vale of dankness illuminated by the powerful rays of God's holy light.

Lead, kindly light, the night is dark and I am far from home. Lead thou me on.'

Yes, dear Lord, dispel the shadows and show us "the way, the truth and of the light," that one day we reap the harvest of a well-spent life abiding forever with Mary and Joseph in the kingdom of her crucified

WHAT SHALL I DO WITH MY BOY?

As the month of August draws to a close and September begins to loom dimly ahead, a great many anxious parents must be asking themselves what they ought to do with their boys; whether they continue to send them to school, or whether they should not rather put them in a good business house, and so prepare them betimes to carve out future for themselves

The subject will, of course bear discussion, and there are undoubtedly cases-for instance, where it is impossible to make ends meet otherwise-where there is no other course open to parents but to send sons to work early. But failing this if our opinion is asked, we would most emphatically says: "Give the boy more education." Educated Catholics are very badly needed. Whatever the causes may have been the past, it is a regrettable fact that there are comparatively few men of Irish descent in this country who are fitted to take the places to which not unworthy to be the mother of God; but the moment that event took place, when she gave to poor fallen and degraded man his Libers.

The reason is lack of education and the reason is lack of education and culture. Have we not seen Irish-fallen and degraded man his Libers. men in the Dominion Parliament, men of undoubted ability and judgment, who had achieved success in various walks of life, but who could not be admitted to Cabinet rank, or insertion of the succession of the south side, not to mention the great height of the buildings surrounding the flet six and insertions are not the flet six and insertions. portfolios, simply because they lacked the necessary education? Again, how often have we not heard bright, clever young men bemoan the fact that they had not had the advantages of a liberal training, either because their parents were too poor, or else because they thought in a of the culpable and criminal negligence of the board of health, is still the enough learning, or as they are fond of expressing it, that they had much more than their fathers had had before them. Now this is very regrettable. In a young, rapidly ours, there is absolutely no position in any walk of life to which a young man may not aspire, if only he have ability, integrity, and-education. conscript carried a field marshal's baton in his knapsack. perhaps vary the phrase and adapt it to our purpose by saving that

minister's partfolia in his schoolhes

without some of the comfort which they are entitled, let them do all this generously, they are perhaps assuring to their sons a useful and honorable career, and to themselves a happy and spected old age. Irish Editor's

pinch themselves a little, to

Dark Picture

At present there is a strong agitation being carried on in Ireland to check emigration to America. As a part of the efforts in this direction, the Irish papers are publishing stories of conditions in the United States tending to discourage intending emigrants.

These stories give an idea of how Irish editors view of life in America. We append an excerpt from the pen

We append an excerpt from the per of James McGuigan, special corres-pondent of the Dundalk Democrat, pondent of the Dundalk Democrat, and what he thinks of New York flat

THE CIVILIZING FLATS.

leave there was a loud ringing at the telephone in the parlor, succeeded by a wiid whistle in the "kitchen" which would awaken the dead. One which would awaken the dead. One of the "young ladies" languidly arose, still clutching her beloved French novel, to answer the telephone while her mother attended to the "whistle." The daughter, after saying "hello" about ten times, listened attentively about two minutes, and then expressed that her texture is the same as the same attentively about two minutes, and then amounced that her father tended bringing a friend home supper about seven o'clock—a proceeding which the fair one did not relish on the part of her paternal re-The mother, on learning of this

The mother, on learning of this, made some purchases of the grocer's boy, who was responsible for the unearthly whistle. These she hauled up a "dumb waiter" from the street below, after sie had first paid for them by sending the cash enclosed in paper down the "flue"—a proceeding which no one residing in an American flut reserves. as many tradesmen at resents. as many tradesmentative been "nipped" by unscrupulous persons giving them orders from the fourth or fifth or tenth story o a tenement, and when they, after considerable trouble, succeeded in an entrance to the floor gaining an entrance to the from the from which they received the order they found the flat untenanted. So the rule is "cash first, then goods will be forwarded," or "trust is to bust; to bust is hell."

HITS THE GIRLS HARD. And here were the characteristics f Ireland and America displayed, then the mother announced that she of Ireland when the m was glad the evening with them, and the girls almost shouted they guessed "Pap's friend was some old frump of a politician or ballot-box stuffer." And, when the mother significantly added, "Or he might be a nice young gentlement," the guestion of both call 'tleman,' the opposition of both collapsed, and there was a rush the pencils and paints, powders and beauty helps, and the 500 or it titivating auxiliaries which only American girl knows how to use such advantage in pursuit of her 'man hunt''-a mad race which be gins at sixteen and ends only death—many of them death—many of them, content with capturing a husband but must then pursue an affinity Such is the fruit of reading yellow back novels turned out by the thou-sands weekly in New York or Paris and bringing untold evils in

Again the father 'phoned to O'Connor and me to stay until he arrived; but to confess the truth, the was so vitiated, or rather the want of air was so oppressive the place reminded me of twing tomb—the indolence and vani-ty of the girls were so sickening, that I longed to breathe the fresh air once more as soon as possible, and so tendered my regrets.

THE AMERICAN FLAT Before I left I inquired how the flat was ventilated. My query was re-arded by all present except O'Conings surrounding the flat, air and light were at a discount, while the ingnt were at a discount, while the cold air was so percing from the north as to preclude the possibility of ventilation from that quarter. So that while progress in hygiene has been most marked during the last fifty years, the modern American flat carrier, for the formstude of the terms. -ships which were so justly dreaded by the emigrants of those days, and from which the bodies of so many o our country people were thrown o

When we reached the streets I took several long breaths of air, and thanked God I was done with the

marshal's
We might
think that a purgatory—don't you?''
I heartily replied in the affirma-

"And there are people in Ireland to-day saving up money to come over to New York to live in these flats," said I.

begun in Eve and consummated in Adam.

In Mary commenced our delivrance and in Jesus was it completed.

There is also a new tree, which is there, even if they should have to shall have the facts published."

Let parents, therefore, think twice flats," said I.

"May God help their ignorance," replied O'Conmor.

"Well, some of them will not come over in ignorance," said I, "for I shall have the facts published."

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The real climax of every session of

the School is always August 15, the Feast of the Assumption. One of the most significant in the calendar the most significant in the control of the Church, this feast of Our Blessed Virgin Mary is nowhere in America celebrated with more loveliness than at Cliff Haven. Inaugurated only a few years ago by Rev. J. F. Mullany, LL.D., of Syracuse, each F. Mullany, LL.D., of Syracuse, each year has witnessed a splendid growth in interest and the beauty of the ceremonies. As a fitting prelude, so to speak, the preparation of the celebration of the feast was begun on Wednesday evening with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and a sermon, the same service being held also on Thursday and Friday evenings The evening sermons were delivered by Rev. D. J. Hickey of Brooklyn, and were instructive and fruitful, for more than eight hundred of the faith ful received Holy Communion at the different Masses on the Feast of our Blessed Mother. The procession, always one of the pretty features of the celebration, was the most beautiful this year in the history of the school. Led by the Plattsburg band, the procession marched to the shrine the procession marched to the shrine of Our Lady of Victory, which stands on a knoll overlooking the historic lake which bears the name of Samuel Champlain, its discoverer. Directly following the band came the clergy, led by Rev. John Talbot Smith and Rev. John F. Mullany, then the guard of honor, then the beautiful banner of Our Blessed Lady, following which Our Blessed Lady, following which came the little army of girls and boys, Children of Mary. Then came more than two hundred laymen, and last the ladies, dressed in white and blue, the colors of the Blessed Virgin. More than eight hundred strong it was a most inspiring and impressive procession. After a brief stop at the shrine of Our Lady of Victory, the procession proceeded to the plaza north of the chapel, who a lovely shrine of the Mother of God had been erected. The altar, a most artistic creation of white and blue, with clusters of golden rod, had as a background a crescent of the cedar. At each side of the beautiful cedar. At each side of the altar were the two large letters "A.M." (Ave Maria) wrought in golden rod, while above the tabernacle and statue of the Blessed Virgin towered the crosses of yellow and green. On the arrival of the procession at the altar, Dr. Mullany mounted the column flanked steps and spoke most interflanked steps and spoke most inter-estingly of the significance of the

champlain region to Catholics and the importance of the day celebrated. Directly following his short talk, Father Mullany consecreted the assembly to the Blessed Virgin, after which Benediction was given.

A splendid audience greeted Mr. Frank Keenan, the great actor, who concluded the seventh week's festivities with a most artistic presentation of Seumus McManus' pathetic tale of Irish life—Orange and Green. Given for the benefit of the Chapel of Our Lady of the Lake, for the second time, Mr. Keenan kindly gave his valuable services for the noble cause. It was the first performance his valuable services for the noble cause. It was the first performance of the play in America, and a powerful character delineation of Neil O'Donnell, with the beautiful climax of the Irish peasant bowed in prayer, deserves to rank well with Mr. Keenan's other powerful character creations.

creations.

The lectures of the week were givon by Prof. Aldee Fortièr, of Tulane University, New Orleans, who gave five learned studies in Louisiana history, customs and folk lore. The evening talks were given by Prof. J. C. Monaghan, formerly of the Department of Commerce, on "Forces and Factors in American Commerce."

Under the direction of Rev. John F. Mullany, the annual pilgrimage to the Isle la Motte will be held on Sunday, August 23.

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