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THE IRISH CONVENTION

Though the shadow of the world-war overcasts the British Isles, Ireland looks towards the future with unblinking hope. Convinced that in the quality of her youthfulness will be the fulfillment of her aspirations she renews her youth and hope with each succeeding generation of her patriot sons.

Hope, it would appear, is the outstanding characteristic of the three peoples designated as the "Celtic fringe." Though as nations they have been wrought and badly beaten, as distinct peoples they have never been conquered.

In the cheery optimism and cheerful vision of the future Ireland forges ahead towards the goal of her longing. She wishes to repossess herself of her ancient constitution. She believes that the speed-limit of her progress should be rejected and the boundaries and enclosures in which her life has been set for a century, removed.

Towards this end we think a good start has been made by the convocation of the present Irish Convention. We believe that in bringing this assembly together the British Government wished to make an honest effort to heal an old sore and make a new friend out of an old enemy.

Left on the ebbing tide of a vanishing population and seated at the doorway of famine, Ireland is in no mood to be hoodwinked or bullied. Any postponement of Home Rule will chill like a dead hand the warm enthusiasm of all who believe in constitutional methods of reform.

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rebellious ideas and opinions remain unchanged!

The monuments of historic crime that rise up on all sides over Ireland keep green the sanguinary memories of British misrule, while the grossly irregular manner in which the law has been administered through Dublin Castle makes rebellion a dramatic necessity. The application of ninety Coercion Acts since the Union has only succeeded in driving Ireland to take the law into her own hands after each promulgation. It is now a historical fact that every new application of despotism on the part of England only drove Ireland to seek freedom through the portals of revolution.

As a friend of Ireland Sir Horace Plunkett's achievements stand high. By those who disagree as well as by those who agree with his views on Irish reforms he is counted a man of integrity who should be trusted because he has been tried so often. In England no less than in Ireland he is regarded as a man of sureness and of strength, moderate in speech as he is resolute in act.

It was in 1893 after the defeat of the second Home Rule bill that Horace Plunkett, then Unionist member for South Dublin and an opponent of Home Rule, issued an invitation to the leaders of the Unionist and Nationalist parties. Though Justin McCarthy as leader of the anti-Parliamentary party and Colonel Saunders the leader of Ulster Unionism refused, John Redmond accepted a place in the Committee known afterwards as the "Recess Committee."

ANSWER TO CORRESPONDENT

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the B. N. A. Act which forms the keystone in the arch of Confederation.

As the Provinces did not come together to put their powers into a common custody but to make certain concessions and compromises, the force of Confederation lies in its ratification of that bargain. Should the B. N. A. Act be violated there is no further obligation of remaining a constituent Province of the Dominion.

Consult John Morley's Life of Richard Cobden where he refers to Canadian Confederation.

THE TRAGEDY OF NEW WATERFORD

The terrible fate that overtook the miners of No. 12 Colliery, New Waterford, where an explosion occurred on the 25th ult., surpasses in the profundity of its pathos many of the terrible incidents of the War. No sooner had the awful news of the disaster gone abroad than hundreds of frenzied relatives and friends rushed towards the mine-pit.

The great heroism displayed by the local clergy and laity gave a dramatic setting to the weird and dangerous work of groping for the dead in the charnel-house below. The noble and self-sacrificing efforts of all who undertook this sad office were, however, rewarded by the rescue of twenty-one corpses, all of whom were Catholics.

It is hard to reconcile such an appalling catastrophe with the morality of things. Nature as it works outside of man's will is indiscriminating and pitiless. But it is not so relentless as would appear at first sight to those who respect and obey her laws. Where there are great risks there should be precautions and safeguards commensurate with the dangers.

Divine Providence not only embraces the human family but the great forces of nature as well. The exercise of man's free will often determines it. It may sometimes happen that the circumstances of one life is so interwoven with those of another that the just man is carried into the vortex of the unjust.

IRREVERENCE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL

In order to understand the attitude of some modern governments towards the individual subject, it is necessary to refer briefly to the original institution of society. God established but two societies, the family and the Church. The State was established by man, with the sanction of God, to attend to those temporal matters that would constitute a too onerous or impossible burden for the separate unit.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

several of the States of Europe had thrown off their allegiance to the Papacy. Others, France among the number, followed in their lead. The result was that there was no longer an united Christendom, and hence no longer a spiritual weapon to restrain the exercise of kingly power or to uphold the just exercise of legitimate authority.

The order instituted by God has been reversed. The State, like the Sabbath, was made for man, not man for the State; but now man is a mere cog in the wheel of the State, and is valued only in as much as he can contribute to its security and realize its ambitions. There have been bad men in the past, but never was there such a spectacle as the world is witnessing today—armies weary of slaughter, nations longing for peace, but unwilling to submit to the one arbiter, the representative of the Prince of Peace, who because of his universal jurisdiction is the only power that can, with confidence, be appealed to.

It is this spirit of State Absolutism coupled with the absence of the true faith that is responsible for the degradation of the individual. Human life is not held sacred because the supernatural end of man is ignored, and with it the right of even the unborn child to live that it may come into its supernatural inheritance and gain merits for eternity. We are shocked by the casualty lists in our daily press, but we have it on the authority of one of the leading physicians of the United States that there are ten times as many infants done to death in the hospitals of that country in one year, as men are slain in two Anglo-German drives. The growing popularity of cremation is another indication of this irreverence. Men have been too busy in recent years, accumulating wealth, to take time to bury their dead and now the armies at the front have not time to bury their dead.

FRANCE DEPRIVED OF PRIESTS

CARDINAL MAKES APPEAL THAT SOME BE SPARED FROM FIRING LINE TO PERFORM RELIGIOUS DUTIES

THE DEATH in April last of Sophia, Dowager Countess of Albemarle, recalls several distinguished and interesting figures in the public life of Canada before Confederation.

IRISH TENACITY TO FAITH

dealt with in his last moments." The complete and outspoken statement of the facts published at the time by Bishop Farrell was sufficient to set all such wild insinuations at rest.

VISCOUNT BURY, to whom Sir Allan's daughter was married in 1855, had come to Canada in the preceding year, prior to which he had had for a young man rather a distinguished career. As an officer in the Scots Fusilier Guards he had seen service in India, and was for a time aide-de-camp to Lord Frederic Fitzclarence. Resigning from the Army he returned to England and became private secretary to Lord John Russell, then Premier. He came to Canada in 1854, and was appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs, a post which he held for about three years, during which he devoted himself to studying Indian life and character.

LORD BURY returned to England in 1857, but re-visited Canada during the following year in the interests of transatlantic steam navigation. It is said that had he been able to enlist the sympathies and active co-operation of Canadians in his project of organizing the Galway Steamship Company he would have obtained the establishment of a weekly line of steamers from Ireland to Canada, and anticipated the developments of thirty years. His subsequent career as member of Parliament, as privy councillor, as treasurer of the Queen's household, and, upon the death of his father, as Earl of Albemarle, does not so directly concern us. His own death took place in 1894.

SINCE THE Earl's death, the recently deceased countess resided chiefly in London, where she breathed her last on April 5th. She had been a constant attendant at the Brompton Oratory during her later years, and it was there her Requiem Mass was celebrated. Interment took place at the family seat, Quidenham, Norfolk. Lady Albemarle is said by those who knew her to have possessed a gracious and pleasing personality, and a heart and purse ever open to the poor and distressed. She had a large family, three sons and seven daughters, the eldest of whom is the present Earl. Her passing will recall to the few survivors of her father's generation in Canada the many historic events in which he took a prominent part, and the large number of really distinguished men who with him laid the foundations of the present flourishing Dominion.

ON THE BATTLE LINE

BRITISH FORCES successfully repulsed a series of violent German attempts to recover the ground taken northeast of Ypres, says General Haig's latest reports. He adds: "In every case the enemy's advancing lines were broken up and dispersed by our artillery barrage and repelled by our steady fire of our infantry." This is a direct contradiction of the Berlin report, which represents the British as making a series of desperate attacks and being everywhere repulsed; even the raids are thus described by the Germans, who are plainly making reports for home consumption regardless of the real situation.

RUSSIAN FORCES are still retreating generally, though in some sectors they are putting up a stubborn fight. There is a serious statement in one Petrograd despatch, namely, that the Uxkull bridgehead on the Dvina River, fifteen to twenty miles southeast of Riga, has been taken by the Germans. The despatch says that the Russians evacuated the position; presumably there has been more treachery there. The Dvina River positions are very strong. A great German advance was halted there when it would seem that even Petrograd was threatened, and grave consequences may follow the abandonment of the positions. Fighting continues on the Dniester and the Pruth, but the Russians do not appear to have a sufficient number of men who prefer battle to argument. Continuation of the retreat will greatly widen the Teutonic front, which is already across the Russian frontier, and sooner or later will completely nullify the Russo-Romanian advances which have figured in the despatches from time to time. The Berlin report, indeed, declares that Teuton forces are now standing before Kimpolung, and that north of Czernowitz and south of the Dniester they are approaching the Russian frontier. It begins to look as if nothing would awaken the Russians to the stern necessities of the situation short of the taking of far more of their territory than is now held by the foe, with the seizing of the season's harvests, and the stern disciplinary methods that the Germans have followed in all the territories they have overrun.

MAJOR GENERAL MAURICE, chief director of military operations, in discussing the latest British advance, gives the impression that for the present it is completed. The British Commander's next move, he says, is to determine another objective and then after the customary process of preparation to proceed to its achievement. In this case, perhaps, the intention has not been to delay for any length of time after gaining the first objectives, but the heavy rains which have fallen through the past forty-eight hours have no doubt compelled a readjustment of a schedule. General Maurice also declares that the events of the past fortnight in Russia will necessarily mean the prolongation of the War. "We cannot longer count on any great material assistance from Russia," he said, adding that this would mean a greater burden on the Entente Allies and the United States, who must come into the field as soon as possible and with the greatest possible force. His statement follows upon news from Russia that General Korniloff, a popular hero, has been appointed to the command of the Russian armies in place of Brusiloff, whose fame as a leader has been greatly enhanced by his generalship in the Galician area. No adequate reason is assigned for the resignation of Brusiloff.—Globe, August 8.

CATHOLIC HUTS

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OVERSEAS SOLDIERS

Garden party, Ottawa, July 5, \$458 00
Catholic Ladies' Patriotic Society, Sydney, N. S., 200 00
Rev. G. O'Toole, P.P., Cantley, Quebec, 5 00
Mrs. W. Herriot, Souris, Man., 5 00
From a friend, 4 00
C. Empson, LeBellevue, Man., 2 00

First it was the Knights who came forward to establish Catholic Huts for our Canadian soldiers; now it is the ladies who are advancing to the support of the movement. A number of Catholic ladies of Ottawa, most of whom belong to the "Catholic War Workers," organized under the leadership of Mrs. F. Chadwick, a Garden Party at Rockcliffe, on July 5th, and as a result of their splendid work, a cheque for \$458 was received for the Catholic Huts.

The following letter from Mrs. V. Mullins, Sydney, Nova Scotia, renders praise and comment unnecessary: "Sydney, N.S., July 19, 1917. Major Rev. J. J. O'Gorman, Ottawa." "Reverend dear Father,—I am enclosing a cheque for two hundred dollars (\$200), a donation from the 'Catholic Ladies' Patriotic Society,' to the Hut Fund for Catholic soldiers overseas.

The movement to better the condition of the Catholic soldiers is very gratifying to everyone, and I trust you will meet with every success. "Yours very sincerely, (Signed) HELEN A. MULLINS, Secretary." The above-mentioned sums have been forwarded to Lt.-Col. the Rev. W. T. Workman, O. F. M., Canadian Headquarters, London. In a letter dated July 3, 1917, Father Workman, writing from Office of Director of Chaplain Service, Overseas Military Forces of Canada, Oxford Circus House, 245 Oxford St., London, W. 1., states that he is at present making a tour of all the camps in England and of the Canadian area in France with a view of determining the best locations for Soldiers' Huts. "In the meanwhile," he adds, "you can say for me that by the time we shall have properly fitted out our camps and sent a good Chapel Tent to the Front we shall at least have spent well unto \$20,000."

Since the above was written, two other letters have been received from Father Workman. He writes from London, July 11, as follows: "I have just received your letter of June 25th, enclosing cheque for \$1, 18s. Very many thanks. (This cheque was the proceeds of the C.N.D. Alumnae Concert at Ottawa.) "I have already received cheques for the following amounts: £10, 7s., 6d. (St. Patrick's Parish Guild, Ottawa). £21, 18s (K. of C. Glee Club Concert, Ottawa). £62, 12s., 11d. (Ottawa Council, K. of C. First Installation), which makes, I think, the complete amount. Some of the letters take a long time to come, hence the delay in acknowledging them, but according to my books, the amounts received are correct.

"We need a hat at Crowborough; also one at Sandling, besides chapel tents for each division at the front. I wish you would continue to act as our agent in the matter and I will send you an account of money received and paid out, very shortly. (Signed) W. T. WORKMAN, Lt. Col., A. D. C. S. (R.C.) Canadian Contingents. As is seen from the above letter, Father Workman had not yet received the \$1 per capita contribution voted by the various Canadian K. of C. State Conventions. Those sums had first to be collected before being forwarded. However, Ontario Knights, I am informed, sent on July 3, \$5,000, balance of over \$2,000 to follow in August. Sir Knight, has your Council done its share? Father Workman's letter of July 6th contains the following very important item: "We should be glad to get as soon as possible all the funds we can in order to send out a church tent to each division. That is what the chaplains in a recent meeting in France have asked for."

There are four Canadian divisions in France (and not five, as is often erroneously stated). Four combination chapel tents are urgently required in France, and our chaplains at the front in joint meeting appeal to the Catholics of Canada for the necessary funds. That appeal cannot and will not be left unanswered. Contributions will be forwarded by the undersigned. JOHN J. O'GORMAN, C. F. Blessed Sacrament Church, Ottawa.

God loves us and He does not send us tribulations without some good purpose. Do not be uneasy, but abandon yourself to the Divine will; and all will be well. When we begin to give, God does the rest. Courage, confidence and peace! — Sister Blanche.

WAR'S WITNESS TO CHRISTIANITY

There is but one way to live and men at their best openly confess it. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world, keepeth it unto life eternal.

With the increasing realization in men's minds today of the necessity of adhering strictly to Christian principles it is incredible that some should blame the horrors of war on the presumed failure of those very principles.

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not enrolled in the great strife that is rapidly sapping Germany of its life blood. The British Empire has an approximate population of 437,947,452.

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If Christianity has failed, what then can supplant it? God knew what He was doing when He instituted it. Men today prove by their actions in the presence of the emergencies of war that God knew what He was doing when He instituted it.

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THE DARK AGES THAT ENDED AUGUST, 1914

"What is it, within the English Church that, tried in the balance of the awful test of War, has been found wanting?" asks the American Anglican organ, the Living Church, in the issue of June 23.

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Before the War is ended it is predicted by many persons that three-quarters of the world will be fighting the Central Powers. It is known that Turkey and Austro-Hungary would like to quit now.

If the internal troubles in China are terminated and Chinese soldiers with European training take the field, as many of them are anxious to do, the Central Powers will find a new foe confronting them as numerous as the sands of the sea.

SUPPORTING AGED PARENTS

The courts from time to time bring before them shameless ones who have left their parents to shift for themselves as best they may. The peculiar heartlessness of the child who deliberately refuses to aid an aged parent can be remedied only by drastic law.

THE OLD AND THE NEW

Time was when modesty was considered a Christian virtue. Time was when the modest Christian maiden was the centre of poetry, legend and civilization. Now we have the day of the new woman.

all the needs of the year 1917, as of the first century of Christianity, is the one only Catholic, Apostolic Church, which never called for any change of doctrine, whether in the days of the Roman Caesars or of the great world-war, because it alone is the Church that Christ built upon Peter, with the promise of His abiding presence, a promise irrevocable with doctrinal error, "even to the consummation of the world?"

SPANISH CATHOLICITY

Paris, June 25.—Events in Spain are clouded in mystery and many fear for the throne of King Alfonso. But the revolutionary and anti-Catholic way which is sweeping over Spain must not be considered as embracing all her people.

RELIGIOUS HEROES AND HEROINES

A NON-CATHOLIC PHYSICIAN'S TRIBUTE

A New Zealand surgeon, Dr. A. A. Martin, who has seen considerable service at the British and French fronts, writes interestingly of the work of Catholic priests and nuns towards the wounded and suffering at the front.

PERPETUAL REQUIEM MASSES FOR THOSE KILLED IN THE WAR

London, June 25.—The city and the nation have been mourning the dead this week. In addition to solemn Requiem Masses in many parts of London for the Catholic victims of the recent air raid, an important ceremony took place at Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday morning last.

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FIVE MINUTE SERMON

REV. F. P. HICKY, O. S. B. ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH: THEIR ALLY, THE DRINK EVIL

"He that contemmeth small things, shall fall by little and little." (Ecclesi. xix. 1.) We have studied the great enemies of the Church — the World, the Flesh, and the Devil. Let us now look at their ally — the Drink Evil — and learn to fear it.

And my aim this morning is to warn and frighten beginners, and not to try and reclaim habitual drunkards. One man, who signals and stops a train and averts an accident, does more good than twenty doctors, who, after the collision, attend to the injured.

No one is a drunkard to begin with. How does the evil take hold of people? "He that contemmeth small things, shall fall by little and little." It is an insidious evil.

Others, not prone to this vice, the devil has to lay siege to and make captive in some way. Perhaps they are weak and delicate, and they are ordered wine as a stimulant. They take it and learn to enjoy it; it does them good. There is no sin as yet.

How simple and easy is the beginning! And for some time no great evil happens. That is the craft of the devil! If you fell into deadly sin at once, you would draw back affrighted, weaken the pledge, never let drink pass your lips again.

On the pity of it! If men and women would only listen to a warning, would only be humble and fearful, and learn from the experiences of others, all would be well; but no; each one thinks he will escape, where others have perished.

It is true, the saloon fills a void: it fills men's stomachs with poison. It fills jails with drunkards. It fills penitentiaries with criminals.

It fills poor-houses with paupers. It fills hospitals with sick and injured. It fills asylums with insane. It fills orphanages with orphans.

It fills homes with sorrow. It fills wives and children with want. It fills court calendars with cases. It fills property records with mortgages.

It fills communities with disorders. It fills politics with corruption. It fills politicians with fear. It fills graves with the dead. It fills hell with the damned.

Honour her, a drunken woman, a mother! "Her reproach and her shame shall not be hid." (Ecclesi. xxvi. 11.) Honour that man, and call him father! He is the thief of the household; he has drunk the money that should keep and provide for you; he makes you an outcast from the Church; and you have to honour him.

Quarrel and murder, forbidden by the Fifth Commandment. Does not drunkenness lead up to nine-tenths of these crimes? And the Sixth. Drink is scarcely ever mentioned in the Scripture without a reference to the sins against the Sixth Commandment. They are not nice even to read, and some very foul to utter.

Ye, even worse may follow: a drunkard's death is no uncommon thing. Alas! then our Lord's words come true: "You shall die in your sins." (John viii. 24.) My dear brethren, will you be wise and take a word of warning? You may never yet have been tempted to drink, but you can be humble and afraid of it.

TEMPERANCE

A GOOD TEST Not long ago an investigation was made at a great British ship-building establishment to discover the loss to laborers from the habit of drink.

Two groups of eight men (otherwise as equal as possible) were selected: one abstainers, the other moderate drinkers. They were kept ignorant of the test. At the end of the year it was found that the sober men, on an average, earned \$250 more than the average drinker.

THE VOID IT FILLS

A liquor journal recently published the following statement: "The saloon fills a great social void in the community." It is true, the saloon fills a void: it fills men's stomachs with poison.

THE LIQUID INSPIRATION TO MURDER

Some time ago a citizen of Fargo, N. D. went across the river to the license city of Moorhead, Minn., and purchased some whisky. While under the influence thereof he committed a horrible murder, was convicted and came up before Judge Charles A. Pollock for sentence.

Fixing the penalty at imprisonment for life, the Judge said: "I do not know, and under the present state of our law, I never want to know, who sold you the liquor under the influence of which you have committed this unnatural crime."

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Sing loud, sing strong, each Christian heart; Sing grand, the glories of thy Queen, For at her death earth had no part, Since angels bore her hence unseen.

Bore her away to Heaven above, Where Jesus long before had gone; And there she reigns in endless love With Father, Son and Holy One.

Rejoice, rejoice each faithful soul; Look up to her, enthroned on high, And "Watch and Pray," you'll gain the goal; Heaven awaits you when you die, She followed in the wake of Christ, And keeps for all the gates aside; With God she is enthroned in light, Loved daughter, mother, spotless bride.

TRYING TIMES FOR THE POPE

POWER AND INFLUENCE USED FOR WELFARE OF ALL (By Rev. William Demayo, D.D.) The position of our Holy Father in these trying times, is not an easy one.

God's assistance with the Papacy is bringing about now in the present crisis what history shows him to have done in the past. When it seemed that its sun had set on certain occasions, there were but clouds obscuring its brightness and dimming the rays of its influence.

But this power of the Vicar of Christ over men's hearts will assert itself in its full vigor, when blessed peace comes once again. The seething sides of the conflict of to-day will leave behind them a placid ocean over which the Bark of Peter will sail unmooredly, but not unobserved.

From a temporal standpoint, the Papacy could never be less hampered than at the present time. This is evident. It has no political affiliations, as the attitude of its present occupant must clearly point out to the world.

One can feel certain a new era is about to dawn for the chair of Peter. Hereof, in all the great wars of Europe, it had—in a certain sense—to take a part, and pretenses were assumed thereon to accuse it of partiality and of political alliances.

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father who respects his children's convictions, and aims, by the great example of love and its offspring, peace, to be the common parent of all—to whom, at least later, they will all feel inclined to come, as to an impartial mediator.

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Herbert Francis Wright, in Catholic World At the present time, when the attention of the entire world has been engaged so long by the War in Europe, it is no unusual thing to hear propounded on all sides such questions as "May Christians make war?"

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The Papacy. The truth is gradually breaking the shackles that bound it up, and manifesting itself to man. One must wonder that a power so great and mighty—even presiding from the Divine assistance with it—should have been looked upon by so many, for the last four hundred years with suspicion, and even malignity, though its very existence is unbroken by a continuous line of occupants from Peter to Benedict XV.

So, from the signs of the time, one can say without fear of exaggeration that, as the darkness of War will give way to the light of peace, the Papacy will loom up stronger, humbly speaking, than ever before. It is the one light now upon earth that truly illuminates the hearts of men, and this light will rise to the strength of the mid-day sun.

That they are over three and a half centuries old. If the rulers of the countries now at war and in fact all other rulers would thoroughly learn and practise these true principles, it would be difficult indeed for wars to come, and, if they should, as come they may, they certainly could not long endure.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

The luck that I believe in is that which comes with work...

MAN IS A FAILURE

When he values success more than character and self respect...

WHAT IS YOUR TALENT?

Not one of us but has some gift—it is nothing more than a pleasant smile...

TACT

It is the usual practice in a business office, or in a store, when a mistake has been made...

"I'm glad you're the one who found it," a clerk said one day when one of the stenographers called her attention to a mistake...

One does not need to be in the business world to understand what is meant by "being hard on one," and the people who enjoy this way of doing are not very popular with their companions...

The friendliness of those among whom we pass our days is worth so much to us that it is a pity to let it be spoiled by trifles...

If thou walkest interiorly, thou wilt make small account of flying words...

In the nights, lift up your hands to the holy places and bless the Lord.—Psalm.

Having received Jesus into your heart at Holy Communion, spend some time in simple recollection, without vocal prayers...

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE ASSUMPTION

"My Son, remember me when Thou comest in Thy kingdom!

Thus it is said did the Blessed Virgin Mary cry out when she saw her beloved Son ascending into heaven...

One day, when she was all alone, she could control her mortal weariness no longer and she burst into abundant tears...

Great peace entered into her soul. "In three days, O Mary," continued the angel...

The white light faded, the radiant angel disappeared, and the mother of God was alone once more in her dark stone floored room...

Now the disciples who clearly loved the Blessed Virgin, were scattered in different countries preaching the gospel...

When they all stood about her bed, dusty and travel worn, she thanked and blessed them for coming...

"Arise, my beloved! Mine elect! Come with me from Lebanon, my espoused! Receive the crown that is destined for thee!"

With all the love that was at once the love of a mother for her child and the creature for its Creator...

"My heart is ready, for it was written that I should do Thy will!" Then as the angels sang, Mary's soul left her body...

Mingled with these light, joyous voices were the heavy, forlorn appeals which the apostles still left upon earth...

Still her body lay upon the bed and it became necessary to prepare it for burial...

Now as they were making their melancholy way to the valley, Christ, speaking to the assembled angels...

"What honor shall I confer upon her who was My mother upon earth?" Unanimously the angelic host responded:

"Lord, suffer not that body which was Thy Temple and Thy dwelling to see corruption; but place her beside Thee on Thy throne in heaven."

By this time the body had been placed in the tomb and round about it the sad apostles watched...

At these words the soul of Mary rejoined her body, and always obedient to the will of God she arose, all glorious from the tomb...

Gazing upward in search of the vanished Mary, Thomas beheld her in a glory of light rising slowly into heaven...

One honor more remained for the Virgin Mary. As queen of heaven she was crowned in the midst of the angels...

THE GRAND PARDON OF ST. FRANCIS

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PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE OF AUGUST 1 AND 2

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That glorious son of St. Francis and seraphic doctor of the Church, St. Bonaventura, wrote glowingly of this wonderful privilege bestowed on men through the Mother of God and St. Francis...

The Irish Franciscan historian, Luke Wadding, chronicled the wonders of grace that flowed from it. Famous Jesuit writers and theologians, Bellarmine, Suarez, Bourdaloue, defined and defended it against the ignorant and incredulous of later centuries...

We are told in the life of St. Bridget of Sweden that she thought very lightly of the great pardon of St. Francis, and even doubted the truth of its divine origin and efficacy...

While songs unknown to mortal ear Echo from courts above, Hailing the Eucharistic King In His abode of love...

I see before me, Pilate's Hall Where Jesus meekly stands, A crown of thorns upon His head, A sharp reed in His hands...

I hear the words—the mocking words, The shouts of "Crucify," Yet I am one of those that sent My Saviour forth to die.

I see the darkened, cross crowned Hill; I hear the words of love Breathed forth by those pale, dying lips...

For man, to God above, And when within His Mother's arms, My dear, dead Lord I see, That "perfect sacrifice" I feel Was offered up for me.

Now this fair altar is the Cross, The Host, the Victim slain; The Priest is here "another Christ," A sharer in His pain...

The Angel Guardian at my side Kindles this heart of mine With something of his burning love And of God's love divine...

There when the mystic rite is o'er He rests, but not alone, With me, God's "choir invisible," Visit His altar throne.

RELIGION DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

Too strong insistence cannot be placed upon the importance of faithful attention to religious duties during the period which is known as the Summer Months...

St. Francis is on earth still in his thousands of sons and daughters, and the age of miracles is not passed at all...

The first condition is to make a contrite confession—for only in the state of grace may a soul merit the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin even after it is forgiven...

The second condition is to receive Holy Communion on the 1st or 2nd of August.

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THOUGHTS AT HOLY MASS

"I was glad at the things that were said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord...

"So great a cloud of witnesses... and the company of many thousands of angels." (Hebrews 12, 1, 22.)

"And behold I am with you all days even to the consummation of the world." (St. Matt. 28, 20.)

Within God's temple here on earth, We kneel yet not alone, For there are "choirs invisible," Around His altar throne...

From realms of dazzling light, While songs unknown to mortal ear Echo from courts above...

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THE CARDINAL AND THE PRESIDENT

For the most part, Newman was content to leave the valuation of his teaching and his work to the judgment of "the sure future."

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"If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business."

In his singleness of purpose, as well as in the burdens put upon him by unworthy opponents...

He only is exempt from failures who makes no efforts.—Whately. Sorrow's best antidote is occupation.—Young.

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