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The Mass

We latter day Catholics can well read and ponder the following quotation from a paper read by Rev. Father Blonde at the ninth Eucharistic Congress of the Diocese of London, Ontario:— "It must be borne in mind that in advocating the daily hearing of Mass, no modern innovation is being introduced; it is only the attempt to revive a most praiseworthy practice of our forefathers. In support of which statement, allow me to quote from The Mass and Its Folklore: Much as devout Catholics of today revere the Holy Sacrifice, it is only with difficulty that we can form an adequate notion of the profound and enthusiastic devotion felt toward the Mass by the people of this country in the ages of faith. One is amazed in reading the ancient manuscripts at the rapturous sentiments and language of their writers on this subject. To say that the Mass was the center and heart of our ancestor's religion is to employ an inadequate phrase; it was their very life and breath. It is to the point to mention that the commonest oath in England was 'by the Mass'—for people swear by what they regard as most sacred. The enthusiasm and devotion of those days for the Holy Sacrifice was such that no undertaking was begun without previously hearing Mass. The holidays which were more numerous than now were holidays as well, and whatever the program for the day might have been otherwise, it only began after the tradesmen and craftsmen had attended Mass. No wonder these people were contented: no wonder the works of art which were produced by their artists, sculptors and architects almost impress one as being inspired. The supernatural was kept before their eyes; they breathed it in their daily lives, they seemed steeped in it. If there was one element more than another to account for it, it was their devotion to the Mass."

Ray of Light

At last, there appears a ray of sunlight over storm tossed Ireland. Somehow, somebody has used the mailed fist on Lloyd George and he is seemingly seeing the Irish question from a new angle. Mr. DeValera also appears to be in control of the majority of the level-headed Irish Nationalists and to be able to hold them back pending negotiations for a settlement. At all events there appears to be a mutual truce observed by all parties. Whether the reported plan to give Ireland a home rule government modeled after that accorded Canada and Australia will be wholly acceptable either to the Sinn Feiners or the Carsonites of Ulster remains to be seen. Probably, the ultra revolutionists will not be satisfied with anything short of absolute Irish independence, but can that be achieved now except at the end of years of civil war which might spell

ruin to both the British Empire and Ireland?

If real Canada home rule be granted, it is within the realm of reason to think such concession is all that is possible this year.

A Real Treat

New York State delegates to the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus that convenes in August in San Francisco, and, especially those from Rochester and vicinity, will enjoy a real treat.

Archbishop Edward J. Hanna who is still an honored member of Rochester Assembly, Fourth Degree, and was for years its chaplain while professor in St. Bernard's Seminary is to officiate as celebrant of the pontifical high mass in St. Mary's Cathedral on the opening day of the convention and His Grace will also deliver the address of welcome.

Those who have heard Dr. Hanna preach appreciate the rare pleasure that is in store for the visiting Knights. Our only regret is that we cannot be present with our Brother Knights in the metropolis of the Pacific Coast and enjoy the California hospitality that is to be theirs.

Keeping Cool

Undoubtedly, the recent torrid spell was trying to most persons. It enervated them physically and "slowed them up" mentally. They suffered great personal discomfort.

Nevertheless, the experience was or should be a great moral lesson. We learned that if we did not allow ourselves to be "fuss-felt toward the Mass by the people"; did not meditate on how hot it was; did not worry about being prostrated; but went along the even tenor of our ways we did not realize the discomfort of the weather and found ourselves not much worse off for the experience.

Besides, perspiration tends to carry off the waste matter in our life and breath. It is to the point to mention that the commonest health. Most of us, who smoke, are better off for the hot weather Mass—for people swear by what they regard as most sacred. induces. Many of us never exercise enough to produce natural perspiration.

And so, a period of hot weather, if we keep cool mentally may prove a blessing in disguise?

Another prominent attorney has forsaken Blackstone for the priesthood. Joseph S. Knight, formerly a leading corporation lawyer in Washington, has been ordained a Catholic priest in the Jesuit Order.

This is good weather to peruse your favorite Catholic newspaper. No scandals, no lurid pictures to invite your ire or reduce your stock of nerve energy.

Who is responsible for the negotiations looking toward restoration of peace in Ireland? Whether it be King George or General Smuts, or President Harding or the labor leaders in England, whoever it be is entitled to the appreciation of the world at large.

If the Rochester Automobile Club practises what it professes to preach, it will urge the Legislature of 1922 to enact laws drastic enough to permit of the punishment of careless and reckless motorists, no matter whether they be despised foreigners or the wealthiest contributors to the clubs fund to promote legislation.

Even in the polo field, on the golf links and at the tennis court, the brawny Briton finds that the "joke Yankee Sportsman" is not to be despised.

The hot weather was a warning to many hard working men to take it easy. Not a few of those who failed to heed the warning have paid the penalty.

Have you made sure that a Catholic Church is convenient to your vacation spot?

There will be no lasting peace in the world until England ceases persecuting Ireland and the Irish.

Does the episode of the youth in Hamilton, Ontario, who tried to wreck the Stars and Stripes flying over the American consulate on Independence day represent a case of individual prejudice or a general provincial bias throughout Ontario.

The fact that a Buffalo osteopath betrayed professional secrets as a paid expert in a notorious divorce scandal, is not likely to be a helpful argument in favor of extending the boundaries of the medical profession so as to include in the list of legal practitioners, medicos of the new schools of healing.

THE EQUINOXES

I. The March winds they are blowing, winter's cobwebs sweeping from the sky, The North King all a bluster, to Greenland's icy caves scurrying by,

Life's Rays from oblique to vertical, in the Heavens a vantage point assume, With shooting wands of Magic, bidding old Mother Nature, work resume.

For the transformation scene be ready, with a gift for all she awaits, Although her children be diversified and many, no favorite elates,

For her bounteous efforts, appreciation is all the remuneration due, Yours for the new born hope, radiating in the Soul within you.

Get up and stay up, when you hear the Rooster's crow, And the night clouds they are vanishing, before the Eastern glow,

With the Sundial for a Compass, never mind the Clocks, Who'll be the first to greet the Robin's coming, with the vernal Equinox.

II. When the sun has reached his Zenith, Luminous shine the Poles, By unseen forces compelled, the earth circles between the Goals,

Uncertain in its orbit, and to make abnormality right, Behold the Aurora-Borealis, or disconcentrated light.

Colored by jumbling Icebergs and Shimmering Glaciers, Prismatic and Grotesque, In forms defying the imagination, the Northern Lights are Weird and Picturesque,

Seen through the crisp October air, when the leaves are red and gold, And you hear the Wild Geese honk going South, the Sheep bleating for the fold,

Its a bit of cheer here and a little bit there, to brighten the melancholy days, When the unwelcome guest arrives, to greet him Nature has devious ways,

From September to December, back, back, a mile the Clocks, For the Christmas dinner garnished with Goldenrod, the Autumnal Equinox.

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Cliff Haven Catholic Summer School

Cliff Haven, July 14.—The Auditorium bell at Cliff Haven Catholic Summer School rang thirty-two strokes on Monday celebrating the Truce between England and Ireland.

During the week of July 11th, the Rev. Wendell Stephen Reilly, S.S., D. D., Professor of Sacred Scripture at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., lectured on the "Life of Christ." Miss Katherine V. Lynch of Rochester, N. Y., gave two very interesting lectures on the "Interpretation of Irish Poetry" and "Characterization of Bret Harte". Capt. Elbridge Colby, Instructor of Infantry School, Camp Benning, Georgia, gave two enlightening lectures on "Education and the Army".

Because of the absence of the Rev. Francis P. Duffy, D. D., Chaplain of the 69th Regiment, New York, to the convention of the Rainbow Division at Cleveland, O., Father John B. Kelly, Chaplain of the Catholic Big Brothers of New York gave the sermon at last Sunday's Solemn Mass. Father Kelly spoke on the "Will of God".

The New York Cottage No. 2 held a card party Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Alumnae Auxiliary Association.

Last Tuesday evening a Eucharist, Bridge and Reception was given at the New York Cottage North.

In the absence of the Rev. John E. Flood, LL.D., of Philadelphia, President of the Summer School, the Rev. John D. Roach of New York, Second Vice-President, is presiding.

A beautifully decorated and tastefully furnished Tea Room has been opened at the Champlain Club where a delightful afternoon lunch will be served to those desiring to entertain guests with such a repast.

Knights of Columbus. The annual K. of C. Basket Picnic will be held Thursday, July 28th, at Island Cottage.

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Loans	\$9,734,654.84
Banking House	400,317.18
Cash on Hand	\$472,149.45
Cash in Banks	637,405.08
Liberty Bonds	576,600.00
Other Bonds and Securities	167,435.60
	1,853,590.13
	\$11,988,562.15

LIABILITIES	
Capital	\$ 500,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	595,050.28
Dividends Unpaid	9,055.00
Reserve	62,239.56
Reserved for Taxes	4,202.58
Bills Payable	1,400,000.00
Deposits	9,418,014.73
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