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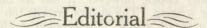
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Easter

Closing the Lenten season, a period of mourning and self-denial, comes Easter, the greatest feast of the ecclesiastical year. Easter commemorates Christ's glorious victory over death, and constitutes our strongest pillar of hope in a final resurrection. By rising from the tomb Christ completed the greatest drama of all time, the Redemption. Ample atonement was made for the sins of mankind, and God signified his approval by opening the gates of heaven to His faithful creatures. Thus did Christ fulfill the promise of a redemption, building a bridge to span the chasm between God and man. Is it any wonder, then, that Easter is essentially a season of joy and hope, of love and thanksgiving? Christianity is triumphant, for the Son of God has risen.

Nature too is in perfect harmony with this spiritual rejuvenation. April "on the heel of limping winter treads," and carries in her train spring, the season of new growth. Dreary piercing winds give place to gentle spasmodic breezes, while under the sun's warming rays, flowers, plants, and generous crops bud forth in the riotous splendour of new life. Nature is robed in all her grandeur.

In this season of joy we wish all a very happy Easter.

Pope Pius XI Passes On

On the morning of February 10th the whole civilized world was grieved to learn of the death of Pope Pius XI, the Vicar of Christ on earth and Spiritual Head of the Church. Peoples of every creed and nation mourned the passing of the Holy Father whom they recognized as a dynamic leader and a stabalizing force in a much troubled world. From the day of his coronation as Pope, on which he bestowed his blessing for peace upon the whole world, till the day of his death, he was ever zealous to bring to the world the realization of the ideal contained in his own motto — Pax Christ in Regno Christi, the Peace of Christ in the Reign of Christ.

During his long and glorious reign as Pontiff, Pius XI exhibited a true saintly character, befitting a successor of Saint Peter. Ever mindful of his duty to protect the rights of his Christian subjects and to promote their spiritual welfare, Pius XI used charity and, when necessary, severity in dealing with the enemies of the Church. So faithfully did he fulfill Christ's command, "Going therefore teach ye all nations," that he earned for himself the title Pope of

the Missions.

As a scholar and a teacher Pius XI was perhaps, best known. His long list of encyclicals dealing with the rights and duties of the state, the family, and the individual testify to his remarkable ability in diagnosing the evils of his day and in pointing out the only remedies for such evils.

Pius XI was also a diplomat. As Archbishop of Milan he gained a wide knowledge of world affairs which he used to advantage during his pontificate. His greatest diplomatic feat was accomplished when he successfully arranged the famous Lateran Treaty and Concordat with the Italian

government.

The death of the Pope of Peace came, ironically enough, in troubled times. The world, it seems, was not willing to receive the teaching of the Holy Father. Nevertheless we hope to see the day when dictators and kings will realize that the Pope is not for Catholics alone, but for the whole world.

Pius XII

After the shortest conclave in the history of the Church, it was announced to the world that Eugene Cardinal Pacelli, the former Cardinal Secretary of State was elected successor to the late Pope Pius XI. Cardinal Pacelli took the name of Pius XII. The joy after his election was manifested as widely as the sorrow after the death of his predecessor. Those who know him best say that Pius XII has the

Those who know him best say that Pius XII has the qualities which should make his reign a glorious one. He is above all a humble and pious servant of God. He is widely known as a scholar and a linguist. His associations in official capacity with the late Pope Pius XI have gained for him a wide knowledge and experience in international affairs.

Pius XII comes to the Papacy at a time when it needs most a man of his prudence and tact. It is the prayer of the whole christian world that Pius XII may attain for us the peace of the world which Pius XI so ardently desired.

A College Song

When some thing or place is very dear to us we usually seek to express in the most fitting manner our affection for it. 'Tis true, indeed, that this affection is often so strong that any attempt to express it seems inadequate. In our opinion the best and most popular medium in which to express these inner emotions or feelings is that of a song.

In almost every country stirring anthems express the "do-or-die" spirit of a loyal citizenry, and are sung with gusto and sincerity. Innumberable songs have been written in which we musically speak of our love for home. And finally students of most colleges pay tribute to "dear old Alma Mater" in "the college song." But, believe it or not, about old St. Dunstan's no song has ever been written which we can truly call our own. (We sometimes borrow McGill's "Red and White Sweater").

'Tis not that we are wanting in loyalty to our college. Indeed, no! We think that it is the best little seat of learning in Eastern Canada, that our faculty and students can't be trimmed, that our athletic teams are "tops," that , well that's just what we wish to sing about.

So how about it, students and alumni? We all have those feelings of loyalty and devotion to St. Dunstan's. Let's stir them up. Uncap your pens and try a few verses which could be set to some rollicking martial air. If you send them in to us we will publish the best in the Red and White. Then you could choose your college song. We are hoping to hear from you.

True ease in writing comes from art, not chance, As those move easiest who have learn'd to dance.

—Pope.

For blessings ever wait on virtuous deeds. And though late, a sure reward succeeds.

—Congreve.

Character is higher than intellect.

A great Soul will be strong to live, as well as to think.

—Emerson.

