

Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Cardinal Mercier then proposed the following resolution:— 'This nineteenth International Eucharistic Congress pledges all who assist at it to promote by every means in their power solid and earnest devotion to the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar according to the mind and teaching of the Holy Catholic Church.'

The resolution was seconded by the Archbishop of Glasgow, and carried by acclamation.

The Cardinal Legate then read in Italian a telegram which he had received from Cardinal Merry Del Val, expressing the Holy Father's satisfaction on receiving the Legate's account of the successful opening of the Congress and the resolution of devotion to the Holy See passed at the Albert Hall meeting on Thursday night.

Most Rev. Dr. Healy, Archbishop of Tuam, who was received with a most enthusiastic welcome, moved the second resolution, as follows:— 'This International Eucharistic Congress proclaims the unalterable fidelity of all its members to the Apostolic See and their desire to conform themselves in all things to the instructions of the Holy Father.'

This was also carried by acclamation.

High Mass at Westminster Cathedral.

Sunday's ceremonies began with the celebration of Pontifical High Mass at Westminster Cathedral. Writing of the scene within the Cathedral, the *Daily Telegraph* said: 'Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.' And very eagerly they went up yesterday morning, with resolute faces and a determined will. It might have been said of Westminster Cathedral just then that all nations were flowing into it. Certainly many peoples were represented in that ever-increasing and excited crowd. The tongues of France and Germany, of Italy and Spain, were audible as one passed along, and it would not have been very surprising had strangers 'from the parts of Libya about Cyrene' declared themselves. But against this variety may be set a respect in which there was no difference at all. The multitude were unanimous in striving to enter in at the strait gate, and their struggle was made with might and main. They were no respecters of persons. Priests of many orders and grades; women with mantillas, which are awkward things in a crowd; young men and maidens, old men, children—there they were, pushing and struggling towards the doors; while some good fellows of the Metropolitan Police, when a weak person was in difficulties, plunged to the rescue.

The occasional sermon was preached by Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore.

THE PROCESSION.

Fortunately for the procession in the afternoon the weather was fine and mild. Soon after noon the multitude began to gather. The people came from all parts of the Metropolis, some as guilds and confraternities, with banners, and others arriving in groups by crowded brakes, omnibuses, and tramcars. A very considerable proportion were foreigners, easily discernible by dress, visage, or tongue. The Temperance League of the Cross, a body of men, drew up outside the Cathedral door as a guard of honor, a battalion of cadets ranged themselves on the left side of the street as a juvenile guard after awakening the echoes of Westminster with their bugles. The B division of Metropolitan Police held all the lines, with strong reserves at the corners and openings where disturbance and disorder might possibly arise. Bands of young men with white and yellow armlets constituted themselves a further but needless reserve at supposed points of danger.

At 2.15 the centres of thoroughfares which were to be traversed by the procession were cleared by the constables, more by persuasion than force, but, the streets not being very wide and the crowds being very dense, there was a good deal of squeezing before the necessary space could be obtained. Everything was in order and in readiness for the procession long before it started. The time of waiting was beguiled by the singing of hymns and the chanting of the 'Ave Maria' by a great battalion of young men, members of the various choirs of guilds, who were marshalled to the east of the sacred edifice in readiness to bring up the rear of the procession, and by various confraternities largely composed of foreigners, who stood to the west side, ready to head it.

It was a quarter to four when the procession of ecclesiastics issued from the great door of the Cathedral. First came, bareheaded, a great body of Regular clergy of the Jesuit and other Orders, who having, it was stated, been forbidden to wear their distinctive habits, carried them over their arms in protest, and

were attired in ordinary clerical garb. Then came the secular clergy, who wore surplices over their cassocks, and were also bareheaded. Next followed a long train of foreign Abbots and Cures in soutannes and buckled shoes, carrying their shovel hats in their hands. With them marched some of the Benedictines in black habits, followed by Dominicans robed in white. They were succeeded by the Monsignori, domestic prelates or Chamberlains of the Pope in purple, and after an interval there appeared the Cathedral acolytes in white, and the Cathedral Chapter. A much noted group of Byzantine clerics followed in black robes, with black, square, broad-topped hats, from which depended backwards some drapery of the same sombre color over their shoulders. They were heavily-bearded, swarthy men, like nearly all the Greek clergy. Large pectoral crosses of gold adorned their breasts. Next appeared the Bishops and Archbishops in their resplendent robes of purple, with their birettas, walking two by two, and then four Cardinals, Cardinal Logue, Cardinal Mercier, Cardinal Gibbons, and Cardinal Ferrari. Cheer after cheer had greeted these august dignitaries from thousands of throats, but all these acclamations were outdone when the Pope's Legate appeared. He stood for an instant in the doorway, as if awed by the multitudinous shout, glanced around at the crowded streets, windows, and roofs, removed his biretta in a bow of acknowledgment, replaced it on his head, and then descended the steps, blessing the people with both hands. All who could find space for genuflection, dropped on their knees before his uplifted right hand, while cheer succeeded cheer as the tall, red-robed figure proceeded with stately step and benignant smile on his circuit of the densely packed streets.

A number of Catholic noblemen and gentlemen acted as bodyguard to the Legate, namely, the Duke of Norfolk, the Earl of Ashburnham, the Earl of Gainsboro, Viscount Gormanston, Viscount Southwell, Lord North, Lord Clifford, Lord Louth, Lord Edmund Talbot, Admiral Lord Walter Kerr, Lord Vivian Stuart, Hon. Walter Constable Maxwell, and the Hon. Richard Preston. A train of ushers and officials followed them, and then the white-robed Guilds, chanting the 'Ave Maria,' and singing hymns. 'Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,' 'Sweet Sacrament Divine,' 'Hail, Jesus,' and 'God bless our Pope' were the favorites. The clergy, especially the foreigners, found themselves at home with 'Tantum Ergo' and 'Adoremus,' and the singing seemed generally in unison.

The route was a many-angled one. Starting from the Cathedral, the procession proceeded up Ashley Place, and struck southwards by Carlisle Place for some distance. Then it turned sharply eastward and southwards by New Place and north-westward by Rochester Row; from there it proceeded round two corners by Artillery Row into Howick Place, thence westward again, and next southward by Artillery Gardens, and southward by Ambrosden Avenue, returning to Ashley Place again, where it came to the Cathedral. Many of the houses along the course of these thoroughfares were

Decorated with Flags and Festoons;

but the finest display of all was outside the Convent of the Sisters of Charity in Carlisle Place. There was no serious mishap at any point. An occasional 'boo' from some protester was soon drowned in cheering; and an occasional rush to obtain a better place was quickly countered by the police.

Inside the church, the procession, which was shorn of so much of its ceremonial outside, was performed in its entirety. The Papal Legate and his suite lost no time in assuming vestments, and the Host was carried in solemn procession through the sacred building in the order originally arranged for outside; but not to disappoint the thousands outside who desired to take part in the ceremony, arrangements were made that Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament should be given to the people outside from the balconies over the great door. An altar was erected on the balcony, and after the procession inside, his Eminence, accompanied by the Cardinals and the Archbishop of Westminster and a bodyguard of Catholic peers of the realm, proceeded thence, and here a scene took place which for impressiveness has probably rarely been equalled in this country in modern times. A general salute by the buglers of the Catholic Boys' Brigade announced the arrival of the Cardinal and his suite. A hush fell on those below, and at a signal the multitude sang the 'Tantum Ergo.' Kneeling at the altar, his Eminence incensed the Blessed Sacrament, and in solemn silence he carried the Host to a forum, at each side of which floated the Papal flag and the Union Jack. Standing there in his vestments of white and gold, the Cardinal Legate elevated the Host on all sides to the worshippers below, the majority of whom stood