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From Britain and Ireland, indeed from nearly every country in the world, Catholics have come to Lourdes this year in greater numbers than ever. For in addition to the half-million or so who every year reaffirm their faith, or seek healing at the sacred grotto, 6,000 more have come since February for the week-end all-night vigils. Last year it was a century since the Blessed Virgin revealed herself (so Catholics believe) to the peasant girl, Bernadette Soubirous. Since then it is claimed that there have been many miraculous cures here. Those whom earthly healers cannot help pray that at Lourdes they will be made whole.