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MAY PROCESSION.

The May procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, was one of the largest since the shrine was opened eleven years ago.

Led by Cross-bearer and acolytes, this impressive array wound its way about the lovely grounds of the Irish Lourdes. Children figured largely in this ceremony, and some of them found it a little difficult to keep step.

The beautiful Statue of the Virgin was borne at the head of the procession by Children of Mary and officers of the local Defence Corps formed the Guard of Honour.

Members of various religious bodies from City parishes attended, and the cope was born by Rev Father Curtin.

A great congregation assembled at the Grotto to hear the stirring address by the Rev Father Buckley.

There amid these hallowed surroundings they listened to an impassioned appeal for a day of intercession and a moving exhortation for prayers for Peace and the protection of Eire.

~~In addition from all parts of the country visitors this picturesque shrine to join in the stirring demonstration of prayer.~~

At a critical time in the history of the world, many invalids came from all over the country to join in ~~the great~~ this ~~stirring~~ moving demonstration of prayer.