

From the Diary of Bishop John Francis Norton – 1925

Inscription....

*Diary kept for my dearest Mother
on the P. & O Steamer “Mongolia”
by John F. Norton
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Sunday again - our last on board. Next one we shall, please God, be keeping in Lourdes. Father Barry (Tasmania) gave us a little account of the apparitions there. This serves as a sermon to the 10 o'clock Mass.

The weather is now just delightful, in fact as evening wore on it became quite cool. We entered the Gulf of Suez this evening at sunset, having the promontory of Sinai standing boldly on our right in the distance. Akbah raises its shadowy head 10,000 feet. It had grown too dark when we were opposite the place from which Mount Sinai is visible.

Somewhere in the region the Israelites must have made their historical passage of the Red Sea. So we are the midst of the places that have played leading parts in the world's dramas.