

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
With the Australian National
Pilgrimage to Rome & Lourdes 1925.*

12th May

About 4 this morning I caught the last glimpse of the brilliant flashes from the Port Said lighthouse. Thank God we have left all these heathenish places behind.

The Bishop is making a very slight progress, but all is satisfactory. Now that we have come into the cool weather of the Mediterranean he ought to feel the weather less trying.

13th May

Still a cooler day with strong headwind. In the forenoon the shores of Crete were in sight and about midday we passed north of the little island of Gaydo. By afternoon tea time the wind was blowing quite a gale and the seas were getting higher. After such a long time of level water we were quite unprepared for this and the pitching of the ship soon had a large number laid low. I weathered the storm well and had a very good sleep through it all.

