Cold alke are mine and the ne.

Think not, Sorrow, that I hate thee—
Think not I am frightened at thee—
Thou art come for some good end,
I will treat thee as a friend.

I will say that thou art bound
My unshielded soul to wound,
By some force without thy will,
And art tender-minded still.

I will say thou givest scope To the health and light of hope; That thy gentle tears have weight Hardest hearts to penetrate.

-R. M. Milnes.

FIVE MINUTE SERMONS By the Paulist Fathers.

In to-day's Gospel Our Blessed Redeemer bids us learn a lesson of conout into the street to see? a reed shaken with the wind?" This form of putting a be beyond question is here used by Our Lord to express a fact universally acknowledged. St. John the Baptist was Baptist never sweraed a hair's breath from an example he is to us, my brethren, since so many among us are fickle as any reed shaken by the wind, fickle and cowardly and inconstant. How often have you not promised God to keep away from bad company, and gone back to it before a week was out? Are there none here who cannot refuse an invitation to go to the saloons? And is it not true that what we know to be dangerous in the newspaper we often read from a silly curiosity—the very charm of the serpent which stings us? Hence are Our Lord's words well selected by the Holy Church for this season of Advent, which is that of good resolutions. In Advent we need to rise up from our creeping posture and stand erect like men, courageous, steadfast and true. We need to emulate, or ot least imitate that most manly figure whom Our Saviour places in the foremost ranks of human greatness, saying: "Amen I say to you, there hath not risen among them that are born of women a greater than John the Baptist." Take him for your model, my brethren, when you prepare, by a good confession, for your Christmas communion. Let your mind be made up, simply set and determined against sin and all occasions of sin, to be hated and shunned finally and forever.

And St. John is pointed to by our Lord as a model of self-denial. "But what went you out to see? a man clothed in soft garments?" There is, in fact, no saint so conspicuous an example of the virtue of self-restraint as our Lord's precursor. He lived in the desert, fasting and watching, from childhood, clothed in no soft garments, but. like Adam and Eve when driven out of Para-The supremacy of reason over appetite, of the man over the animal-that was the one only way of mortification of the

but also for justice' sake, because we have Abbey. sins to atone for. St. John was our Lord's forerunner, and began his mission by calling the people to penance: "Do penance," said he, "for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." We know that a Kingdom of Heaven made up of sinners must be a kingdom of penance.

Let us all lay our Lord's lessons, drawn from the Baptist's life, carnestly to heart, and by constant prayer, fasting abstinence, and bodily mortification of all kinds, win for ourselves an interior sorrow for sin and a fervent love of God.

An Ill-Ruled City.

years ago, to the Mayor's chair, the city to all intends and purposes has been under the thumb of the Lodges, and their local satellites. Three years of power has only whetted in them the appetite of civic tyranny; and the result is that now, at the close of Mayor Clarke's third term, the members of this Toronto Orange Tammany are like municipal tigers who have tasted blood. The Mayor, it is understood, is to stand for a fourth term—a very unusual and undesirable proceeding—and, perhaps, if the "machinery" that elects him can be kept that long together, he may get even a fifth term. In the meantime the condition of civic affairs is currently believed to be far from satisfactory. The city's finances are low, and incompetence and extravagence have marked eacry branch of the administration. The civic departments are no better than so many Lodge rooms, and the "pass word" and the "grip" are the essential prerequisites for either municipal "deal" or emolument, or civic position.—Catholic Review.

Should Inform Themselves.

Not infrequently it happens that a Catholic finds himself in company with Scorer or later the talk drifts toward the Catholic Church. Usually, the Protestants know little or nothing about the estants know little or nothing about the catholic And, we are sorry to say, the Catholic person of the present day is often unable to dispel their ignorance. This is the case, too, with Catholics who are perfectly loyal to their Church and accept relatively and absolutely all her doctrines. But they have not informed themselves, either from lack of opportunity or carelessness. For instance ignorance, ignorant of the station of the station of the year through ill-health, died recently at his residence, Glenaveena, Howth. John O'Hagan was the son of a Newry gentlemen, and was born in 1822. He studied at Trinity college and began to real for the Bar, to which, in due course, he was called. His career at the Bar was a distinguished one. He was the beau ideal of a Chancery lawyer, profoundly learned, and in his own quiet way a skilful and persuasive advocate.

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that Columbus, to whom is popularly ascribed the honor of discovering America in 1492, was a Catholic and America in 1492, was a Catholic and dispatched under protection of Catholic monarchs, Ferdinand and Isabella of Spain. When, in 1497, a ship from Bristol, under Cabot, bore the first band of English-speaking. Catholics to the open of the most estimable of Tables was northern shores of our continent, a Catholic priest came with him. What is now the State of Florida was discovered and givenits present name by John Ponce de Leon, a Catholic and native of Spain. The colony of Maryland was founded by stancy and also one of self-denial, from st. John the Baptist. "What went you bigoted followers of Henry VIII, who were determined that none should worship in Great Britain save in the manner question about what everybody knows to and after the fashion of those "Reformers' who loudly proclaimed the establishment of free speech. And in 1640 the Assembly of Maryland, with an overwhelming knowledged. St. John the Baptist was the very reverse of a man who is shaken and tossed about by every wind that blows. He was a determined man. He was constant in his purposes. He was of a positive disposition. St. John the Baptist never sweraed a hair's breath from the Baptist never ne what he knew to be the right path. What souri was Father Padilla, who was killed near the banks of the Missouri, and was the first martyr the Church can claim on the continent. The first Mass said in New England was on the Island of St. Croix. now called De Monts or Neutral Island. Besides these historical data, the young Catholic should be able to support, and give reasons therefor, the Church's position in regard to the invocation of the saints.the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, the granting of indul-gences; who will be saved and who lost, miracles, marriages and divorces, the confessional, communion in one kind. the real presence, the school question and so forth.—Catholic Youth.

Public Works Projected

OTTAWA, December 13. - Application will be made to Parliament next session for an act to incorporate the Ontario and New York Bridge company, with power to construct a bridge for a railway across the Ningara river near the town of Ningara Falls, to be open to all railway companies in Canada and the United States on equal terms and with power to collect tolls. The Northern Transcontinental Railway Company of Canada is applying to Parliament for power to build a railway commencing at Prince Albert, on the North Saskatchewan river, thence to the west end of Lake Athabasca and along the Great Slave River valley to the McKenzie River to its junction with the Liard and thence to the valleys of the Tangilla and Stikine rivers to the easterly boundary of Alaska.

A Startling Seance.

London, December 12.—Joseph Edgar dise, dressed in the skins of beasts. Yet he was not a penitent. He had never committed a single sin. Why, then, such self-denial? Because, in the first of Princess Louise and the latter called at place, he was a man, and he wanted to the studio in relation to the work. She be master of his appetites. He aspired found the artist's dead body in a chair. to rule his passions and his appetites by Shocked, the Princess fled and gave the his reason, and no man can be sure of alarm. Boehm was born in Vienna in success in that except by actual conflict 1834. He had resided in England since and real victory—often repeated victory. 1862, and was an associate of the Royal academy of London. He had excuted a colossal statue at Bedford of John Bunyan, the aim of St. John, and he secured it by a colossal equestrian statue of the Prince of Wales for Bombay, a statue of Thomas lesh. Carlyle and a marble statue of King Leo-But he also practised self-denial out of pold of Belgium. The Government sympathy with us poor sinners, who gave him the order to execute the statue must do it not only for manhood's sake, of Lord Beaconstield for Westminister

A Curious Rumor.

The curious rumor comes from Rome that the recent visit of Princess Helene with General and Mme. De Charette to the Vatican was connected with a project for the marriage of this charming and accomplished daughter of the Comte de Paris to the Duke of Clarence and Avon-dale, otherwise Prince Albert Victor of Wales, the object of the visit being to bring about, if possible, some arrange-ment by which the Princess might withdraw, in accordance with the English act of settlement, from the Catholic Church. The rumor is improbable on the face of In civic affairs Toronto seems to be it, but originates in quarters where the threatened with the permanent rule of an truth should be known, and is coupled Orange Tammany. Ever since the Editor with the story that the Prince and of the Orange Sentinel ascended, three Princess upon their marriage will proceed to Ireland, where the Prince will take up his abode as Viceroy of that island. We give the story under all reserve, but its origin makes it proper at least to notice it. The intimate relations between the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Comte and Comtesse de Paris have certainly been drawn closer than ever during the last year, and if the grandson of the Queen is to marry a Catholic princess at all it would be impossible to find in Europe a wife more womanly charming and accomplished than this younger sister of the Queen of Portugal.—Freeman's Journal.

Member of the Legislature.

In addition to the testimony of the Governor of the State of Maryland, U. S. A., a member of the Maryland Legislature, Hon. Wm. C. Harden, testifies as follows: "746 Dolphin St., Balto., Md., U.S. A., Jan. 18,'90. Gentleman: I meet with a severe accident by falling down the back stairs of my residence, in the darkness, and was bruised badly on my hip and side, and suffered severely. One and a half bottles of St. Jacobs Oil completely cured me. Wm. C. HARDEN," Member of the State Legislature.

the history of Americal Are they His progress at the Bar, for a man of his aware that Catholicity was planted in the American continent, in Greenland by priests from Ireland, and that in 1112 the See of Garder was erected by Pope Paschal I, and Eric appointed first bishob? (John Gilmary Shea's history of States, the Catholic Church in the United vol. i, p. 11). All know, or should know, that Columbus, to whom is popularly ascribed the honor of discovering ascribed the honor of discovering a Catholic and of the gifted writers who made the repu-

of English-speaking Catholics to the one of the most estimable of men. He was a devoted Catholic, his piety being as sincere as it was unostentatious. His charities were liberal and unceasing. He always remained an Irish Nationalist. At the last College election he voted for the Nationalist candidate, and his last public utterance was a fine article on Davis in an English magazine, in which he proclaimed his devotion to the Home Rule cause. To the last he cultivated letters with an honest and zealous love. He was an accomplished scholar, as is evidenced by his version of the great French elic, the "Song of Roland."

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