

THRILLING ELOQUENCE.

STRIKINGLY IMPRESSIVE SERMON BY FATHER PADE, FEARLESS FRENCH DOMINICAN, AT NOTRE DAME CHURCH, MONTREAL.

"I would not be your brother—I would not be a Frenchman—if my heart did not vibrate at the very mention of the word liberty," declared Rev. Father Pade, the eloquent young Dominican from France, preaching at Notre Dame Church, last Sunday morning before a vast congregation.

"I may speak of bondage around me becoming more rampant as we went away from Christ. I feel in my heart that, notwithstanding so much persecution, we will remain free. And mortal's anvil has not forged the chains that will enslave our liberty, since nothing can separate us from the charity of Christ; and I thrill with joy that we will resist our country—like the persecuted of today—like the heralds of liberty, while those who now speak of liberty are occupied making chains to enslave their brothers."

By and by in the breathless stillness, the sweet voice was strengthened and rang like the first clarion at dawn on the day of battle, far off and clear, heart-stirring and true. And with the rising tone came also the stronger word, and at last the spirit that moves more than word or voice. "We will render to Caesar what belongs to Caesar; but we are the proud and stubborn servants of God and to our persecutors we say: 'You will not have our liberty; for you cannot have our soul; not having our soul you cannot have our conscience because it remains inseparably attached to Christ!'"

FOURTEEN THOUSAND HEROES.

The sermon was on liberty and firmness and generosity of conscience in the cause of liberty. To say it moved that vast throng of fourteen thousand would be putting it mildly. When he threw defiance at his persecutors in France, people whose view of the preacher was hidden by the vast throngs in the aisles jumped to their feet as if a new Bernard of Clairvaux was preaching another crusade. It was a mighty effort on a mighty subject. There was a thrill through the congregation from the very beginning. I could not see one person leaning back on his seat during the last half hour. Every one was bent forward hanging on the lips of the preacher. One might have heard people breathe and no more. In the aisles, listening with all the eagerness and attention of the lowliest, were Dominicans and Franciscans, Redemptorists and Jesuits, Brothers of Mary and Christian Brothers, and on such of the diocesan priests to fill an ordinary church.

It would be impossible for me to give any sufficient account of the sermon, but I may set down some of the leading thoughts which I noted. The young friar-preacher began by relating the touching story of the noble Roman matron whose son was called to the court by the emperor. She desired to carry her boy away from the court and to the pagan gods. Being a devout Christian she had instilled into his young mind and heart her own profound love for Christianity. Before leaving her son she led him to a retired spot in her home where she had hidden her most precious treasure—a vase containing the blood of her martyred husband—who died for the faith some years previous. On this blood, which is the source of our life, she cried, swear to me, my son, to be true to your God and to the memory of your father. The young man hesitated not. He swore as desired and a few days later he was martyred in his turn and his heroic mother refreshed with her boy's blood the blood of his sire. We Catholics were one day led by the Church, our mother, to the foot of the cross and on the blood of Christ, our brother and our God, we swore that we would be faithful to our faith, cost what it may, to our last breath. To keep our oaths is a solemn duty for us, it is a question of honor, and since on it depends our eternal salvation, it is a duty of the utmost importance. Forced to live in a world of perversity, tossed about by temptations, solicited by our passions, we must nevertheless stick to our oath of allegiance and fidelity to Christ; we must keep a lily heart and a soul always blossoming with the virtues of the divine Master. It is a superhuman task we have undertaken by this oath. That our will may never weaken it is absolutely necessary that its guide, our conscience, be united with the conscience of Christ, its light, its strength and its life. No income to the idols of the earth; no concessions; no wavering conscience; a Catholic by caprice and by intervals; otherwise the crown of our honor will fade and die. We will be Catholics with the firmness of the martyrs, or we will be neither Christians nor men.

SOURCE OF LIBERTY IS GOD.

It is in the name of human liberty that we hear firmness of conscience being condemned by our enemies. On the contrary, it is in the name of human liberty that will prove the necessity of each one of us for our conscience to be firm to the law of Christ, as the Catholic Church teaches us that law.

After showing that the source of liberty is God and not human laws nor human society, the preacher said: "Oh, Lord, having arrived at the epoch of life, when I should be responsible for my acts and choose my route as the martyr finds the heavens by his guiding star, it is then in heaven only that I will find my sure guide. At the beginning of my career, already enticed by all kinds of fancies that have seduced and ruined so many others; eyes filled with visions, at times troubled, at times sublime and enchanting; and by youth troubled by its longings, cravings, generosities—our neighbors about it. You can use it and your money back if not satisfied, etc. at all times. R. CHASE'S CINTRETT'S

our liberty. Even today a new Moses in the person of the Holy Father presents us two tables of the law. On one table we may read that man is not to follow his pleasures, feelings, nor the caprices of the mob nor the will of its brothers. He should obey his conscience in which God has placed His truth. On the other table is written, since this truth laid down by God in our conscience was covered, as with rust by sin, God was obliged to send His Son to be our light and our guide, and behold the formal affirmation of Christ: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.' You are with me as co-heirs to heaven, put your feet in my footprints and work to reproduce within you the image of the Son of God, and of the Son of Man, so as to render Him the homage of a prompt and filial submission. The honor of human liberty comes from its divine Author. Liberty does not stir us except on the divine command; liberty fights but for the colors of God; liberty bends the knee only before God; liberty breaks only in God's hands and then it will be even our triumph. We do not make liberty our god, but we consider it a means to reach our God. There is no change in God. When He speaks it is for eternity. He suffers no contradiction; He is all-powerful. At his voice all nature bends. Man should not discuss the words of God but he should strive to understand them." Then came the words in the opening paragraph of this letter which thrilled the audience.

NEVER FORGET THE MARTYRS OF OLD.

He showed how by following this divine law of liberty the Catholic Church had exalted purity as far as virginity; through her teaching justice extended to charity, strength blossomed into sweetness and heroism.

I fear I have been rash in attempting these few sentences of a discourse full of life and beauty. I have given you the cold words, but those who heard these words, vivified by the magnetic power of the young orator, will never forget their effect. We thought we had listened to a twenty-five minutes' sermon. We had, in fact, sat enraptured for an hour and a half, the preacher playing as he would upon our heart strings, but always to such heavenly music. He closed with this fine thought: "The women in the world who toil and suffer, those of families who toil and suffer, those of families who toil and suffer, those whom Thon hast called preserve in Thy Name and sanctify them in truth."

The time having arrived for His Excellency to address the Italian congregation of the city in their loved mother tongue, the inmates of the Abbey bade adieu to their gracious visitors with mingled feelings of satisfaction and regret.

The following afternoon two other distinguished clergymen; Rev. Herbert Vaughan, D. D., of London, England, nephew of the late eminent Cardinal Vaughan of Westminster Abbey, and Rev. Father Mountain of Buffalo, visited this well-known institution. They were pleased to return the following morning to celebrate Holy Mass in the Abbey Chapel.

Thus were represented men of different climes and customs but all one in devotion to the great cause of religion and Christian education. Surely the indubitable conviction must impress even the casual observer that the Church of God, that great treasure-house of Christ on earth still gathers as her zealous laborers, the best, most self-sacrificing and noblest of the children of men, proving that there is a kingdom where God is King; and the King is Father—Our Father in heaven.

EASTER-TIDE AT LORETTO ABBEY.

Although every Sunday is a day of rejoicing for the resurrection of the Redeemer, yet Easter is the annual and all-inclusive day. It is the Sunday of Sundays which proclaims the resurrection of Christ from the dead with the sounding joy and sympathy of the whole Christian world. It is the day illustrious above all others; the day that brought to life and light the enthalgence of the great spirit world beyond.

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tain a true paternal love for the little ones of Christ. They engaged in familiar and pleasant conversation and the informal reception was brought to a happy close by the young ladies kneeling to receive a special blessing from this worthy representative of Christ's Vicar on earth.

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