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FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON. The Epiphany.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

New Year's Greeting. What shall I wish thee for the coming year Twelve months of dream like ease, no cares, no

If I could have my way, no shade of woe Should ever dim thy sunshine—but I know Strong courage is not learnt in happy sleen, Nor patience sweet, by eyes that never weep.

To keep from thee the many jars of life ! Still let me wish thee courage for the strife. The happiness that comes of work well done, And afterwards—the peace of victory won !

The Magi.

The three kings who came to do

honor to Jesus on the Feast of the

at God's command. If Abraham thus

deserved to be called the friend of God

and father of the faithful, so these wise

men were not only the subjects but also the friends of Christ, and the spir-

itual fathers of all faithful Catholics.

We are their spiritual offspring ; the

innumerable company of Christians in

heaven will have to thank them for

What led them to this long and ap parently aimless journey? In their

tribe there had long existed a tradition

that one day or other a star would

appear which the princes of the trib

were to follow, and, following it, to find

the King of Heaven incarnate upon

earth. How many generations had looked and longed for the promised sign! Yet it came at last. God always grants sooner or later the de-

HARRY'S NEW YEAR'S CALLER.

Poor mamma was in despair, and Harry was in trouble again. I do be-

lieve that for his age, which was only

four years, Harry was the most mis-chievous boy in the world. Morning,

gers found naughty work to do; he

was simply incorrigible. Spanking had no effect. In fact, he would often

come running to mamma crying "Mamma, I'se been velly naughty

but I'se brought you a switch." Then

he would take his whipping, never

shed a tear, and when it was over, run

Harry sighed a long drawn sigh.

and without a word, stooped down and

took off his own tiny slipper, and

handed it to his mother, saying :

Papa burst into a hearty laugh, in

which mamma joined. "You must try something else," said

papa. "See here, Harry, if you sit on that stool and are a good boy for

"You give me one, too, mamma."

"All right, then ; I'll be good,

and taking a picture book, Harry brought his little stool close by mama's

chair, and seated himself on it. "This is a mousey, this is a horsey,

nothing had happened.

sitting, and told her tale.

to whip you."

Well, do it.'

"Sure, papa ?"

and this is a kitty-cat."

penny.

"Yes.

"Yes.

sires of those who long after Him.

having led the way to Jesus.

Ah. would my wishes were of more avail ! To keep from thee the many jars of life !

SHOWING FORTH OUR FAITH. The manifestation of our Lord to the nations in the persons of the three wise men is what holy Church bids us consider to day. We think this a fit occa-sion to remind you that the laity have a duty to make manifest our Lord and His doctrines as well as the clergy. It is the will of God that all who have acknowledged Jesus Christ and believe His doctrine should preach Him and it to others. We pass by the divinely-given office of teaching which parents enjoy and which others who share their dignity must partake of, including those who assist in the household. and teachers and guardians ; of such

the honor and duty is to train children in the doctrine and discipline and cor rection of the Lord. What we wish more particularly to

common property of all the sons of God; it is the destiny to which all

mankind has been called. The Infant King of man is enthroned in the arms

of Mary, the second Eve and the

stretched out to embrace and make sons of God of all the children of men.

He who claims to be the brother of

Jesus Christ is unworthy the title un

less in mind and act he assists Him to

establish His kingdom in every hear

of man. The Catholic who hugs the

truth up to himself alone is not worthy

of it : he is selfish.' He will be con-

But somebody might answer

"Father, what you say is plain enough

actual fact, can you tell me how I can

practically show people the truth? First, by word of mouth. Scarcely a

day passes but that you can say a plain, strong word for the cause of

Christ. The air is full of objections to

religion, and every objection should

be met on the spot and refuted. If

any one denies, in your hearing, the

existence of God, the immortality of

spiration of Scripture, or any other

truth of religion, it is your duty to affirm these fundamental truths at

once, and it is a great honor to do so.

If you say you have no learning, I answer, that the highest learning is

not so good a quality as sincere convic-

who assail the truth in common con-

versation are generally the reverse of

learned. The enemies of religion are,

for the most part, as ignorant as they

are bold. Learning is good, but it is

not learning we need most. We need

to have sincere convictions, and we

need to have the courage of them. "I believed," says the Psalmist, " and therefore did I speak." Truth sounds o well that its have mention is

so well that its bare mention is a

powerful argument. Furthermore, the honest Christian who defends his

religion will not be without the divine

But we should not only defend the

truth ; we should attack error. If you

have friends who are in error you can

do them no better service than to set

them right. This must be done with

discretion, to be sure. But do not be

too anxious about discretion. When

you see error attack it ; in such cases

kindliness is the chief rule for securing

a hearing. It is amazing that men

assistance to do it well.

tion ; and I answer again that those

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theoretically ; but, to come down to | noon and night his little feet and fin

demned for hiding his talent.

mother of all living, and His arms are

insist upon is the missionary office of every Catholic, especially in these days of error and inquiry. Now, it is a characteristic of all spiritual good that it is in some sense communicable. The priest cannot, indeed, give his office to another, but he holds it to give the truth and the grace of Christ. "Freely (that is to say, gratis) you have re-ceived, freely give." So with the layman ; every grace he has has been re-ceived not only for himself but also for others. The Christian heritage is the

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lap. I want to talk to you and show you my book ; I won't hurt you." "I'm not afraid," and Harry advanced boldly and seated himself on

weive months of dream like ease, no cares, no pain. Bright spring, calm summer-autumn, without rain of bitter tears ? Wonldst have it thus, my friend ? What lesson then were learnt at the year's end ? Father Time's knee. "Now, Harry," said the old man, "I've been watching you for a long time, and everything you do I mark down in my book, and God reads it, and if it is good He's glad, and if it's What shall I wish thee then? God knoweth naughty then He hides His face and is very sorry. I'm going to show you some of the book now, and you'll tell me yourself how you think God feels. Here is yesterday's page." "It's not very clean," said Harry, somewhat disgustedly.

"Eight o'clock in the morning," read Father Time. "Harry slapped

nurse "But she pulled my hair and it

Epiphany, are also called the three hurt." "Nine o'clock, Harry cried because Magi, or the Three Wise Men. They namma made him eat oatmeal at were the rulers of an eastern tribe a some distance from Bethlehem. Like breakfast." Abraham, they left home and country

'I don't like oatmeal." "Ten o'clock to twelve, Harry was a good boy because he was asleep." "Then God smiled," cried Harry, "One o'clock, Harry stole three cookies."

"But I did ask Norah first and she said 'no,' and I wanted them." "Two o'clock, Harry tied a pan to Fid's tail.

"And he said 'bow-wow-wow,' and ran all around the garden.'

"Three o'clock. Harry was pretty "Five o'clock, blot ! blot ! blot !"

"I know," said Harry, 'I swimmed in the baf tub with my clean dress on, but I won't do it again." "So you see, Harry," said Father Time, closing the book; "you have been a pretty bad boy, a very bad boy, and Jesus can't love you like that."

Harry began to cry, "I'm sorry, and I'll be good now." "Well, Harry," continued Father Time, "the old year is past, and this book is finished ; to day is the first of the New Year, and I baye a pice, new

the New Year, and I have a nice, new book with nothing but nice, clean pages, and I will only write in it just what you do and say ; if you are good, then next year when I come back, it will all be written in gold in the book and if you are bad, it will be written in black and blotted, and God will see it all.'

Harry nodded his curly head gravely, "Begin now and write. Harry is a good boy, and 'll never be bad again.

last trembling gasp.

the heavens.

off to play as unconcernedly as though And, strange to say, Harry kept his word ; from that day he was a changed But this time mamma was really boy; he was as merry as ever, but angry. Nurse had just dressed Harry whenever he was inclined to be for dinner in a clean dress, and what did Harry do? Seeing the bath-tub naughty, mamma or nurse would say 'Father Time has his pen ; he's going full of water, he jumped in to take a to write in gold or black, and in a few swim, and, of course, had to be dressed minutes Harry would be as good as a again. Then nurse took him to the little angel, and he would whisper softly, "He shan't write in black library where papa and mamma were "Harry," said mamma when nurse had finished, "I am afraid I shall have

cause I want God to smile." The Dying Year.

BY CARLOS.

To watch the death-bed of the dying Passing forever out of sight, To hear the weary victim sighing, Groaning in agony and fright; It is enough to start a tear— Then shed one for the Dying Year !

'Twas only yesterday, it seems, When all of us, in social fun, Gazed at Aurora's brilliant beams Braiding the brow of '96 ! Yet, what a transformation here ! Behold it in the Dying Year ! half an hour, I'll give you a new

The Dying Year has been our friend, Pouring out, with lavish hand, Blessings he no more may send From cold Oblivion's cheerless land, Where no one o'er his memory grieves here no one o'er his memory grieves, arouded in snow and withered leaves ! Adieu, Old Year !- Above our path

You strewed fresh roses o'er the thistles, And tho' the world incurs your wrath, Jarring your ears with shrieking whistles, We'll weave this chaplet to thy name, And say "Farewell," with heart aflame !



CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. get on terms with them, and exercise

your generosity towards them. This There are many different ways of will be, after all, only in accordance with the imperative command of Jesus getting on in the world. It does not always mean making a great deal of Christ Who used this language in His money, or being a great man, whom-Sermon on the Mount: "You have heard that it hath been said, thou shalt people look up to with wonder. Leav-ing off a bad habit for a good one is getting on in the world; to be clean love thy neighbor, and hate thy enemy; (a thing which many nominal and tidy, instead of dirty and disor-Catholics do nowadays) but I say to you, love your enemies; do good to them that hate you, and pray for them derly, is getting on ; to be careful and saving, instead of thoughtless and wasteful, is getting on ; to be active that persecute and caluminate you." Words cannot be plainer, and this is and industrious, instead of idle and lazy, is getting on ; to be kind and the season to put your kindly acts, even to your enemies, into execution.

What business has the young vigor of twenty to demand that the fire shall e warm and the seat cushioned and the road smooth ? Lat him not parade his incompetence for life by insisting is well word for the master," especial-vant is not above his master," especial-ly such a Master as we have, "Whom to serve is to reign!" Cui serviri est regnare! If you persist, however, in man is the dundance of life should be eken out with wealth, which is an accident of life, not of its essence. Let him not insult himself by behaving as if the amphine or the shower made a difference to him. Let those poor slaveries up your cross because it is heavy, then wait till the heart is sourced and the knees are weak. No! the young man's place is to scorn delights. Our gilded you cannot reasonably claim a share in the crown, and, not sharing the crown, you have positively no other outlook but the black chasm that separouth are not-and they ought to know that they are not, they ought to be told that they are not-choice young men ates countless millions of lost souls from their once beloved Lord and Master, when the study of their life is to spare themselves pain and surround themselves with creature comforts. It is a sign that they have not got hold of the the Cross, praying for them with His last trambling cash eke it out with gilding. - Phillips Brooks.

To day is ours. We have no lien on the future, therefore the young man who delays action, who puts off the execution of good deeds, or the carrying into effect of resolutions of endeavor or amendment, commits a fatal error. Sometimes he attempts to justify proerastination on the pretext of youth. He is too young to be very much in earnest ; when he becomes mature and easoned, so to speak, he will be better qualified to accomplish what he hesitates to undertake now. As a rule, failure to respond to a worthy impulse and the neglect of inspirations to serious effort, is due to weak and vacilating spirit or poverty of moral courage that betrays its victim into the hands of the tempter.

He who is always going to do, but never does, move, in a very small circle. He will remain where he begins because there is no lower plane to which he can retrograde. Futile promises of starting to morrow lead to nowhere. To morrow never comes. We have only to day in which to act, and if we do not avail ourselves of its opportunities, we may be quite sure that the rewards will go to others.

always bring the most comfort to the recipient. In fact, I have known other time what our better judg to be a cause for jealousy when, tells us should be done now ! for instance, one boy got a better pres-ent than another or his big brother got The young men who grow to be old men bound fast to the same hard treadmill a larger number of presents, or his of service on which they started, are ister got the costliest of any. To the ones who cheerfully cherished the remedy this evil, let those who have self-delusion that later on would be no money to buy drums or jumping time enough to take up the tools of jacks, just see if they cannot make success. They never reach the coveted other children happy by cultivating a feeling of kindness; by being oblivgoal because they neglect the only means of getting there. Their intenious of their shortcomings ; by show ing a spirit of genuine charity, that ions may be well enough and perhaps always were, but intentions are of very will keep, not for a day, but for all the little practical use unless they are act year round ; by having kind and symed out in conduct. They are an end, pathetic feelings towards those with not the means to an end. whom they associate; by not being We are told that a certain super domineering in their manner towards New York Catholic Agency The object of this Agency is to supply, at the originar dealers' prices, any kind of goods inco-ted or manufactured in the United States. The advantages and conveniences of this Agency are many, a few of which are: Int. 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It is absolutely essential to human any number of New Year's presents, some of which, after all, serve as mer vanity and dumb show, though such, progress to have ideals and it is no less mperative that these should be faithof course, is not so in the great major fully and resolutely lived up to, if any thing of merit and value is to b achieved. Young men especially, should burn this living truth deeply Neuralgia is the prayer of the nerves for pure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier and nerve builder. into their minds. It is worse than use Money Saved and pain relieved buttler. Money Saved and pain relieved by the leading household remedy, DR. 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You can do so profitably if you possess a mind capable of penetrating the surface of things. It is the most practical of all schools. Its lessons are easy and amply repay the cost of application. Benefit by the mistakes of others which reveal themhave nothing else to give, you will give them your smiles and your bless-ings and wish them well, avoiding the use of harsh words and sour looks. If bad," said Harry who was very truth-ul. "Come here, Harry, and sit on my whom you may entertain a dislike for you aspire to follow. There are no

mysteries or secrets here, which will not yield to the potency of common sense. Few young men are so bereft of intelligence or so mentally obtuse that they cannot grasp the kernel of truth, if they try. They know it is there, and they real-

ze that to get at it one must dig through the crust of circumstances and effects, beneath which it lies securely encased. Ambition is the key that unlocks the enchanted palace, ambition securely hedged about with moral principles and guided by the light of sound religious faith.

It is obvious that education which ontemplates "judicious and welldirected effort as an essential factor in determining the value of life, and the best development of the higher faculties and character renders the most flicient assistance in equipping youth for the real battle of existence. It is qually plain that the youth who eners the fray, wearing the shield and buckle of rational knowledge of the practical drift of affairs, possesses a ngular advantage over the one whose perceptions and faculties have been allowed to grow as best they might, without cultivation or direction of any sort. Observe how straight is the upward reach of the young man capably and carefully trained in the wisdom that underlies success. A father who appreciates the value of intelligent guidance in habits which lead to the realization of worthy aspirations, is the best guide to both odness and prosperity. The power derived from riches and station and influence rightly used is largely controlled within circles that have possessed it for generations, transmitting it from father to son in the routine of domestic intercourse and education. But the desirable endowment moving largely in these channels is not exclu ively confined to them. More particularly in our own country where distinctions of caste are, at most, merely exotic, it is not only possible, but comparatively easy for youth deprived of the traditions and born out-side the ordinary conditions which surround the promise of pros-

perous fortune, to command the ruition of high hopes nourished and fostered by resolute will and indomit-able perseverance. But mark the talismanic qualities that overcome the force of circumstances! What are they? An intuitive comprehension of the value and possibilities of social and material eminence, an unconquerable spirit, and an unswerving purpose to attain the goal of commendable ambition despite the cost and sacrifice to indolence and comfort. Obstacles, that seem almost insuperable to the youth of vacilating will and impulse, only tend to nerve the heart of the strong and resolute. Difficulties. disappointments, trials and self discipline are inseparable from worldly enterprise. Without such accompaniment little of note is accomplished. Isn't it clear enough that to day is the proper time to begin work ?

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because they had not the courage to "do good for evil," and to forgive those who injured them in any way, even as Christ forgave His enemies on But you tell us you know lots of nice

neat, little boys and girls who say their Do Not Hesitate. prayers every morning, and who do not utter naughty language, but who are all the time chipper and comely and prim and polite to everybody, and who are, nevertheless, given to hav-ing their little grudges to gratify, to-gether with dislikes which they some-

imes treasure up after a fashion that ooks anything but Christian. Now, if these good little boys and girls, radient with the sunshine of youth and beauty, can keep their spite in for one another, and talk evil of those they dislike, why you, ask, can it be possible that you may not do the same? You may not ; you most emphatically cannot. If they pretend to be good boys and girls, and still act so nasty and mean, they are simply downright hypocrites, and if they do not mend their ways,

they will meet the fate of the beautiful Lucifer in the end who was at one time the brightest and most blazing star in Some children are so poor, God help them, that they have no presents to give anybody. But, to children of this class, there is a very suggestive way out of the difficulty. Now, be it under-

out of the difficulty. Now, be it under-stood that material presents do not How rash it is, then, to beguile our-selves with idle dreams of doing some

forbearing, instead of ill-natured and (quarrelsome, is getting on ; in short, when we see anyone properly attenthe is getting on in the world. Don't be Soft on Yourself.

But you say you cannot bring yourself to speak to such a one, your disive to his duties we may be sure that like is so great. And the idea of giving him a present-O my ! Well, course, it is difficult to return good for evil; but that very difficulty enhances the merit of the act. The greater the The greater the difficulty, the more heroic becomes the act and the brighter the crown for all eternity. Besides, remember-and it is well worth remembering - "the serv-

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Being good, even for a penny, was just a bit tiresome. Harry looked out the window, but there was nothing to see except the village church, so Harry turned his attention to his book again " Mamma, is this Sandy Claw's picture?" asked Harry, holding up the

" No, dear, it's Father Time." "And what does he do, Mamma ? Give little boys presents ?" "No," answered papa, " he comes to

"Will he come to see me, papa, if I am very bad? I'd like him to."

Harry sat in silence for a few mohindrance to his religion, so is the ments, and papa was congratulating himself that his penny was working wonders, when suddenly he heard a

loud wailing and screeching, and the cat darted across the room with Harry's book tied to his tail.

"Father Time and Pussy," cried Harry, clapping his hands in glee.

"You'd better not treat Father Time that way," said papa, shaking his finger reprovingly, "he wont like it." The bell rang for dinner, and Harry was so hungry that for a little while he was pretty good and quiet. The next morning, Harry burst into

the dining room, crying : "See, ma-ma, I put on my pretty new collar 'cause Father Time's coming to see me. Papa said so. "And I guess papa was right," said mama, "for here he comes."

The door opened slowly, and to

ried two books under his arm. "How do you do, Harry?" said Father Time, holding out his hand.

"A very good boy ?" "Not very good ; a teeny weeny bit bad," said Harry who was very truth-

Pointed Pencilings.

The Old Year, that is now dying, will be soon linked with the past, never again to return, no more than ts buried hopes and blasted prospects that have now and for ever vanished out of sight. Look over the year that has fled like a shadow, and see the wreck and ruin that lies spread before you. Aimless and wasted lives;

cheerless, houseless and homeless wretchedness on all sides; hatred-human hatred-lurking in once happy homes, and desolating once cheerful firesides; then the treachery that begot broken friendships and broken hearts, and fostered every mean feeling of ill will and animosity conceiv-able till slander and calumny followed, while blear eyed Hate, grim and gaunt stood guard above the grave of Hope, and angelic Charity fled weeping to the skies. - Think of it, and ask yourselves: Do you cultivate your dis-to others? Do you cultivate your dis-likes too, like those desolate ogres that ity of cases. - Carlos.

skulk in dark corners, abhorring everything but self? Do you, too, chime in with the backbiters, and have never a good word at all to say for the or victims of their poison tongued calumny? Or do you nobly brave the breath of slander and take the part of the injured one, scorning to carry two faces under a hood, and determining to have but one aim in life, viz., to love your God and your companions for His sake ; for such is the spirit of

Harry's astonishment, in walked an old man with a long beard. He car- good will to all men. If you do; if you will cherish the

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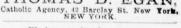
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