

FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON.

The Epiphany.

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.

What we wish more particularly to insist upon is the missionary office of every Catholic, especially in these days of error and inquiry.

But somebody might answer: "Father, what you say is plain enough theoretically, but to come down to actual fact, can you tell me how I can practically show people the truth?"

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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.

Finally, a good life is a manifestation of our Lord and His doctrine of wonderful force and attractiveness.

Tired Mothers find help in Hood's Sarsaparilla, which gives them pure blood, a good appetite and new and needed strength.

A TREAT FOR THE CHILDREN. We have now on hand a supply of "Our Boys and Girls' Annual," and are pleased to be able to tell our young readers that it is a beautifully illustrated throughout, and is replete with interesting and charming stories.

PLAIN FACTS FOR FAIR MINDS. This has a larger sale than any book of the kind now in the market. It is not a controversial work, but simply a statement of Catholic doctrine.

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 pain.

The three kings who came to do honor to Jesus on the Feast of the Epiphany, are also called the three Magi, or the Three Wise Men.

What led them to this long and apparently aimless journey? In their tribes there lay or other a star would appear which the princes of the tribe were to follow, and, following it, to find the King of Heaven incarnate upon earth.

HARRY'S NEW YEAR'S CALLER. Poor mamma was in despair, and Harry was in trouble again. I do believe that for his age, which was only four years, Harry was the most mischievous boy in the world.

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The Dying Year. To watch the death-bed of the dying: Passing forever out of sight: To hear the weary victor sighing, Groaning in agony and plight: It is enough to start a year!

Painted Penicillings. The Old Year, that is now dying, will be soon linked with the past, never again to return, no more than his buried hopes and blasted prospects that have now and for ever vanished out of sight.

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.

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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 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 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.

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

"But she pulled my hair and it hurt." "Nine o'clock, Harry cried because mamma made him eat oatmeal at breakfast."

"I don't like oatmeal." "Ten o'clock to twelve, Harry was a good boy because he was asleep."

And, strange to say, Harry kept his word: from that day he was a changed boy: he was as merry as ever, but whenever he was inclined to be naughty, mamma or nurse would say: "Father Time has his pen; he's going to write in gold or black, and in a few minutes Harry would be as good as a little angel, and he would whisper softly, 'He shan't write in black 'cause I want God to smile.'"

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any cause or none, you will be sure to get on terms with them, and exercise your generosity towards them.

But you say you cannot bring yourself to speak to such a one, your dislike is so great. And the idea of giving him a present—O my! Well, of course, it is difficult to return good for evil; but that very difficulty enhances the merit of the act.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

There are many different ways of getting on in the world. It does not always mean making a great deal of money, or being a great man, whom people look up to with wonder.

Do not be soft on yourself. What business has the young vigor of twenty to demand that the fire shall be warm and the seat cushioned and the road smoothed? Let him not parade his incompetence for life by insisting that life is not worth living unless a man is rich—unless, that is, the abundance of life should be eked out with wealth, which is an accident of life, not of its essence.

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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 realize that to get it, it one must dig through the crust of circumstances and effects, beneath which it lies securely enshrouded.

It is obvious that education which contemplates judicious and well-directed effort as an essential factor in determining the value of life, and the best development of the higher faculties and character renders the most efficient assistance in equipping youth for the real battle of existence.

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