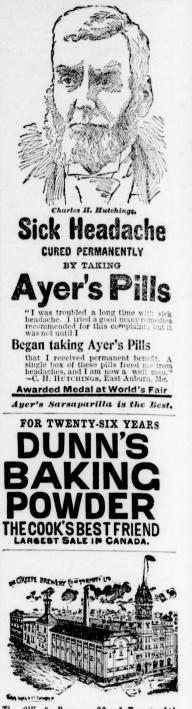
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## Fifth Sunday After Easter.

THE THREE STEPS TO HEAVEN. Blessed is the man whose help is from thee his heart he hath disposed to ascend by rens." (Psalm Ixxxviii. 6.) Next Thursday the Church will cele

brate the feast of the Ascension of our Lord ; the day on which His sojourn in this vale of tears came to an end, when He entered upon the possession of that glory which He had won by His obedience in this world. In the Collect which is said at Mass on this feast we ask "that we who believe that Thy only Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day into heaven, may also have our hearts fixed on heavenly In order that we may things.' better able to enter into the spirit of the approaching feast, and even in this life raise ourselves up above its transitory interests, 1 propose to point out how our religion necessarily ele-vates the minds and thoughts of those who practise it, how it places them even now in the enjoyment of heavenly treasures, and how, therefore, our

minds should even now learn to rest upon things which are above. We hear a great deal of talk nowa days about the dignity of man, and there are some few people who maintain that we ought to make humanity tain that we ought to make humanity the supreme object of our care and the bicycle principle. The young worship. And newspaper scribes sometimes assert that the doctrines and discipline of the Catholic Church him in the future. - New Ideas, Philunduly depress mankind, and turn his care and attention into less deserving

adelphia. channels. Now, no one, I am sure, will find fault with those for striving There is a pretty story told about the naming of the Marechal Niel rose. to assist and help their fellow-man by every means in their power ; on the contrary, the Church has always fos-When the famous General Niel of the Franco-Austrian war, returning from tered and encouraged all such efforts. the scene of his many victories, passed But when it comes to the worship of through a certain small town, one of humanity, we are unable to acknowlthe peasant women of the place preedge the rightfulness of such a claim sented to him a basket of beautiful yeland if such refusal makes us the enemlow roses. ies of progress and enlightenment, we

must plead guilty. But so far from depressing and lowering man and his dignity, I venture garden in Paris. It thrived in its new to say that the doctrines and teaching of the Church raise him to a higher level, and place before him a higher She was greatly pleased with the motive and a loftier end than it has ever entered into the mind of the most lower, and on inquiry found it had no name. She smiled at the general significantly, and said, "Then I will advanced thinkers of this or any other time to conceive. This, I say, has been done by the Christian religion be the one to give it a name," and added, graciously, "I will christen it the 'Marechal Niel," and at the same and by its distinctive teaching, as distinguished from natural religion and what it tells us. Natural religion tells moment she bestowed upon the man us truly, that there is one Maker and the jewelled emblem which revealed to Lord of this world, that we are His him his promotion and gave him the creatures, that we must be subject to title Marshal of France. Him, and that punishment awaits us

if we are not so subject. Catholic teaching takes all this for granted, confirms it, builds upon it, and raises us above it. And how ? draw-back to the ambitious. Shabby clothes only add dignity and worth to

The first step in the Christian life is Faith. And what is faith? What does faith do for us? Faith is that virtue by which we accept as true those things which God has revealed. Faith, then, brings us face to face with God Himself and His divine ver-For the truths of faith we have acity God Himself as the Voucher. Is not this an elevation of the mind of man far greater than that to which the loftiest philosophies can lay claim ? They can at best give us opinions and guesses ; faith places us at once in the possession of eternal and immutable

truth

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are in keeping with youth. It would be a dull world indeed if the shout of young voices at play never greeted The second distinctively Christian us, the peal of laughter coming from innocent hearts as yet untried by the cares of the world. However, let my young readers remembert hat fun and virtue is Hope. And what is hope? To what does it raise us? The light of reason teaches us, as I said before, that frolic should come after, not before, any duties awaiting them. Never get we are God's creatures and must be subject to Him, and if so subject will receive from Him a fitting recompense. into the habit of putting off for another But Christian hope makes us look upon ies entrusted to you nonsihi God not as our Maker, but as our No matter how small they be, do them promptly and in the best manner of Father : not as a Master, but as a which you are capable. Always take a Friend ; and makes us look forward to the possession not merely of His gifts just pride in showing up your under and rewards, but of Himself for all takings to their best advantage. With reference to the third great Our Pictures on the Walls. Our Pictures on the walls. The frames are not expensive and the pict-ures they are plain. A brooding there where sunlight or the fire-light softly falls: The stranger would not note them, yet no hope of greed or gain Would make us think of parting with our pictures on the walls! Christian virtue - Charity - I have time only to mention that it makes the ruling motive of our lives the love of God for Himself because He is what He is. For before concluding, I wish to point out the greatest elevation to which we are raised. Take a man Nay, we would have no changes in the porwho is in the grace of God ; what is his traits if we could, For, gazing on the faces, we can see them as position? What does the possession of God's grace make him? I should not they were ; The father strong, and sisters in their lovely have dared to answer had it not been revealed by God and sanctioned by the womanhood, The mother sweet (and tender, and the baby in his chair. Church. It would not have entered into the mind of man to guess ; for that Their voices come at even or on quiet afterwhich man in the grace of God possesses is nothing less than a participation And while we look upon them we recall the of the divine nature ; to use the words dearer days : And still they seem to love us as when Hope of grave theologians, man's very being its sweetest tunes Went chanting low and tender here among the homestead ways. is placed in a divine state. If these things are so, and they are elementary Christian truths, have we The years have been so many, and the days not reason enough to have our hearts fixed, even in this life, on heavenly have gone so slow, we were undivided in the years the Since we were undivided in a set of mind recalls ; mind recalls ; And yet we feel less lonely as we on our journey go, journey go, things? journey go, With the faces ever with us-with the pict-ure on the walls ! As the strength of a building de pends upon the solidity of its founda-tion, so health depends upon the con--Memphis Commercial Appeal. dition of the blood. To expel impuri-The Boy Who Says "We." ties and cause the vital fluid to become Don't laugh at the boy who magni vigorous and life-giving, Ayer's Sarsafies his place. You may see him going to the postoffice with a big bundle of parilla is the most powerful and effect ive medicine in use. 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Nevous heave taking Hood's Sarsaparilla is persistently removes these pasts, at once relieving the little sufferers. plays with as much pride as if they were

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#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. day to say " we " in earnest. The boy will reap what he sows if he has grit and sticks to his job. You may take 'Twas whispered one morning in heaven How the little child-angel May, In the shade of the great white portal Sat sorrowing night and day; How she said to the stately warden— Has of the bern and here. off your hat to him as one of the future

He of the key and bar— "Oh ! angel, sweet angel I pray you Set the beautiful gates ajar—

Only a little, I pray you, Set the beautiful gates ajar.

"I can hear my mother weeping,

A can hear my nother weeping, She is lonely, she cannot see A glimmer of light in the darkness, When the gates shut after me : Oh ! turn me the key, sweet angel, The splendor will shine so far !''' But the warden answered, '' I dare not Set the beautiful gates ajar :' Spoke low and answered, '' I dare not Set the beautiful gates ajar.''

Then up rose Mary, the blessed, Sweet Mary, the mother of Christ : Her hand on the hand of the angel She laid, and her touch sufficed. Turned was the key in the portal, Fell ringing the golden bar, And lo ! in the little child's fingers Stood the beautiful gates ajar. In the little child's angel fingers Stood the beautiful gates ajar.

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olid men of the town. Let his em ployer do the fair thing by him check him kindly if he shows signs o being too big for his place ; counse him as to his habits and associates, and occasionally show him a pleasant pros pect of advancement. A little praise does an honest boy a heap of good Good luck to the boy who says " we !

#### Be Prompt, Boys.

Major Skinner tells in his autobio graphy, "Fifty Years in Ceylon, how his prompt obedience to an order suddenly communicated made the gov-ernor of the island his friend. He was then Lieutenant Skinner, twenty-one years of age, a member of the governor's staff and of his military family. One day, between noon and one o'clock, the governor, Sir Edward Barnes, seeing Skinner in the billiardroom, said : "What are you doing here, young-

ster? I thought you would have been at Negombo by this time. " "What to do there, sir?"

Not all the old heads are on old houlders. A patent was recently "What ! Have you not received your orders from the quarter master. granted to the sixteen-year-old son of I. F. Forward, of San Diego, Cal., for general?

"No, sir; I have not seen him toa propeller for boats, which is worked day. "Go to him at once, and be quick in

man has made a good start forward, what you have to do. It was near 2 o'clock before Skin-ner could find that officer. When he caught him he was ordered to proceed and we shall expect to hear more from

to Negombo-an old fort twenty-three miles north of the Government House -to make a plan of the la racks there and to prepare an estimate of the cost

of repairing them so as to fit them for immediate occupation. The lieutenant was annoyed, for he was engaged to a dinner-party that evening, to which the Governor and Lady Barnes were going. But he mounted his gray Arab, who could do

almost anything but fly, and as soon as he got clear of the fort started at a One of the flowers still clung to a portion of the root, and Niel, enamored gallop. At every sixth mile he drew bridle for two or three minutes, to of the flower, transplanted it to his soil, and when a large bush, covered give the Arab a chance to breathe. He reached Negombo at 4 o'clock, with blossoms, he presented it as a gift to the Empress Eugenie. having ridden the twenty-three miles in two hours.

Field-book in hand and with tapeline he made the measurements, jotted them down, drew plans of the barracks and wrote down the facts necessary for the estimate. Within an hour he was in the saddle on his return to Colombo, which he reached before 7 o'clock. H then dressed and arrived at the dinnerparty nearly as soon as the governor. The moment Sir Edward saw him he said : "Well, youngster, what are you

doing here? I thought I told you this morning to go to the quartermastergeneral for orders. "So I did. sir.

"And what did he tell you to do? "He ordered me to go to Negombo, sir, to take plans of the barracks, to report the number of men they could accommodate and to submit an estimate "Then what do you mean by neglecting those orders. You ought to

necessary connection with the sterling Idleness is the rock which has shiphave gone off instantly. "I have not neglected them, sir; I have been to Negombo, and your ex-

other cause, with the exception of in-temperance. Again a boy's or girl's manner tells. Fun and high spirits cellency will have all the information you require laid before you to-morrow morning.

The governor showed his delight by the glow of satisfaction on his face He repeated the exploit to the dinnerparty, dwelling upon the promp bedience. From that day the lieuten ant's promotion advanced, and when difficult or quick work was to be exe cuted he was selected to do it.

The Roads to Rome.



POETS' TRIBUTE TO MARY. Perfection of Womanhood the Theme of Noble Singers.

Mary, the most perfect of created beings, is the idea which has entered Catholic literature, Catholic thought and Catholic sentiment down through the glorious ages of faith to our own day. It rose in hymns and canticles from quiet old cloisters throughout the length and breadth of Europe. It penetrated into the Sagas of the North and was sung there by Olafs and Vladimirs, sweetly displacing the old pagan Freda, who, perhaps, had her origin in some glimmering of this truth. In the depths of the Canadian forests, by the Red River of the North and near the stream that Cartier discovered, the Indian heard of it from the missionaries, and together their songs arose to Mary, the perfection of

womanhood. In Ireland this idea of Mary became

a dominant force. Over "the fair hills of holy Ireland" it fell like a benediction. Irish heroes, the O'Neills, the O'Donnells and the Geraldines, unfurled their banners for "God and Our Irish women honor Mary most Lady. by their imitation of her. From child-hood till the green grass of their anci ent grave-yards covered them they looked up to the "Virgin ever blessed" as their model, their keeper, and their sympathizing friend. Irish immigrants bore the devotion to her over land and sea to the ends of the earth. Thus Denis McCarthy, in his poem, "The Emigrants," represents the home staying parents as addressing their departing children :

Go clear the forests, climb the hills, And plow the expectant prairies, Go in the sacred name of God And the Blessed Virgin Mary's.

Exquisitely does the same poet show as the "Bell Founder" in the morning of youth kneeling at the altar vowing

he ballads of Keegan and Callanan, in the inspired translations of Mangan, everywhere we find the Irish sic lending a sweet strain to Mary

ueen of Mercy. In England when the faith brought the Saxons ripened to fruition they seized upon the idea of Mary and claimed it as their own. The name of Our Lady was on every tongue ; it became a war cry. Kings fought under its protection ; the poor scholar, subsisting in his eagerness for learning on the charity of the rich, sang at their door the "Salve Regina;" and St. Richard, the great Oxford scholar,

died with the words of a quaint Latin hymn to Our Lady upon his lips. And give as it pleases thee, A share to the humble donor Of thy love and purity.

Charles Lamb has written :

Maternal Lady with the virgin grace, Heaven born the Jesus seemeth sure And thou a Virgin pure. Lady most perfect, when thy sinless face Men look upon they wish to be A Catholic, Madonna fair, to worship thee !

Longfellow has several poems to the

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as follows :

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My soul, lest it should truant be. Thy grave did guide to thine and thee; Now when the storms of fate ofercast Darkly my presence and my past. Let my future radiant shine With sweet hopes of thee and thine !

Lord Byron's " Ave Maria :" Ave Maria : blessed be the hour. The time, the clime, the spot where I so oft Have felt that moment in its fullest power Sink o'er the earth so beautiful and soft ! While swung the deep bell in the distant tow

er, or the faint, dying day hymn stole aloit, And not a breath crept through the rosy air, And yet the forest leaves seemed stirred with

prayer : Ave Maria ! 'tis the hour of prayer ! Ave Maria ! 'tis the hour of love ! Ave Maria ! may our spirits dare Look up to thine and to thy Son above ! Sir Walter Scott composed the hymn which Ellen Douglas sings in "The

Meek Virgin Mother more benign Than fairest star upon the height Of thy home mountains, set to keep Lone vigils thraugh the hours of sleep, What eye can look upon thy shrine Untroubled at the sight?

'the Father's work." She says of

They served a Maid more beautiful than

race. All heavenly as that Virgin was, she sprung: But for her beauty and celestial grace. Being one in whose pure elements no trace Had e'r unhertled of sin or mortal stain. The highest Heaven was now her dwelling-

place. There as a Queen divine she held her reign. And there in endless joy forever would re-

Her feet upon the cresent Moon were set, And, moving in their order round her head, The Stars compose her sparkling coronet. There at her breast the Vircin Mother fed A Babe divine, who was to judge the dead ; Such power the Spirit gave this awfal Child; Severe He was, and in His anger dread. Yet always at His Mother's will grew mild. So well did He obey that maiden undefiled."

this with a Catholic pen, casting no doubt upon the immaculate purity of

the Virgin Mother, and evidently writ

ing of it as an idea most familiar to

Dante Rossetti's "Ave" is in part

Could tell or heart conceive. Of human

Lady of the Lake." The first stanza is as follows :

as follows : Ave Maria, maiden mild, Listen to a maiden 's prayer ! Thou canst hear, though from the wild ; Thou canst save amidst despair. Safe may we sleep beneath thy care, Though banish'd, outcast and reviled— Maiden, hear a maiden 's prayer; Mother, hear a suppliant child ! Ave Maria !

Mother of the fair delight, Though handmaid perfect in God's sight, Now sitting beside the Three, Thyself a woman Trinity. Being a daughter born to God,

Mother of Christ from stall to rood And wife unto the Holy Ghost. On when our need is uitermost, Think that to such as death may strike, Thou once wert sister, sister like ! Thou headstone of humanity. Groundstone of humanity, Fashioned like us, yet more than we !

Ah! knew'st thou of the end when first Ah : knew ist thou of the end when hist That Babe was on thy boson nursed ? Or when He tottered round thy knee Did thy sorrow dawn on thee ? And through His boyhood, year by year, Eating with Him the Passover. Didst thou discern confusedly That holler sacanment when He, The bitter cup about to quaff. Should break the bread and eat thereof ?

What human tongue can speak That day when death was sent to break From the tir'd spirit, like a veil,

Its covenant with Gabriel Endured at length unto the end ? What human thought can apprehend That mystery of motherhood, When thy beloved at length renewed The sweet Communion served. His left hand underneath thy head And His right hand embracing the ? Lo ! He was thine and this is He !

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There is a significant passage in an article which Mr. Bernard Holland writes in the March issue of the

National Review, of London. Alluding to Cardinal Manning's conversion, Mr. Holland, says: Many roads, it would seem, lead t the spiritual city of Rome. Some men have taken the road of historic learn ing, others that of a deep and mystic philosophy. Some have been led, ap-parently, by love of the beautiful; others by the desire to belong to the widest fraternal association on earth, extending to people of all classes and all countries. Others, again, have fol the lead of those whom they love or admire. Others, like Alexandrine de la Feeronays, in the touching Recit d'une

Soeur, in terrible suffering or affliction have sought divine consolation in a form of religion which, more than others, recognizes the power of intercession and spiritual communion tween the living and the departed. The road taken by Manning was that of high policy, the theocratic route. He was attracted by the greatness and

system, the antiquity and continuity of the Imperial Church of Rome. The nature of this attracting force, taking so many various forms, this kind of homesickness, which outsiders of very differing kinds have so often felt, is, at least, a fact which deserves careful Does the Anglican Church study.

exercise this indrawing power, or does the Russian?

Blessed Virgin, one of which might well be used as an inscription to Mur-

which the Madonna says : Wisely is my soul elate. That surife should vanish. battle cease; I'm poor and of low estate. The Mother of the Prince of Peace. Jcy rises in me like a summer morn. Peace, peace on earth! the Prince of Peace is hown?

Lady, thine upward flight The opening heavens receive with joyful song. Blest who thy mantle bright May seize amid the throng And to the sared mount float peacefully

along ! Bright angels are around thee. They that have served thee from thy birth are there : Their hands with stars have crowned thee, Thou nearlies there of stars Wordsworth, in one of his poems, ays

Their hands with states of air ? Thou peerless Queen of air ? As sandals to thy feet the silver moon does wear.

Other American non-Catholics besides Longfellow have shown that they are not lacking in appreciation of the Virgin Mother. James Hillhouse, a lowed the road of human affections and native of Boston (1789-1841), in the Laureate of England, wrote "A Tale of Paraguay," and the fiftieth stanza of Canto II. bears testimony to the reland of Puritanism, has in one long poem this passage ; ceived belief in the Immaculate Con-

poem this passage; Turn now where stood the spotless Virgin sweet Her azure and fair her golden ringlets; But changeful as the hues of infancy Her face. As on her Son, her God, she gazed Fixed was her look, earnest and breathless;

now Suffused the glowing cheek; now changed to pale; First round her lips a smile celestial played, Then fast, fast rained the tears; who can inter-

Perhaps some thought maternal crossed her breast

That mused on days long past, when on her lap He helpless lay, and of His infant smile. Whittier, in "Raphael," says :

There droop'd thy more than mortal face, O Mother beautiful and mild ! Enfo Enfolding in one dear embrace Thy Saviour and thy Child !

Bayard Taylor, in his translation cf Goethe's "Faust," gives a version of Margaret's prayer. The prayer in part is this :

Incline, O maiden, with sorrow laden

Thy gracious countenance upon my pain. The sword thy heart in. With anguisn smart The sword thy heart in. With anguns snar ing Thou lookest up to where thy Son in slain. Ah, past guessing, beyond expressing. The pangs that wring my flesh and bone ! Why this anxious heart so burneth, Why it trembleth, why it yearneth, Knowest thou and thou alone !

Poor Edgar Poe's prayer to the Ma donna was almost as sorrowful as Mar garet's :

At morn, at noon, at twilight dim Maria, thou hast heard my bymn In joy and woe, in good and ill. In joy and woe, in good and ill. Mother of God, be with me still ! When the hours flew brightly by, And not a cloud obscured the sky,

Ave Maria ! Coleridge has a Christmas carol in

We will conclude with these lines from a German Catholic poet whose name is unknown to us:

O Mary, so gentle, of maidens most sweet, My love and devotions I lay at thy feet! As thou art my Mother, thy child I will be In life and in death I will love only thee.

O Mary, for thee is each heart beat of mine ! No breath that I draw but is measured by

thine. For ever and ever thy love will I crave. In life and in death and beyond the dark grave.

The sweet consecration, O do not deny ! May thy name guard my heart as the years

hasten by. When I call thee in dying, reach forth thy dear hand And lead me at last to that heavenly land. In 1814 Robert Southey, the Poet

-Yonkers' Catholic News.

Dana on the Bible.

In a recent address, Charles A. Dana, the well known editor of the ception of Our Lady, although it was many years before the proclamation of the dogma. The Indian woman, Mon-New York Sun, speaking of books nema, recalling the stories she had heard in her youth, describes certain which every one should read, placed first in rank the Bible, considering it not from a religious but from the standpoint of literary utility. "There is perhaps no book," he says, men who had come to the Indians' and, sent by the Great Spirit to do

whose style is more suggestive and more instructive, from which you learn more directly that sublime simplicity which never exaggerates, which recounts the greatest event with solemnity, of course, but without sentimentality or affectation, none which you open with such confidence and lay down with such reverence; there is no book like the Bible. When you get into a controversy and want exactly the right answer, when you are looking for an expression, what is there that closes a dispute like a verse from the Bible? What is it that sets up a right principle for you, which pleads for a policy, for a cause, much as the right passage of Holy Protestant as he was, Southey wrote Scripture ?"

Fatal Result of Delay.

Sickness generally follows in the path of neglect. Don't be reckless! but prudently take a few doses of Scott's Emulsion im-mediately following exposure to cold. It will save you many painful days and sleepless nights.