

THE RULE OF FAITH.

Father Damen's Great Lecture on "The Church and Bible."

DEARLY BELOVED CHRISTIANS :—When our Divine Saviour sent out His Apostles and Disciples throughout the world, with the commission and authority to preach the Gospel to every creature, He laid down the condition of salvation, and He said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be condemned." In the Protestant version of the Bible you read: "He that believeth not is damned." In this our Divine Saviour laid down the two conditions of salvation, namely, Faith and Baptism. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Here are two conditions without which we cannot be saved—Faith and Baptism. The words of the Saviour on this subject are very clear and very plain, and need no explanation. They are proposed in the plainest and simplest way—"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not is damned." In my sermon to-night, I will speak on that condition necessary to salvation, namely, Faith. Faith, then, is absolutely necessary for salvation, and without Faith there is no salvation, but eternal damnation. Now, the question arises, what faith