N. Y. Freeman's Journal. SHORT INSTRUCTIONS FOR LOW MASSES.

[Delivered by the Rev. James Donohoe, rector of the church of St. Thomas Aquinas, Brooklyn, N. Y.] XXVII.

PENANCE

DEAR PEOPLE: Earthly princes have power to clothe civil magistrates with their own authority. They send ambas. sadors and plenipotentiaries to sign treaties and contract alliances in their name. This power has never been questioned. When Christ was laying the foundation of His Church, He addressed these words to His Apostles: "All power is given to Me in heaven and on earth . . . As the Father hath sent Me, I also send you . . . Receive ye the Holy Ghost; whose sins you shall forgive they are forgiven, whose sins you shall retain they are retained. Amen I say to you, Whatsoever you shall bind upon earth shall be bound also in heaven, and whatsoever you shall loose upon earth shall be loosed also in

heaven. By these words our Saviour conferred upon the Apostles and their successors, Bishops and priests, the power of binding and loosing, of remitting and retaining

He made them the judges and physicians of consciences, and promised to ratify their judgments in heaven. Now, a judge cannot render a judgment, or pronounce a just sentence, unless he has a knowledge of the case. The priest must have recourse to the proper means to acquaint himself with the nature of the case in which he is called upon either to bind or to loose. The only means of penetrating conscience is confession. How can the priest unbind, unless he sees the chains of him who is bound? If a sick man will not show his wounds, what can the phylician do for him?

Priests, in virtue of the power confided to them by Christ, are not to bind and loose sins indiscriminately. How can they know the sinners whom they ought to bind or loose, except by confession? Unless you suppose that Christ conferred a wholly useless power upon His Apostles, confession is necessary. If the faithful had any other means of obtaining pardon of their sins, they certainly would not go to confession. There is nobody who would prefer the far simpler way of confession. fessing to God alone. The priest remits and retains sins by giving or refusing absolution, but as nobody would come to the tribunal if confession were not necessary, this power would be simply illusorybe a blasphemy against the Divine wisdom to assert that Christ conferred such a negatory power when he said: "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven; whose sins you shall retain, they are retained."

The Councils of Lateran, Constance. Florence and Trent establish both the divinity and necessity of confession: "If any one," says the Council of Trent, "denies that sacramental confession is of Divine institution, or that It is necessary for salvation by Divine right, let him be accursed." Whoever says that confession was not divinely instituted or that it is not necessary is a heretic. Sacramental confession was practiced from the time of the Apostles. We read in the acts that a great number of the faithful came to the feet of St. Paul at Ephesus, con fessing their sins. St. Paul says, God has established us ministers of reconciliation. St. James says, if any one be sick among you let him call in the priests of the Church. And he goes on to say : If we confess our sins God is faithful and just to orgive us.

St. Barnabas, in his letter to the converted Jews, places confession amongst works of the way of light that conducts to eternal life. St. Clement, in his second orinthians, expresses him self thus: "Let us be converted with our whole heart, whilst we have time, for after we leave this world we can no longer confess nor do penance."

St. Irenæus, a disciple of St. Polycarp. who had St. John for his teacher, speak ing of a certain heretic, named Marcus, says that several women who were led astray by him were converted and confessed their sins, and he adds that, not content with private confession, they confessed publicly also.

Tertullian, in his book on Penance. speaks of confession which our Saviour insti tuted, as an essential part of Penance. He blames those who delay their confession from day to day, and those who conceal their faults through shame. "Do you think," says he, "that by concealing your fault from a man, it will escape the knowledge of God? Do you think it would be better to be damned for a fault you concealed than absolved from a crime you confessed."

Origin says: "The sinner will obtain pardon of his sins by Penance, provided he makes his sins known to the priest of God. It is necessary to confess even one's bad thoughts." This learned doctor goes on to say that public confession is some times advisable, but that it must always be preceded by private confession, St. Cyprian asserts that Christians never approached the Holy Table without the authorization of the priest after confes-

St. Hilarius says: "The Son of God established the severe tribunal of the Apostles, saying that those who would be left in the bonds of their sins would be bound before heaven, and that those who would be unbound by confession would be unbound and absolved in heaven." St. Athanasius speaks in a similar strain.

'In confessing one's sins," says St. Basil the Great, "one ought to act in the same way as is usually done in making known the maladies of the body. One ought not to make known the maladies of the body to every one, but only to those who know how to heal. In the same way confession of sin ought to be made to those who know how to apply a remedy. It is necessary to confess one's sins to those who are charged with the dispensation of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God." In the following discourse we will continue to quote from the Fathers up to the thirteenth century, in which the Council of Lateran was held.

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there was disclosed a pretty sight—three or four rows of happy, joyous girls, all attired in white, and wearing bright colored sashes. They sang a chorus of welcome excellently and heartily, and re-The curtain next lifted to permit Agnes Harrington, accompanied by Jennie Delaney and Minnie Coholan, give an address, which was very pleasingly done. Then came the event of the evening—"A Fairy Festival," in which the characters were distributed as follows:

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King of the Fairies. Ellen McCarron

Attendants. Annie Murphy

Gueen of the Fairies. Mary Kane
Queen of the Fairies. Mary Colligan

Attendants. Katie Blauchard
Edlen Kervin
Fairy Cricket. Ellen Boyce
Fairy Fun. Clara Maloney
Fairy Content. Nora Sheehan
Fairy Fure Heart. Mary Kelly
Fairy Good Will. Ellen McGowan
Fairy Silence. Josephine Murphy
Attendants on Fairies—Fiora McDonald,
Emma Gillespie, Katie Legere, Jennie Mullin, Maggie Durick, Mary Collins, Bessie
Green, Estella McMahon, Gertie Casey,
Katie George, Laura Godyre, Nellie Priscoll,
Loretta Coholan, Ellen Ucllins, Genevieve
Nagle, Alice Cain, Minnie, Keenan.

The girls are deserving of much praise

The girls are deserving of much praise for the manner in which they produced the Cantata. The singing and the reciting were very good, and every motion of the fairies and their attendants, as might be expected, graceful. The large audience was highly entertained, and frequently applauded the young performers.

When the curtain went up for the last time some interesting business was commenced—the presentation of prizes. Rev. Fathers Krien and White, Mr. M. Coll, School Trustee; Mr. F. H Hayes, Superintendent, and Count DeBury occupied the platform. Mr. Coll opened the proceedings by calling on Mr. Hayes to read the premium list. Before doing so, Mr. Hayes referred briefly to the excellent condition of the Sisters' schools, and said steady progress is being made year after year. The prizes were then presented.

CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART. "The closing exercises at the Convent of the Sacred Heart were held Wednesday morning, June 27th, in the study hall of the institution. The room was prettily decorated with evergreens and flowers. His Lordship Bishop Sweeny, attended by Fathers Carney, Casey, O'Donovan and Walsh, occupied chairs at the head of the room. A programme consisting of the following selections was admir ably rendered:

1 Fahfare Militaie.
2 La priere du soir.
3 Tarcissus.
4 Ave Maria.
5 Dialogue—Children of St. Teresa.
6 Grana Chorus from Martha.

It is almost impossible to say that any one selection was more pleasing than the others, but praise is due Miss O Connor for the truly excellent way in which she recited "Tarcissus," At the conclusion of the programme the prizes were awarded. The gold medalists were: Miss Maher, for exemplary conduct; Miss Mary Travers for French, and Miss Bonness for calisthenics. A num ber of other prizes were also awarded for excellence in classes. Miss Travers graduates with high honors from this school, where she has spent her child hood. In her valedictory she said, referring to her companions: "May our paths through life be like those gentle and irrigating streams which spring from the same source and flow in different directions over the land, dispensing blessings in their course until they mingle their water with those of the mighty sea, and thus when we reach the boundless ocean of eternity we may lope to meet again in And to her Alma Mater "And now dear home of my child hood, adieu! With each hall and class. room is associated a souvenir of thy cherished inmates; a souvenir which shall be to me the brightest reminis-cence of the past. May prosperity un furl her banner above thee, and may the Angel of Peace always hover o'er thee! while down the coming years thou shalt continue to dispense the blessings of solid and religious education," His Lordship, in addressing the young people, congratulated them on their pleasant performance and the manner in which they acquitted themselves. "It is more blessed to give than to receive," he said, and after having the honor of giving so many prizes he felt that he should not do any more, but that he must add further congratulations on the evident display of appreciation towards their teachers, for he felt sure so many honors and prizes could not have been awarded unless fully deserved, He wished them all a pleasant vacation and a happy life.

AT ST. MALACHI'S HALL. The closing exercises of the schools in St. Malachi's hall took place Thursday, June 28th. The following programme was carried out: Welcome song; slate and mental arithmetic, grades 5 and 6; recitation, "Only a Boy," Jack Colston; reading, grade 4; Jubilee chorus; recitation, 'What is a Gentleman," Percy G. Allen; recitation, Autumn Leaves," P. J. O'Rourke; recitation, "The Elf Child," Arthur O'Neil; physical exercises, grade 5; recitation, "For a Little Bird Tells," Phos. Lunney; recitation, "Boys Make Men," Charles O'Neil; recitation, "No-Body's Child," Owen G Coll; dialogue, "The Trades," grades 3 and 4; recitation, "Noah's Ark," Frank Greany; recitation, "Downfail of Poland," John A. Kelly; vacation song; distribution of prizes. The prizes were distributed by the Rev. J. J. Walsh, who made an ex-cellent address. Mayor Thorne, Ald. Peters, and Sec. March, of the School Board, Dr. D. E. Berryman, Ald. Bliz ard and Mr. Timothy O'Brien also ad dressed the children.

In Grade VII. and VIII. (Mr. Jas. Barry), John A Kelly, P J Donohue, and John J. Kerrigan received prizes for general proficiency; A J Peterson, John Kickham, reading; Wm. J Flanagar, penmanship; Thos. O'Mullaly, grammar; Rupert Sullivan, highest marks made; and Lawrence W Hayes, arithmetic. R

J Ritchie was awarded the School Board In Grade V. and Vi. (Mr. J R Sugrue) prizes were awarded John Murphy, for

deportment; and Arthur Shea, Harry Driscoll and John Doyle, for general proficiency; and Vincent Maguire for attendance. Chas, Peterson received the School Board prize for highest marks.

In Grade V., (Mr. F J Sweeny), prizes were given James Egan for highest marks; Denis McHugh, general proficiency; Frank Corr, writing; Jos. McGuire, arithmetic; Stephen Gerow, history. John Horton received the School Board

In Grade IV., (Mr. W J Mahoney), prizes were awarded Michael Dacey for nighest marks; William Higgins, second highest; John Griffith, attendance; Tom Kelly, deportment; Louis McDonald, reading, and Wm. Mulholland, general proficiency. Frank McAvinn received the School Board prize.

In grade III. and IV., (Miss Flaherty), prizes were awarded Perley Lunney for map drawing; Samuel Stone, attendance; Thomas Horton, general proficiency; Louis Flanagan, reading; Bernard Walsh, deportment, and Sarsfield Sweeny second

standing in grade IV. In grades II. and III. (Miss Enslow). prizes were awarded to George McGilvery for highest marks, grade III., John Meltiday, scholarship; Jack McLaughlan and Jack Callston, perfect attendance; Willie Meloy, writing; Dan Dacey, highest marks, grade II; and Justin Daly for

neatness in work.
In grade II. (Miss Cotter), Thos. Foley, Peter Lunney, Frank Flaherty, Jack Walsh, Willie Nugent, O. G. Coll, Edward Fitzgerald, John Finn, Frank McGosnel, Frank Greany and Alex. Mc Dermott were awarded the prizes

In grade I. and 11. (Miss Katie E. Lawlor), prizes were awarded Thomas Lunney for highest marks; Austin McLaughlan, printing (grade II.); Geo. McGillan, spelling; Charlie O'Neil, highest marks at examination; Willie Hennebry, general proficiency; Frank McDermott, neatness in work, and Frank O'Neil, attendance.

In grade I. (Miss O'Sullivar), prizes were awarded to James O'Regan, John Mudge, James O'Neil, John McDermott, Percy G. Allen, Jos. Ryan, Willie Strain, Laurence Sullivan, and P. J. O'Rourke. Mr. James Barry, the principle of the

schools, stated that a gold medal would be given next year by Mr. Richard O'Brien. The conditions would be announced at the opening of the school

The prizes were contributed by Mrs. James Gerou, Mrs. John Cotter, Mrs.
Thos Lunney, Mrs. E C Wurlock. Misses
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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOLS. The prizes donated to the pupils of St. Joseph's schools this morning by Rev. J J Walsh, Messrs. E F Greany, J J Power, R O'Brien, F Downing, A Friend, M Crowley, E McCarthy, F J Sweeny, W J Mahoney, T O'Brien & Co., C Gallagher, T J Cronin, I J D Landry, were awarded to the following:

Advanced department, Anna Coady and Clara Brennan for highest marks; Mary E Stack and Lizzie Duke for perfect attendance during the year, both pupils having been present at every session; Jennie McLaughlin for perfect attendance; Lizzie Burns, Mary Mc-Carthy and Mary King for attendance; Mary Greany for application and Ada

Baxter for map drawing.

Primary department:—Lizzie Whelan,
Katie Greany, Nellie Dacey, Genevieve Nellie Gogan, Julia Coleston, Francis Holmes, Lizzie McGuire, Katie King, Mary Shaw, Fannie Melliday, Alice Scribner, Lilian Stanton, Nellie Reid, Mary McDonough, Lucy Sullivan, Janie Mills, Ethel Finn, Eva McDonald, Annie Paterson.

ST. VINCENT'S CONVENT, CLIFF STREET. The schools in St. Vincent's building closed yesterday, 28th June. Some handsome premiums were drawn for by the pupils of the different grades; all the pupils took part in the drawing, as each one had some acquirement or quality that merited reward. Apart from the drawing, Miss McInerney took a prize for language, as embraced in the curricu-lum of standard nine, and Miss Maggie Hayes for the mathemathics embraced in standards nine and ten. The prizes were presented to the pupils by Rev. Mother Augustine, and were contributed by Messrs. John L Carleton, T P Regan, James Barry, R. J. Walsh, Hugh O'Connor and others.

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The programme for the evening was attractive and eminently calculated to interest all present. The taste and precision with which the different pieces of music, vocal and instrumental, were rendered gave ample proof of the care and ability which have been exercised in the musical education of the pupils, A recitation, "The Polish Boy," by Miss Teresa Shannon, formed a delightful feature in the entertainment. The concert was followed by the distribution of prizes. Among the principal rewards given were the following:
A silver medal (the distinctive honor

for superior course) equally merited by Misses M Rooney, A Barnhart, S Frem-

blay, T Barrett and E Leacy.
Gold medals (distinctive honor of complete course) awarded to Misses T Shannon, M Faikner, and L Maley. A gold cross for religious instruction

merited by Miss Teresa Shannon. Crowns for religious instruction equally merited by Misses S Tremblay and T Barrett.

A silver medal for religious instruction awarded to Miss Minnie Owens. Crowns for instrumental music equally merited by Misses L Maley, M Faikner, T Shannon, E Bastun and O Lefiance.

Gold medals for painting awarded to Misses L Maley and T Shannon. Wreaths for good conduct, awarded to Misses K. Dillon, T. Barrett, M. White, M. Quinn, B. Van Epps, L. Burton,

L. Gauthier and C. Labre. A silver medal for deportment, awarded to Miss Angeline Lefrance. Wreaths for amiability, merited by Misses T. Shannon and M. Falkner.

A gold medal for excellence, presented Rev. Father McCarthy, awarded to Miss May Burton,

A gold medal for excellence awarded to Miss Lulu Maly.

The distribution of these well-merited rewards was followed by a valedictory read by Miss Maggie Falkner, at the close of which Reverend Father Mc-Carthy, in addressing the audience, dwelt long on the manifold advantages of convent education and the reputation which the convent of Williamstown in particular bears through Canada for the excellence of its method of education both in science and music.

He expressed his perfect satisfaction at the manner in which the young ladies acquitted themselves at their examination which took place on the Thursday and Friday of the previous week. After assuring the audience of the pleasure it gave him to see so large a number present, our reverend pastor concluded by wishing the pupils every possible enjoy-ment during their vacation,

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