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by some of those who Land in our own time, thing in the world quite the Lake of Genesareth re is not one single town uence within the wide of the hills. The smiling ile acres of the people iour loved have disap-lewish villages along the have been blotted out. llas, and their cities on we long since crumbled e very mountains, with of the centuries, have ere is nothing now the he sky above the restless he sky above the restless the waves themselves, seen from time to time a seen from time to time a principal industry of the of the population. But ts of that people, once ts of that people, once ssessors of the Promised been scattered like the the tempest. The very t they spoke is seldom yet the little incident, ed on that lake by night aries ago is still rememives promise of remaining of men until the end of

r many busy months had in the neighborhood of upon the Galilean shore, ne Redeemer went into a ht, in company with His d with the intention of into the country of Gera-they saw Him fast asleep of the little vessel. The t to catch the rising wind, t to catch the rising wind, mile they journeyed on, e signs of an approaching in to appear. The stars howe them, and the lights re. The waves rose higher mess came. The thunders the mountains, and the played among the hills, t came upon them in its y, down the dark defiles of The sails were dropped. e for their very lives began. ere singing requiems above the waves were opening beneath. Their courage as they thought how many t down on such a night. was dashing on the rm of the poor wanderer in Then method and mild They watched and waited. ed in silence until human d stand the strain no longer. wave, that carried death in um, broke over them. The arful shrick from drowning e darkness of the night: ve us; we perish!" Then, p, He raised His hand above ened waters; and the waves He looked into the n. aces of the twelve and said e you fearful, Oh ! you of ?" And then the stars above them : and the lights twinkle along the Eastern was beached. The sun was was beached. The sun was he country of the Gerasens. Christ had taught the world nd a needed lesson in that

he lake by night. s no lesson more needed in l of ours than the lesson of in our Creator. There are hings to take away the hopes od and to kill the aspirations ath. There are so many of is that are fore-ordained to nd so many of our plans that succeed. There are so many succeed. There are so many s to contend with, and there ny enemies to fight against us elfish and unscrupulous way. life itself with all its cares ships. There is death with dness and uncertainty. And women cry out in the darkness tht of despair, and express th that death could only end it no, there is eternity. dreadful thought that with ilings, we cannot by any, even test possibility, be counted in elect. How many men and elect. How many men and re there in this congregation e said in the silence of the "If I had only died before commit a mortal sin ! If I had I the day when I received my ommunion ! If I had never summinion ! If I had never earnt of the sins that I have ed since ! If I had only died was still God's friend, and was mine ! To think that I for all the trick and the diffe face all the trials and the diffof this life that yet remain, th; after that I have to stand ny Creater, with nothing but ord of misspent life in my

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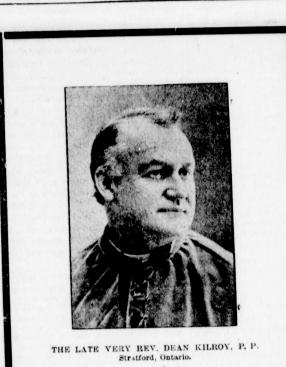
and difficulties. The man or woman who lived ten thousand years ago was just as well entitled to an answer to the questions of the human soul. Where is the answer? No one but God can solve the greatest difficulties of the human mind. When the mother sees her little one dying in her help-less arms, she needs confidence in her Creator. When she sees the little one not dying, but dead, she needs more confidence. When you and I stand be-side the open grave, and see the sad earth falling on the remains of one we loved, we need confidence in our Creais no use making any effort. It is no use praying to God. It is no use try-ing to receive the Sacraments. The fight is over; and the day is lost. There

associated with him another, who had little faith. One morning they entered a church. There was a Requiem Mass being sung. The dead body rested in the aisle before the altar. The De-Profundis and the Dies Irae made the air of mystery in the sacred place still more profound. The time of Consecra-tion came. Then the elevation bell began to ring. The relatives and friends were on their knees beside the silent form of the dead. At the Eleva-tion every head was bowed. The man who was almost an unbeliever, saw a little girl step quietly out from the pew where she was kneeling. No one noticed her for a moment. The eleva-tion of the Host was made. Then the elevation of the Chalice followed. The bell stopped ringing. The tones of the organ had been stilled. The child had thrown herself prostrate over the casket. She could not cry. It was the dead body of her mother ; and her little heart was broken. But the silence of that temple echoed with Only God Himself can realize the sadness of the consequences of sin. And there are no consequences more terrible than the disappointment and discouragement that result from it. Men sometimes do their level best to Men sometimes do their level best to pretend that they are happy in their sins. But all the world can see that there is falsehood in the vain pretence. Sometimes indeed, sin becomes so much a habit that there is little attention maid to any semanta offence. One may a hapit that there is little attention paid to any separate offence. One may go on in such a state for months or years. The sun has actually gone down in the heavens of a man's life, and he does not know it. He is in darkness; and he begins to forget that he was and he begins to forget that he was ever able to see. But little by little the light steals into his life again. It may be the dawn of grace upon the Eastern horizon of hope. It may be the flash of Heaven's lightning over one of the oldest sounds in any lanthe flash of Heaven's lightning over the dread ocean of despair. It may be a cloud far up in the zenith, from which there is still reflected a little of that brightness from another day now gone apparently forever. But little as it is, and mickly as it passes it could be him brightness into apparently forever. But little as it is apparently forever. But little as it is lost when God I to what a depth have? " Oh! Mamma, am 1 words : "Oh! Mamma, am 1 words : "Mamma, am 1 words : "Mamma, am 1 words : "Mamma, am 1 words : "Oh! Mamma, am 1 words : "Mamma, am 1 words : "Mam and quickly as it passes, it enables him to realize the danger of his position. because we all have stood at some time err-beside the open grave, or knelt beside our dead before the altar. "This sick-ness is not unto death." "Lord, if y a thou hadst been here my brother had of not died." Your brother shall rise his again." "I know it; in the judgment will on the last day." "I am the resurrec-eso tion and the life. Martha, do you be-bers lieve this?" And out of the depths of a woman's broken heart, came the most Un. sublime act of faith in God that was has almost given up the hope man has almost given up the hope of ever becoming reconciled, when his Creator knows that some day there will be a reconciliation! It reminds one so forcibly of the little group of lepers standing frightened, at the hill beside the gate of the city crying out: "Un-clean." They did not have the heart to ask for restoration. They simply cried the warning word: "Unclean." And Jesus Christ, our Saviour, put a new interpretation on the word. He made it read: "We would be clean. sublime act of faith in God that was sublime act of faith in God that was ever made by a human being: "Yes, Lord, I have believed, and I have known that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." And He con-Son of the Living God." And He con-firmed that faith, and gave her even greater confidence by raising the very dead to life. And yet we have not confidence in Him. made it read: "We would be clean. We would be restored to health." And then He answered the prayer by re-

then He answered the prayer by re-storing them. So it is full many a time with those who are discouraged by their past sins. They are standing at a distance; and they are crying out: "Unclean." The world calls them lepers: or they know themselves that they are afflicted. But the Saviour does not turn aside. They are His people; and He has come to save His people from their sins. The world people; and He has come to save His people from their sins. The world tells them and they tell themselves that they are incurable. But the Saviour says: "If your sins are as red as scar-let, I will make them as white as snow." "Go and show yourselves to the they are incurable. But the Saviour says: "If your sins are as red as scar-let, I will make them as white as snow." "Go and show yourselves to the priests." Only God Himself can real-ize the address of the sectors. offer but myself." How completely was that promise of the Child fulfilled! He was in the temple at the age of twelve, intent upon His Father's business. And the business of the Father was to save His people from their sins. Down through all the story of His wonderful life, there is the snirit of the Saving One, conize the sadness of the consequences of sin. And the saddest of all these consequences is discourage-ment. There is nothing that the disappointed man needs more than conis the spirit of the Saving One, con-Creator. The stars are fidence in his darkened in the heavens; and the lights trasted with the spirit of the Scribes and Pharisees. There is the gospel of salvation preached against the gospel of destruction. There was no provision made in His mind for such a thing as an outcast. "This woman was even now taken in adultery; and Moses in the Law commands that such a one he trasted with the spirit of the Scribes are dead along the shore. There is a human soul adrift upon the dark ocean of despair. There is a cry from out the darkness of the night : "Lord, save darkness of the night : There is the ready " Why we perish!' immediate response : the Law commands that such a one be put to death." "Let him that is withare you fearful, Oh ! you of little faith? And then the stars come out above them, and the lights begin to twinkle out sin amongst you cast the first stone at her." "The Law of Moses is against along the Eastern shore. The sun is rising, where they thought the sun her," said the men, who were nothing could never rise again. And Jesus Christ, the Saviour, has taught the human soul another needed lesson. more than sinners themselves. "The Law of Jesus Christ is with her," said the Sinless One, Who came to save His people. Just think of the hope of for-'I am not come to call the just, but sinners. I have come to save my people from their sins." giveness raised in the minds of those who listened to these words, spoken in favor of one who had been such a sin-Confidence in God is necessary be cause of past sin. Confidence in God is necessary for many other reasons. I shall call your attention this morning ner ! What better way to gain the affection of a people than by showing regard for their children? The Pharisees cried out against the presence of the to one of these reasons. It might be expressed in this way: We need con-nates of any questions that arise in the substitution of the critical states and the problem integration of the state of the states of the integration of the states of the states of the states of the states and that can be answered as isfactorily only by one possessed of supreme intelligence. There are those questions about each and the critical on the states of the things that follow after death. There are so many questions about each and things that follow after death. There are so many questions about each and things that follow after death. There are so many questions about each and the critical states. On another occasion more that is possitive and definite. It will progressing in the field of intellectuar the individual, not the race. If does and there were lisp poole because they were not good to hear that science may hard an answere to these difficulties concer hundred, or one thousand years from after. That may help those who follow after states concers and I am personally just as smuch a nutritian as the race is to assistance in my doubs. The states of the states and the list of the states of the states

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showed faith by asking Him to work a miracle. He did the act of kindness in either case with equal willingness, and gained the confidence of both. use praying to Gou. It is the first is the fight is over; and the day is lost. There is the answer? No one but the questions of the human ind. When the mother death, then judgment and the everlast of the human mind. When the mother is that state of mind is. That state of mind is despair is the commenced for in the desert ; but He death, then judgment and the everlast. God can solve the greatest difficulties of the human mind. When the mother is that state of mind is. That state of the gospair is the creator. When she sees the little one distance is any unan or woman can commit against God's love and mercy. That is part of the gospel of the Christ of Love. That is the teaching of the solution, not the gospel of the Christ of Love. That is the teaching of the scribes and pharisees, and not the teaching of the Sinless One. For they said : "Your Master eats with Publicans and sinners." But He said: "They that are in health need not a physician, but they that are sick. Go the man dearn what this meanett: I will have mercy and not sacrifice, for I heaving. The dead body rested in the aisle before the altar. The De in the above all see this in the in the sponer is the life. See Him in His mother is the life on the above all see the the life on the state of our large cities is the sponer is the sponer is the sponer is the teach is the public life. See Him in His mother is the sponer hild haa over the casket. Some It was the dead body of her It was the dead body of her and her little heart was broken. Du-the silence of that temple echoed with one of the oldest sounds in any lan-the silence of that temple echoed with one of the oldest sounds in any lan-the guage—a buman shrick. The priest at thou, O Lord ! be mindful of thy iat people." He heard the cry. He list-thim from the little prostrate form came the him words : "Oh ! Mamma, am I ever mited. They nailed thoses Feet that had never travelled, except upon the errand of mercy. They nailed those the bless and help His people. There the bless and help His people. There the bless and help His people. There bless many time for the sum the sum the sum the bless and help His people. There the bless and help His people. There



consigned to their last resting place, The pall-bearers were: Dr. Devin, Mesars, Jas. O Loane, Edward Flaherry, John Way, John B. Capitaine, Martin Kennedy, Martin Conway and John Goettler. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

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DEATH OF REV. D. J. LAVIN, PAKENHAM.

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is one of the motives for want dence in the minds of many They have done so many against their Creator in at they think they have for-His interest in them. Every life that comes is a punishment r past sins. Every sickness that is the consequence of these sins, time death comes, it reminds at the vengeance of the Creator unsatisfied. They believe in pel of destruction. They can be echo of the Old Law down all the ages: " Moses in the mmands that such a one be put h." And they have more con-in Moses, and the Pharisees etation of him, than they have st. They have made for themanother god, a god of vengeance ey worship him by fear. How een and women are adrift on this cean of despair! They know for solute certainty that they are because of their past sins.

U. S. ; Rev. D. J. Downey, master of coromonies. The following clergy were also present: Rev Fathers J. Kirroy, of Lennox, Michigan, a consin of the decessed Dean I. V. McBirady, President of Assumption College, Sandwich; R. v. Fathers John O Neil, Kinkorra; Jano, Con noily, Ingersoll; P. Corcoran, G. E. North graves, Seaforth; J. T. Aylward, Incolor SL. Peter's Cathedrai, London; Jos. Kennedy, Sarnia; P. Qainlan, West Lorne; Daniel Forster, Bothwell; P. Lennon, Brantford; P. McCabe, La Salette; J. Coak, Woodstock; Jro Ronan, Mitchell; C. E. Magee, Maidatone; P. L'Heureux, Simce; T. Noanan, Dubin; A. Pinsonneault, Clinton; Jno. Stanley, London; J. Hogan, Strathroy; Mitcheal O'Neil, SL: Thomas. At the and of Mass. His Lardship Bishor.

McKeon, St. Columban; D. J. Egan, London, J. Hogan, Strathroy; Michael O'Neil, St. Thomas.
At the end of Mass, His Lordship Bishop, McEvay told the immense through which was the strong which was the strong by expressed the strong by expressed the strong by expressed the strong by expression in the love and respect of his labels, and his class of the Catholic Rest and the funeral proceeded to the strong the strong by expressed the spectral and for his season and sealous and to full the source and the spectral strong by expression in the love and respect of his heads and the spectral strong by expression in the love and respect of his heads and the spectral strong by expression in the love and respect of his frequently upon them, and to full the spon advices which was a well respectivel. Reverend for the spectral by for the repeated the strong for the strong by expressed the spectral and instrumental selections and to full the good respectively. The size of the spectra is such a manner as gained for him the love and respect of his frequently upon them, and to full the good respectively. The size of the spectra is such a manner as gained for him the love and respect of his frequently the spectral the spectra and to full the good respectively where the head the proportion and to full the good respectively. The size of the spectra is such a manner is a spectra the spectra is and to full the good respectively. The spectra is the spectra is a spectra the spectra is a spectra in the love and the spectra is the spectra in the love and the spectra is the spectra in the spectra is the spectra in the spectra is the spectra in the love and the spectra is the spectra in the spectra is the spectra in the spectra is spectra. The spectra is spectra in the spectra is the spectra is the spectra in the spectra is the spectra in the spectra is the spectra is the spectra in the spectra is spectra in the s

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. Bt. Joseph's Court No 370. On Thursday, January 14th. 19'4, the following the severe insulted by Bro. Le Febvre of S. Puilline's court Toronto. Deputy High Chief Ranger - Spiritian Director. Rev. Fa her Carning; Chief Ranger, Thomas J. W. O'Gonder, Y. De Chief Ranger, Spiritian State State