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dea that indulgences meant a sort of laxity in the service of God by shewing that the practice of gaining an indulgence was one of the best means of drawing near to God in Purity of soul and perfection of life. To gain a plenary indulgence one must have a hatred of mortal sin, no attachment at all to venial sin or those little faults into which worldly people fall; the first requisite, theretore, is to become really sinless not only in practise but in heart. The conditions required are — a good confession; holy communion; the recital of prayers for the conversion of sinners, for the spread of truth, all that leads to the Kingdom of God.

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Sometimes a strict fast is also required; so as indulgence instead of being a laxity is really an austerity, a mortification, a means of going against the spirit of the world and making one better. Father Drummond went on to say that it was possible there might occasionally have been abuses in connection with indulgences, but these, the church had never sanctioned. He indignantly denied that an indul-gence could ever be bought; there is no such thing, and never was, as mercantile traffic allowed in indul-Sences; most of such cases reported are false, and if any are true they are condemned by the church; the fact remains that indulgences are an excellent thing, if they have been ditions required to secure an indul- her father, and the best man was a were both numerous and handsome. Mr. Nelson Grant acted as best

made by the Northwest Review.