

FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. One of the lessons taught by history is that the coming of every great and important event is announced in some way before it actually happens.

Accordingly we find that mankind was prepared by a long series of instruction for his worthy reception. This instruction began with our first parents, after the Fall.

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Now, our blessed Lord has warned us that the Day of Judgment will steal on us suddenly, when we least expect it. The only hint given will be the blast of the angel's trumpet, telling us of the arrival of the glorious Judge.

But though we may not know the hour which determines its destiny for ever. Then He will appear in power and dazzling glory, attended by the holy angels, and will summon all men to His awful tribunal.

A Deserved Rebuke. "Christ's Idea of Christianity" is the title of a book published a few months ago, and the current issue of the Biblical World has a study of "Jesus as a Thinker."

Ask Your Doctor. He will tell you that Scott's Emulsion cures poverty of the blood and debility of the nerves. He will say that it is the best remedy in the world for delicate children.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Fauntery Corrected.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett has been giving an interview to a representative of the Journal of Education. Her son Lionel, it is said, was the original of her famous "Little Lord Faunteroy."

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"So I did, so I did; but my mother got me the place; and while I was there she did all my washing and mending, saw that I had something to eat, and when I got discouraged she told me to cheer up, and remember tears were for babies."

"Well, it was certainly true, wasn't it, that as soon as you had saved a little money you brought some fruit and began to sell it at the railway station?"

"Yes," he said slowly; "and I should like to tell you a story connected with that time. The second lot of apples that I bought for sale was specked and wormy. I had been cheated by the man of whom I brought them, and I could not afford the loss. That night after I discovered that they were unfit to eat, I crept down to the cellar and filled my basket as usual."

And He Bore the Saviour. From Glop to the page humorist, philosopher and wit have labeled the ass as the most stupid of animals. Yet the New Orleans Picayune says that in reality to be called an ass is a great compliment.

Often we call the man whom we like a "rare old dog" and he rather likes it. If we called him a rare old ass, which is finer praise, he would get mad, however. We write poems in

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

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In Violation of Their Mother. The Catholic young men in every city ought to get up a course of a dozen lectures explanatory of the Church's aid to civilization, liberty, education, progress, law, art and learning.

What Time Is. Men of business are accustomed to quote the maxim that "Time is money," but it is much more; the proper improvement of it is self-culture, self-improvement, and growth of character.

Keeping Everlastingly At It. Genius is really only the power of making continuous efforts. The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it—so fine that we are often on the line and do not know it.

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A Descendant of Lady Washington. It is said that a descendant in the sixth degree of Martha Washington, a great grand daughter of Nellie Custis, who was the grand daughter of Lady Washington and the adopted child of the first president of the United States is now residing in New York, a member of a religious community in which she is known simply as Sister Philomena.

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"What is that lamp for?" The father replied: "It is to show that Jesus is there, behind that little gold door."

"My child, you cannot. The door is shut, and, besides, Jesus is hidden by a covering."

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