FIVE-MINUTE SERMON PASSION SUNDAY

CHRIST'S PASSION

Which of you shall convince me of sin? (John yii. 46.) To-day, dear friends is Passion Sun-day, and our long Lenten pilgrimage is nearing its end. Heretofore our thoughts have been on ourselves, our own shortcomings, our own sins. Now we stand, as it were, on the hill over-leoking the Holy City, and see before us, as a map unrolled, the scene of our Redeemer's agony: Bethany, the olive-garden of Gethsemani, and, further on, the barren mount of Calvary, with its three crosses standing forth, black and cruel, against the fair blue sky. Now our thoughts turn from ourselves to our Lord. We have seen what the effect of sin has been on us. Now we look and see, and our shame should deep-en as we see, what sorrow and tears and agony it has brought on the eternal Son of Gd. Which of you shall convince me of sin? (John yii. 46.

of God. To-day the cross is veiled, the pictures are shrouded in mourning, the "Gloria" ceases to be sung. So our sins covered our dying Lord as with a garment, and sorrow chokes the voice of holy o urch, fills her heart to overflowing, and still of the series of pairs.

sorrow energes the voice of nory 6 uren, fills her heart to overflowing, and still all her songs of praise. What is this well which obsoures the gross of Jesus Christ and makes His Passion of no effect? O dear breth-ren! is it not our sins? What platted the crown of thorns, and drove those sharp spikes deep into His sacred head? Our selfish pride. What sent those nails through His hands and feet, fixing them to the tree of shame? Our wicked deeds and our wanderings from the path of duty. What parched His tongue with such burning thirst? Our shameless in-dulgence in drink. What pointed the spear of the implous Roman soldier, and harled it deep into the Sacred Heart, whence issued the red torrent of the Precious Blood? Our inordinate ap-petites and sinful lusts. As often as we sin we crucify our dearest Lord afresh

petites and sinful lusts. As often as we sin we crucify our dearest Lord "Which of you shall convince Me of sin? What more could I have done for My vineyard which I have not done? I came down from heaven; took upon My-self the form of a servant, the likeness of sinful flesh; set you a perfect example how you should walk; was led as a lamb to the staughter; was soourged, spit upon, mangled, crucified; what could I have done more? Which of you shall convince Me of sin? Which of you hat biestings of you not been defended and strengthened? In how many bitter for whom Christ died, look upon that bleeding, suffering, dying Saviour, and, if nothing else will move you, let those made, plead with you. Acknowledge your transgreesions; ab as your elf in the very dust. Let that sacred Passion plead with you, that fundine love plead with you, that Peelous Blood plead with you, that Peelous Blood plead with you, and teach you, for their sake and your soul's sake; to love the Lord more dearly, to dread sin more effectu-ally, and never, as long as you live, to add to the heavy burden by any wicked ally, and never, as long as you live, to add to that heavy burden by any wicked

deed of yours. So shall, a few days hence, the veil be lifted from the cross, and our sorrow be turned to joy, for when the Lord of Glory shall arise we too shall arise with Him, and reign with Him in glory

THE ANNUNCIATION

Monday, March 25, is the feast of the Annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel to our Blessed Lady, that she was to be the Mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. On this day began the human ex-istence of the Incarnate God. Known to none but the Immaculate Virgin Mother, in the cloister of her spotless body He dwelt among us, Emmanuel, God with us, of Whose kingdom there

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find it beyond our power to bow humbly down and believe, for God gives always strength. In Jesus Christ are two natures, the divine and human; but He has caly one person, He is God. Therefore 'fary is truly the Mother of God; truly, God was made flesh and dwelt among us; truly, God is our Brother; truly, for us He died. As Father Galwey says in his "Watches of the Passion," an admirable book for our Lenten reading: By the Incarnation the Divine Nature is so united both with our Lord's Soul and with His Body, that not even in death can Body or Soul be severed from the Divinity. On this feast of the Annuncistion, let us renew with grateful and loving hearts the 'Act of Faith that our Cate-chism teaches us:

ohism teaches us: O my God, I firmly believe that Thou art one God in Three Divine Persons, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; I believe that the Divine Son became man, and died for our sins, and that He will come to index the living and the dead. I bedied for our sins, and that He will come to judge the living and the dead. I be-lieve these and all the truths which the Holy Catholic Church teaches because Thou hast revealed them. Who canst neither deceive nor be deceived.-Sacred Heart Review.

THE CANONS OF CONVERT MAKING

Father Gabriel, S. J., of Santa Clare College, has written out the canons of convert-making for the members of his missionary organization, and they are so practical that we print them here at length for the use of Convert Leagues and similar organizations. They are pre-eminently practical and they reduce for the ordinary layman the science of convert-making to an avocation within the reach of all. His practical suggestions are as

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Gospel. Encourage him to pray for the

truth. When people are ill disposed, about the only thing you can do safely is to keep out of their way and recommend them to the divine mercy. Make up your mind to bear joyfully any slight or insult in the cause of truth, which is the cause of Christ and of His One Holy Catholic Church. "But they that are learned shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that instruct many to justice, as stars for all eternity."—(Daniel 12:3)

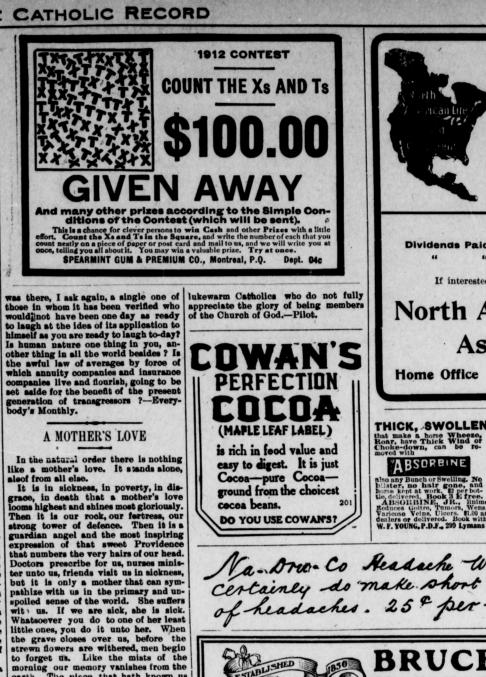
PASSION SUNDAY

TASSION SURVAT To-morrow, as Passion Sunday, will initiate the ceremonies of the Church in immediate preparation for the mystic week that follows. The motto of the whole season is taken from the opening words of the vespers : "To-day if you shall hear the volce of the Lord, harden not your hearts." It is thus the pecu-liar season when God speaks to the heart by the operations of His grace. Sorrow is its predominant character-sorrow primarily for the sufferings of Our Lord, and personally for our own part in the infliction of those sufferings by our sins. It is the season when the gentle face of the Redeemer of men is hidden away, partly that He might shut out the vision of earthly prizes and am-bitions, and partly that he might retire from human society to spend the hours in prayer. The gospel of the day tells how He field when the people sought to make Him king. He retired in prayer that He might commune with His Father and obtain the strength and courage necessary for the awful sacrifice He was about to undergo. It is for this reason that, during this

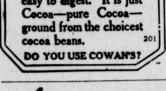
and obtain the strength and courage necessary for the swful sacrifice He was about to undergo. It is for this reason that, during this season, the Church, where it is possible, institutes retreasts and missions, when the vulce of the Holy Ghost seems to say to the busy man: "I will lead him into solitude and speak to his heart." It is a time, therefore, when earnest men gather around the altar to listen more attentively than before to the solemn truths that concern the life and death of man, his relations with God, his duties to his neighbor and to himself, and the interests which centre around his eter-nal destiny. The altars are draped in penitential purple, and even the very signs of redemption are shut away from human eyes as if to remind men that the sin which made the incarnation and the death of the Son of God necessary, are the sins of to-day as well as those of ages gone by. The business man, therefore, takes a

the sins of to-day as well as those of ages gone by. The business man, therefore, takes a little of his time at night and at morn-ing to kneel aside in recollection and prayer beneath the veiled crucifix, pon-dering upon the state of his soul with relation to the infinite holiness of God, thinking of his possible embarrassment in the face of the judging voice of the Son of God, and contrasting the long infamy of etsernal loss with the pure glories of the Beatific vision. The graces of the whole season of Lent gather together during these two weeks like an inexhaustible shower of blessings de-scending upon the souls of those who seek them. And as it is especially a time of retreats, it demands more than ever the exclusion of such amusements and luxuries as are inconsistent with

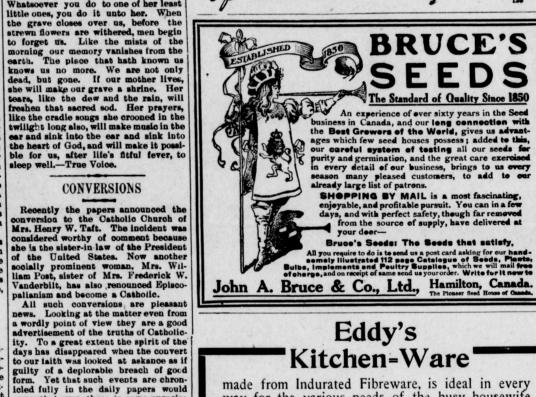
and luxuries as are inconsistent with the spirit of penance. Next Sunday at the ending of this Next Sunday at the ending of anis week of preparation will begin with Palm Sunday the great drams of the passion, that history whose scenes have had no equal upon earth, and which has gained for mankind, redemption, grace, and ultimate salvation.—Pilot.



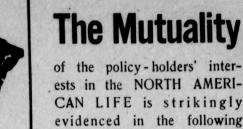
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was there, I ask again, a single one of those in whom it has been verified who wouldjnot have been one day as ready to laugh at the idea of its application to himself as you are ready to laugh to-day? Is human nature one thing in you, an-other thing in all the world besides ? Is the awful law of averages by force of which annuity companies and insurance companies live and flourish, going to be set aside for the benefit of the present generation of transgressors ?-Every-body's Monthly.

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God with us, of whose kingdom table shall be no end. What a lesson of profound humility does that first silent entrance into the world of the world's Redeemer teach us! Angels indeed waited on His bidding. Angels indeed waited on His bidding. Truly had Isais the prophet said to Him that He was "the Lord sitting upon a throne high and elevated, and His train filled the temple. Upon it stood the Seraphims and they oried one to an-ether and said: "Holy, Holy, Holy, the Lord God of hosts; all the earth is full of His glory." of His glory."

This was indeed He of Whom St

This was indeed He of Whom St. John was to declare in after years: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Same was in the be-ginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was made nothing that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of

was made man.

Holy Ghost of the High mark was made man. Yet how silently and humbly He came! How He sets us the lesson of humbling ourselves now before Him, of bowing down our intellectual pride and of being content to be silent before the mysteries of God, not arguing or, disput-

ing, but believing. He took upon Him the form of a child He took upon Him the form of a child thus to teach us to become as little children: and the first thing that we must do is this, to profess our faith, with childlike humility, that Jeeus Christ, in all His mysteries, from the mystery of the Annunciation, on through all His sufferings, in His cruel passion, His tears, His bloody sweat, His cruci-fixion, His death, His resurrection, was God made man, Emmanuel-God with us, the Inosrnate Son of God, equal to God the Father and to God the Holy Ghost. All this may be beyond our Ghost. All this may be beyond our power to understand; but never can we

His practical ollow

Always be on the lookout for a favor-Always be on the lookout for a favor-able opportunity, but if you should hap-pen to find none, the next best thing may be to make one. Better devote your efforts to a few persons systematically and perseveringly than to many in a haphazard and capri-cious manner.

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cious manner. Never give out any reading matter before you have noticed or created an ap-petite for this mental food. Always strive to select the book or pamphlet; best adapted to the needs an i circumstances of the particular person for whom it is intended. Don't think you have achieved a wonderful anccess by nutting some sultwonderful success by putting some suit-able literature into the hands of a non-Catholic. This is only sowing the good

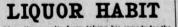
Catholic. This is only sowing the good seed. You have yet to nurse the tiny plant till it reaches its full growth. Keep at it. Remember that in order to instruct kemember that in order to instruct others you must first instruct yourself. Else it would be the very common case of one blind man leading another and both falling into the ditch. Some of the best uses to which you can put your leisure hours are sound reading, brown study, and whole-souled

Don't forget that while man's intel-lect yields only to plain reasons and solid facts, his heart cannot be won over except by sincere and sympathetic kindness

It will never do to meet a show of ig-It will never do to meet a show of ig-norance and prejudice by a display of surprise and indignation. Keep your wits about you, and be doubly kind. Unless a man humbly begs for light from Heaven, no proofs however con-vincing will bring him to embrace the



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escape the penalty. He intends to stop short before the danger point is reached, however the faculty of self-indgment and self-measurement is seriously impaired. There is an island in the midst of the There is an island in the midst of the sloping flood of Niagara, just above the point where that vast wilderness of water tumbles over into the abyas. The boat that is caught in the current may still be saved by making for the island. The man who is caught in the current of intemperance calculates that he can still steer his boat to the island of absti-nence of a strict solviety. Fond in fat-

of intemperance calculates that he can still steer his boat to the island of absti-nence or of atrict sobriety. Fond infat-uation ! His hand is unsteady ; his brain is in a whirl ; his spirit is con-founded with the rush and thunder of the waters ; his eye sees double. There are two islands, three islands, ten islands; there is no island at all—not one other landing place between him now and the curling lip of the cataract. He swims over the lip. He is sucked down into the depths. He is sacked to pleces on the rooks, and the mangled all that is left of him is washed ashore among the wandering eddles and spent spray a mile below the fall. The illustration is extreme, you say, or it has but a partial application. Is it not one I ask, that is verified in some one within the circle of acquaintance of every one of you ? And

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science. There ought not to be such great sur-prise. The list of notables coming prise. The list of hurch here and annually into the Church here and abroad is remarkable, let alone the thousands of others whose doings are not deemed worthy of notice in the press, yet whose sacrifices in becoming Catholics are far greater. May such conversions be a shining example to those who are wavering in the thought of returning to the Church of their fathers. May it also renew the faith of annually into the Church here and fathers. May it also renew the faith of

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that people of wealth and social prom-inence should follow the dictates of con-

CONVERSIONS

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