

TEXTS AND THOUGHTS FOR EVERY DAY.

FEBRUARY 4.—SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY. 1. God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Gen. i. 26.

God would not dwell alone; he would surround himself with other beings; and of these on the earth the chief is man. He is made in the image of God, inasmuch as he is capable of knowing himself and God and other natures, and of distinguishing and choosing between good and evil; and in the three-fold nature of his being, spirit, soul and body; "in our image, after our likeness." Grant me, Lord, to be renewed after thy image in all divine knowledge, in righteousness and true holiness.

2 The Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. Gen. ii. 7.

How wonderful that the dust of the ground should compose this body, so curious, intricate, delicate, and skillfully arranged! How wonderful that it should be capable of life and motion and of working with and under a soul! How wonderful the mutual action of soul and body on each other; and the means by which the soul acquires, through the body, the knowledge of outward things, and directs both it and them! Let me glorify God in my body and in my spirit, which are his!

FEBRUARY 5.

1. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Gen. i. 26.

Not one of them but acknowledges the hand of man. Not one which he cannot subdue when it opposes him. Few that he cannot make to execute his will. But this dominion is not innate in man; it is given or entrusted to him. And yet how has man abused it! Scarcely a creature has he employed which he has not made subject to the bondage of corruption by making it the instrument of the subject of his evil passions. Let me ever use the creatures to the glory of Him who has given me dominion over them.

2 Male and female created he them. Gen. i. 27. Endowing them with various and opposite gifts, bodily, intellectual and moral, and that they might train each other up in love, and unite to train their offspring in the fear and love of God, and in usefulness and affection to each other. How wonderful this balance and working together of different powers to holy and eternal ends! Lord, grant me, whether man or woman, to see and understand the place which thou hast given me, and faithfully to labour in it to thy glory, to love and to good works.

FEBRUARY 6.

1. And God rested on the seventh day from all his work which God created and made. Gen. ii. 2.

Not that God required refreshment, but that on that day he finished and completed all the causes which were to work out all events to the end of time, through all his various dispensations. How wonderful the reach of that mind, which thousands of years hence could dispose of all the causes which were to produce millions of beings and make them work harmoniously to accomplish his predestined ends! Let me adore the infinite perfection of his nature, and cheerfully labour under him in my vocation.

2 And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. Gen. ii. 3.

He set it apart from common uses and for himself; and he made it a day of blessing to those who should so set it apart for his service. And has it not been blessed to all who have honoured it as he has appointed? Have they not become more attached to his service and more holy in themselves! Revive, O Lord, in thy Christian people a reverence for thy holy days. Grant me grace ever to devote them especially to my soul's great work.

FEBRUARY 7.

1. Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest of it thou shalt surely die. Gen. ii. 17.

It was the knowledge of evil which man obtained by partaking of that tree; and when that was obtained he would know good better by contrast with evil. By so doing he was to become liable to the death of the body; but that was not the worst death; he would cut the bond of union between himself and God, and his soul would die. His heart would sink within him, and without the grace of forgiveness he could rise no more. Turn me back, O Lord, from seeking forbidden knowledge; but let me know more of good, and of that alone.

2. Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize. 1 Cor. ix. 24.

The Christian's prize is everlasting life—the completion of that divine life which man has recovered in Christ Jesus. But his case differs from that of those who run for the earthly prize; for of them only one can obtain it; but to every one of us the prize is open, and nothing but our own carelessness can deprive us of it. We have already a title to it; only let us not yield it up. May I be enabled steadily to keep in view this heavenly prize.

FEBRUARY 8.

1. Every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. 1 Cor. ix. 25.

This is true of those who put themselves in training for the earthly race. What they are to eat and drink is prescribed to them, both in quantity and in quality; and other pleasures are meted out to them in stinted measure. And the same self-restraint is necessary in striving for the heavenly prize; for if we indulge our desires without restraint, they will drag us down to earth and prevent the soul from reaching the heavenly country. May I be enabled to exercise this self-control.

2. They do it to obtain a corruptible crown, but we an incorruptible. 1 Cor. ix. 25.

The crown they contended for was but a wreath of perishable leaves of bay or olive; but the crown we look to is the approbation of our Heavenly King, ever resting on us and gladdening our hearts; nay, a share likewise in the kingdom of our Head, Christ Jesus. This is reward sufficient to encourage us even to the greatest sacrifice; much more to a self-denial which would promote our happiness even if we

remained always in this world. May I ever keep the crown in the view of faith.

FEBRUARY 9.

1. I keep under my body and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Cor. ix. 27.

The body is not evil of itself; and yet ever since the soul fell by indulging the body, it has been the source of weakness and pollution to the soul. Wherefore all, even the holiest, must keep a tight rein over the body; for if we allow it to become our master, our fall and destruction is certain. Thence it is necessary, not only to be temperate, but even abstinent, in order to preserve the mastery of the soul. May I have grace to follow the example of St. Paul.

2. Call the labourers and give them their hire. Matt. ix. 9.

We are but necessitous persons, depending on the bounty of our heavenly Benefactor; yet he chooses to treat us like voluntary servants, labouring for hire; and the service which he has a right to require, and which is itself a blessing to us to render, he bountifully rewards. Let me then be labourer in this vineyard. Let me do whatever good I can in the church; for whatever I may do, so it be done to and for Him, will receive an eternal recompense.

FEBRUARY 10.

1. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Matt. xx. 15.

We labour for various periods in the Lord's vineyard; yet all who labour to the end are admitted to the kingdom in heaven. Shall we make it unwise, if we who have borne the burden and heat of the day, have in this respect no distinction from those who have laboured less! Nay, rather let us consider that all reward is of the free-merited mercy of God; and that, if treated according to our deserts, we should have nothing.

2. Many are called, but few chosen. Matt. xx. 16.

This is a warning well worth our heeding. We are called to the heavenly glory by being admitted into Christ's church on earth; and the call is continually renewed in the preaching of the word of God and the departure of our brethren in Christ. But those alone will be chosen at the last day, who shall be found in faith and turning of the heart unto God; who, when judged, shall approve themselves to him who knoweth all hearts. May I have faithfulness and strength to make my calling and election sure.

J. B.

Romanism and Discontent.

The consummation of the anti-Christian character of the Papacy, to which we called attention a few weeks ago, was solemnized on the 8th instant by what Popish reporters of the affair term an "imposing ceremony," viz. the coronation of the picture of the Virgin. Viewed by itself, the account of the "ceremony" is really ludicrous; the fastening of a diadem on a head in a picture being a proceeding more accordant with dolls' play, or with a Christmas pantomime, than with an act of religion, but considering the significance which is attached to it by the Church of Rome, it assumes a far different aspect. Not content with claiming the power of crowning all earthly Potentates, the Pope lately *facto* assumed the power of crowning the Queen of Heaven, as the Virgin Mary is blasphemously called by his adulators "Queen." We should like to know what Pope Sixtus could do, to realize the character ascribed to the Man of Sin in Holy Writ.

The religious rite of La Salette has exploded at La Salette. The Lady of the Apparition has been identified as a crazy nun, who after making her escape from her convent, and evading all attempts of her relations to have her placed under restraint, went about the country exhibiting herself from time to time in a fantastic attire, and proclaiming herself the "Mother of God." The facts are so clearly ascertained that they have been lately before the Pope as a member of the French clergy, who protests against the whole story. "No Holiness" must, we should think, feel somewhat puzzled by this application. He cannot decently reject the evidence; yet, if he admits it, what becomes of the infallibility of the Church by which the imposture of the poor fanatic has been endorsed as a signal token of the favor of Heaven vouchsafed to France—what of the numerous miracles wrought in confirmation of it on the mountain of La Salette? and what of the Papal decision on the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, to which this, among other intimations of a supernatural character, has contributed its share? The miracle of La Salette and its explanation is a rare nut for Popish controversialists to crack.—John Bell.

Miscellaneous.

GENEVA AND ROME.

In a late number of the *Hunter of the Cross*, we find the following, which is from good authority, and throws light on the subject, for which, no doubt, our readers will be much obliged to us:—"Our good brother of the *Presbyterian* favors us with the following definition of these two extremes, and the middle path between them; which we cheerfully accept with all thankfulness:—"Geneva is the religion without a Church, and Rome is the Church without a religion, and Protestant Episcopacy is the Church with a religion. In following it, we are supposed to come up to the spirit of the maxim, *In medio tutissimus* *est*—the middle path is the safest. Such, we say, has been the favorite doctrine of Episcopacy in this country."

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