

ated to better things. A nervous start and sudden fling of the slender head of her horse caused her to tighten her rein, and, looking round, she saw her groom with head uncovered.

Simple, solemn the little funeral reached the cross-road. The shabby hearse, the plain pine coffin, flower and offering absent, except a long palm leaf which rested on the lid—emblem of victory.

The watcher recognized, in the few carriages following, the faces of the nuns who were accompanying one of their band to her last resting place. There was the joy of life to look towards death with peace and confidence.

How different from the scenes the watcher had witnessed in the death chamber of the worlding where the poor victim went forth, if not drugged to ease, yet distracted and deceived as to all knowledge of departure for "the presence of the Living God".

Then the despair and nervous collapse of the loved ones, followed by haste for travel and distraction. A distraction really destroyed by duty, and only the doom of modern nervousness and discontent to take its place.

To her last home went the pious woman as the little cortege moved, and home went the lesson of her life and death to the heart of the watcher.

Scarcely had the sunset burnt out that day in the warm red sky when the watcher sought the lull, the solace, the peace of the confessional, and she arose to face her world again with a brave and calm spirit, and to put forth over the fruit of self-sacrifice, charity and love for the needy, the oppressed and the sin-laden.

"Ah, Christ! if there were no hereafter, it still were best to follow Thee. Tears are a nobler gift than laughter; Who bears Thy Cross shall be free." N. N. N.

TALKS ON RELIGION.

PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN.

The natural law provides for parental love, hence in the decalogue there is no commandment insisting on such affection. If a parent is found who does not possess this feeling he is looked upon by all as a monster.

When parents lose control of their children the blame is generally to be placed on their own weakness or vaccination. The Lord said, "I will rise up against you, because you know that his sons did wickedly and did not chastise them." (1 Kings 3:13.)

Corrective punishment is sometimes both necessary and merciful. The following incident demonstrates this fact. While a ferry boat was making its way amid the floating ice across the North River at New York, the cry was raised: "A man overboard!"

A man struggling for life amid the floating ice. "Will not some one save him?" was the reiterated and excited question. Suddenly a man sprang from the ferry boat. Swimming to the struggling victim he hit the drowning man a terrific blow.

An apparent cruelty may be a mercy to a child and prove the salvation of both the child and parent.—Catholic Universe.

HOLY WEEK.

With the second week of April this year comes the great Holy Week. It is then Holy Church asks her child to retire as much as possible from the world and its confusion and think of our Lord and Saviour in the last days and hours of His passion and death.

Thus the great Holy Week services are solemnly carried out by the church the world over, and the faithful assemble in the temples and list to the dirge of the lamentations, and prostrate themselves before the cross as it is held aloft with Jesus, the Saviour of the world, nailed upon it.

Verily is our Lord the New Adam, and truly is He "Emmanuel"—God dwelling with us. He is both for us in the Blessed Sacrament, our Brother in His humanity and our God in His divinity. It is specially on Holy Thursday and in Holy Week we feel the force of this, and our faith is revived and renewed in the reaction we feel in ourselves, and which we witness in the hearts and minds of all around us.

Let us enter into this Holy Week with true religious spirit; it will be a fitting culmination to the Lenten season, and prepare us for the joys of Easter. If we but make atonement for our sins through heartfelt sorrow, and humbly confess them in the tribunal of penance forgiveness will be ours, peace, and reconciliation will be restored to our souls and the joys which Easter will bring will be a foretaste

of the endless joys of heaven.—Bishop Colton in Catholic Union and Times.

EXTREME UNCTION.

THE SACRAMENT WHICH GIVES HEALTH AND STRENGTH TO THE SOUL AND SOMETIMES TO THE BODY. "M.G." in the Pittsburgh Catholic.

Extreme Unction is a sacrament which through the anointing and prayer of the priest gives health and strength to the soul and sometimes to the body when we are in danger of death from sickness. It is called last, or extreme; the oil is used at baptism, confirmation, holy orders and at certain consecrations.

The Council of Trent has directed that extreme unction should form a subject of frequent instruction because the faithful, frequently reflecting that death is the inevitable doom of all men, will express their desire. It is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ where the sick being anointed with oil, in danger of death and prayed over, receive, if necessary, remission of sins, the strengthening of the soul, and if he be God's will, the restoration to health.

St. James, in his epistle, says: "Is any man sick among you, let him bring in the priests of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick man, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he be in sins, they shall be forgiven him."

We have here all the essentials of a sacrament, the outward sign—that is the anointing with oil and prayer—the inward grace, in the saving and raising up of the sick man and the forgiveness of sins. There is no mention of the institution of the sacrament in the Bible, yet the Apostolic practice is the proof positive, together with the church by the faithful Teacher of its institution by the Saviour.

In administering extreme unction the priest anoints the Christian who is in danger of death with consecrated oil in the form of a cross on his five senses which have been instrumental to his sins. He begins with the eyes, then the ears, nose, mouth, hands and feet. At every unction he repeats the following prayer: "Through this holy anointment and through His most tender mercy, may the Lord pardon thee what ever sins thou hast committed by seeing, hearing," etc.

The words used in the administration of the sacrament show the affectionate solicitude the church takes in us: "O Lord Jesus Christ, as we were thy humblest child, may divine prosperity, may serene joy, may fruitful charity, may everlasting health also enter with us. May the approach of demons be forbidden this place and the angels of peace be present. * * * Heal, we beseech Thee, Our Redeemer, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the languors of the sick man; cure his wounds and forgive his sins; remove from him every pain of mind and body; mercifully grant him again full health, as well internal and external."

We should receive extreme unction when we are in danger of death from sickness or from wound or accident. As soon as we have reason to consider the illness of a dangerous character, we should ask the priest to administer the sacrament in order that we may receive it with so much greater profit and preparation. Many Catholics postpone sending for the priest until the last moment, and then generally the sick man is unconscious. You should understand that he is not profited as much, since the utility of the sacrament to the soul depends on the contrition and devotion with which it is received.

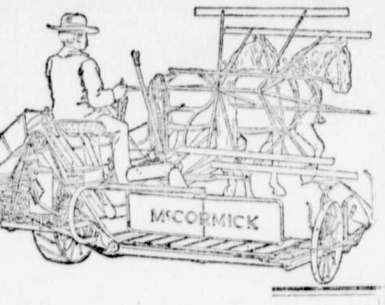
More over, the body cannot profit by it, if the vital spark be all but extinct. This responsibility—to see that the sick receive the last sacrament in due time—a rests partly with the doctor or who, as a matter of course, ought to acquire the condition when it becomes serious, hence the need of securing the services of a Christian physician. Often Catholics fear to agitate the sick man by mentioning death or the sacraments. What would you think of people who would not warn a blind man that he was nearing a precipice lest they should frighten him? Their cowardice will give them much to answer for. Very often the family is with the sick man himself, and he fails to realize that extreme unction has been administered, at least partly, instituted by God in order that the sick may more rapidly and certainly recover their health if it be conducive to their eternal welfare.

Should the illness be really mortal, what is more desirable than the grace to die happily and secure salvation to which end the sacrament of extreme unction is administered. A soldier cannot receive extreme unction before going into action, nor a criminal condemned to death. Those who have not received the sacrament of penance cannot receive extreme unction, since it is the completion of penance. To this class belong idiots and children who have not yet attained the age of reason. Extreme unction can only be administered to the sick one in the same illness; but if the sick person recovers temporarily, and then has a relapse, he may be anointed again. Confession must precede extreme unction, for it is necessary to be in the state of grace; it is a remedy and medicine only for the living.

A LESSON ON DRINK.

This is the text: "Thomas Redmond, living at No. 144 West 30th street, New York, was fined \$75 for drunkenness and disorderly conduct. As he was being taken down stairs, a woman in the crowded court room gave a moan and fell to the floor in a swoon. A baby she had in her arms was caught by a woman and saved a hard fall. The woman was Redmond's wife. She was removed to the corridor, where Matron Kelly endeavored to revive her, without success. The child

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