

THE REAL THANKSGIVING.

The duty of thanks for favors and blessings needs no demonstration, for gratitude is an expression of even brute creation.

How much we in America have to be thankful for! Allowing for the defects that mark human arrangement and rule, we can all say with a grateful heart, "America! with all your faults, I love you still!"

So then we have to thank God for a government that goes on the principle that laws are made to advance the people's interests and not to retard them, to encourage and not to depress, to save and not to damn.

For us Catholics, the High Mass, the Grand Te Deum and the prayer of Bishop Carraro remind us of our great duties to the day, telling us that the true Catholic is the happiest of mortals and as such digests his dinner as the fruit of the earth.—Catholic Union and Times.

PROTESTANTS AND THE CROSS.

Not very many years ago the spires of the vast majority of Protestant churches were crossless and their walls bare of pictures.

Naturally, however, a change in long-existing conditions serves but to accentuate the recollections of things, as they are, and no Catholic at least, can read the following beautiful composition by Rev. Francis E. Clark, D. D., in the Christian Endeavor World without being forcibly reminded of the time when the pinnacles of the vast majority of Protestant edifices served the utilitarian purpose of weather vanes and the interior walls of the structures were bare of ornamentation that carried any spiritual significance.

"On a mountain side near Bozon, in the Tyrol, is a great crucifix with the image of the Lord upon it and with the crosses of the two thieves on either side which so stand out against the sky as to attract and awe all beholders."

"When one sees the silent Golgotha, snow-capped mountains and green valleys, and rushing, foaming rivers are all forgotten, and that great cross, with its lesser companions, fills the horizon and the heart of the beholder."

"There seems to be nothing else in the world but the story of the cross, and one realizes the truth of Christ's great saying, 'I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto Me.'"

"How true it is that the Master Christ, animates the world to day in all its finer and nobler sentiments!"

"Go into any picture gallery of the old masters, and one realizes how art means Christ; Christ in the manger, Christ before the rabbi, Christ in the judgment hall, Christ on the cross, Christ in the tomb."

"Sculpture has rendered its tribute to the same Master, and the finest marble of the Christian era represent the Thorn crowned One."

"Literature has piled library upon library in trying to depict His life or to explain His words."

"Music has rendered to Him her choicest tribute, and the 'Messiah' echoes His hallelujah throughout the world."

"We sometimes think that Jesus, the Christ is the theme of the pulpit and the theological lecture room only. Far from it. He is the most interesting, the most vital, the most commanding figure in the modern world—the world of art, of letters, of music, as well as of religion."

"No business man can date a letter without paying tribute to Him with whom the Canadian era began."

"No church spire points except to Him, exalted in the heavens."

"Every innocent child reminds us of Him Who blessed the little children, while nature itself He has brought under contribution, so that the birds of

the air, the lilies and the grass of the fields, the fish of the sea and the stars of heaven tell us of Him Who by showing us their significance hath subjected all things unto Himself. His right it is to reign, in art, in business, in the home, on the street as well as in the church and the stately cathedral.—Catholic Union and Times.

THE SEARCH FOR CAPERNAUM.

For decades Christian archeologists have been trying to locate the city of Christ. Capernaum, says the Literary Digest: Last October the railroad was formerly opened, which connects the sea of Galilee with Haifa and with the great East Jordan Railroad, and eventually will connect it with the Bagdad road.

Contemporaneously with the building of the new railroad, another task of equal interest in connection with the sea of Galilee is being done; namely, the sea of Galilee and the magnificent laying bare some of the magnificent ruins of a grand structure which had for decades attracted the attention and inquiries of travellers. These were the possible foundations of that synagogue which had been built for the Jews by that famous but unnamed centurion whose servant "dear unto him" was sick and at the point of death and whom Jesus was brought by the elders to cure.

If this proves to be the case, then we know the scene where Jesus preached His first sermon when He "taught as one having authority and not as the scribes," and where also He cast out the unclean spirits. The existence of these important ruins at Tel Hum was known to older scholars, but it was only about ten years ago that the monks of the Franciscan order began to protect them against the depredations of the peasants who plundered their own houses. Only recently enough of these ruins have been uncovered to show that there once stood at this place a rare and splendid synagogue. The outer walls are massive, the whole constituting a square, and within run two parallel rows of heavy columns to support the roof.

A close examination shows that this structure departs materially from that of a Christian Church and must have been a very ancient synagogue. A frieze of considerable size, facing the sea, has been discovered, covered with rich ornamentation and in many respects suggests Roman and Greek temple architecture. Unfortunately only the east side of the structure has been preserved, but here are found also two side porticos, with a flight of stairs, in general the building is covered with sculptural work of the art of its day including especially images of trees, leaves, fruits, especially of grapes and palms. In addition there is found on this temple a so-called "arms of David," a six cornered star. The material out of which the structure is built is a marble like limestone, formerly, doubtless, found in abundance along the coast, although, according to the statement of the natives, no longer extant there.

A FIELD FOR PERSONAL INFLUENCE.

Archbishop Redwood, of Wellington, writes to the New Zealand Tablet: Catholics exercise an influence of more or less importance. This influence they should use in their homes, their offices, their factories and the circle of their friends.

In general the state of society printing, enlighten a mind, point out a way of conduct. You are the father of a family. Be careful to send your children to a Catholic school, keep all infidel and immoral books or bad newspapers out of your house.

"He would hardly be wrong," said Leo XIII., with his great authority "who would attribute the excess of evil and the deplorable state of society principally to the bad press." Such books and papers should never cross the threshold of your house, should never be read by yourselves. It is amazing how deluded people are on this point, what license they allow themselves, what harm they do themselves, how much they offend God. You are not allowed, as a rule, to read what attacks religion and outrages morality. You are a good public speaker. Do not be afraid to publicly defend your faith. You are a good writer. Use your pen; write. The press is the queen of the world, and if Catholics have not a good, able and valiant press to defend them, they are doomed to be partially worsted.

GOOD READING.

The spread of Catholic literature, the increase in circulation of Catholic magazines and papers is a gratifying sign that our people are awakening to an appreciation of what is one of the essentials in this day of the spread of the press. Good reading is a blessing; the mind cultivated in this direction has attained a treasure. As the years of life lengthen the impressions of early reading return to memory a solace and a delight. Now in the long winter evenings at hand, around the domestic fireside an hour or two should be devoted to the perusal of some good book, some one of our excellent Catholic magazines, or periodicals. It is a time too, to give the Catholic paper its due place of prominence. Most certainly these hours will be productive of more substantial benefit, more lasting pleasure than the inane night after night over a card table, which although good in its place should not be the all and end all to kill time.—Pittsburg Catholic.

In the deepest night of trouble and anxiety and sorrow, God gives us so much to be thankful for that we need never cease our singing. With all our wisdom and prudence and foresight we need never refuse to take a lesson in gladness and gratitude from the happy bird that sang all night as if the day was not long enough to tell its joy.

ANOTHER FATHER DANIEL.

A few years ago says the Freeman's Journal, the world resounded with the praises of Father Damien, who had sacrificed his life in the service of a goodly number of lepers. He communally made up of Lepers. He stood bravely at his post till stricken with the terrible disease which claimed him as its victim. Heroism of this sort the world seldom witnesses. Men on many a battlefield have been ready to risk their lives in the service of their country but death on a battlefield is robbed of the horrors that are associated with the terrible disease that the victim with the slow lingering agony of the victim of leprosy must undergo. So great is the dread of this loathsome disease that a poor wretch who was afflicted with it was recently driven from one state of the union to another until at last he ended his suffering in a lonely mountain shunned by all.

Nothing but the love for his fellow man, inspired by the teachings of the Catholic Church, would ever have induced Father Damien to undergo voluntarily the terrible martyrdom that is nearly the name known throughout the world. But the inspiration that made him so heroic a figure did not die with him. The teachings of the Catholic Church which induced him to devote himself to the service of the abhorred leper, inspired others to tread in his footsteps. One of these, Father Lemmons, has just ended his heroic career at Paramaribo, Dutch Guiana.

Born at Maestricht, Holland, on July 23, 1850, Father Lemmons entered the Dutch army as an officer at an early part of his life. In that capacity he went to Surinam, Dutch Guiana, in 1878. Four years later he abandoned the military life at the age of thirty two, exchanging the uniform of a military officer for the habit of a Redemptorist missionary. In 1886 he was ordained a priest and immediately devoted himself to the work of attending to the spiritual, as well as the physical well being of a community of lepers. There could be only one result of this devotion. The anticipated took place. Father Lemmons, like Father Damien, was stricken with leprosy. He thereupon voluntarily isolated himself and became the chaplain to a hospital for lepers in Paramaribo, the capital of Dutch Guiana. And so out of from Dutch Guiana. He worked on patiently, bravely, heroically, for four years, till his Divine Master called him to his eternal reward.

THE SOUL'S DESIRE.

NOTHING OF EARTH FULLY SATISFIES IT. The reason why pleasure of the senses cannot make man perfectly happy, lies in man's very make up. Besides a body, wonderfully fashioned it is true, but which, after all, he holds in common with the brutes, he has something which vivifies him which is not made of clay, but which is immortal.

It finds it only to feel, but also to reason, to reflect, to understand; which can prompt him to undergo pain and to make sacrifices for others, and by which he can love purely, disinterestedly, nobly; and something which can bring him even to the very feet of God. This soul, this wonderful, intelligent spiritual being, now shut up in the prison of the body, is ever reaching out beyond the narrow bounds of its house of confinement, striving to find objects where- by it may be satisfied. And it finds that in all this world there are no things but created things, material, substantial things which it gives the body the power to taste, touch, smell, see or hear, but from which it can draw no lasting pleasure; for they are not noble as it is, spiritual as it is, immortal as it is. It finds that wealth is gotten with labor, and is easily lost, and that, when retained it cannot satisfy the soul's desire for something like itself. It finds that honor and praise may be quickly changed to opprobrium and slander; or that they are not deserved; or that they are given by men from whom to receive dishonor is praise. It finds that the body may be cheered with sensual pleasure for a brief period, and that the after-effects are depression, dishonoring and deadly. It finds moreover, that to the life of every man on earth there comes a time when the light of the eye is quenched and he stumbles grow cold; and that when he goes down into the grave, his honors and his riches and his pleasures go not with him. And seeing all these things, it has no comfort and cries out, vainly beating against the bars of its prison house, "Who will give me wings as of the dove, and I will fly away and be at rest?" For then it knows well that in all created things there is nothing but a vain and a restlessness of spirit. Nothing is perfect, nothing is lasting, nothing is true but Heaven.—Catholic Columbian

Funeral Pomp.

There is in many cases too much funeral pomp. There is a great deal of extravagance in funerals because such extravagance is "fashionable." Many burden themselves with unnecessary expense because if they don't "people will talk." Let them talk. These people will talk either about your parsimony or about your extravagance. It does not matter what "the talkers" say. We have known people to beg and borrow money for funerals and then expend twice as much as was necessary.—Catholic Universe.

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THE LATE FATHER KEANE.

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The late Rev. Father P. J. Keane who died very suddenly of hemorrhage at 4 1/2 on Tuesday, Dec. 14, was the oldest priest of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and was well known throughout Ontario, having been parish priest for lengthy periods in such important parishes as Newmarket, Toronto Gore, Uxbridge, etc. He belonged to the Catholic branch of a well known Irish family, which gave a number of distinguished men to the Church, including the Rev. Dr. Joyce of Madrid, for some time private confessor to their Spanish Majesties and the Rev. Dr. Keane, at one time head of the foremost Catholic University of the State. Of his Canadian relatives who did much for the Church might be mentioned the late Mr. and Mrs. Dunlevy, who conducted the Catholic Mirror so well known in the north and who generously donated a large sum to the diocese.

The late Father Keane who was eighty-six at the time of his death and hale and hearty to the last, was a good classical and Spanish scholar and travelled extensively in Central and South America before taking his theological course at La Grande Seminary, Montreal, and later spent a year travelling through Europe and the Holy Land. For over forty years he was very closely identified with the parochial work of the Archdiocese and noted for his generous contribution to the Church and to all charities within the sphere of his influence. The Catholic Church of Newmarket remained a monument of the parochial labors of Dr. Keane, a prominent parish surgeon, and nephew of the late priest was present at the funeral which was conducted by High Mass for the deceased which was celebrated at St. Paul's church. The interment was at St. Michael's cemetery.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL.

Down through the starry skies, white winged, The blessed angels sweep; O'er all the sin-salad, here on earth, Float on their music deep. Sweet peace, sweet peace, to every heart! The peace of heaven, that comes from God, Not to be seen, but in your mind: The Christ hath come to live!

Across the snows the balls past clear, As in the days of yore. * * * * * For Christmas comes once more! Bid thy heart be free, thy words, To cheer the poor and lowly, And this one day rejoice with Him, Who lives through all the years!

Oh, little crib, so rough and rude! Oh, straw that cradled Him! Oh, your dumb beasts, that gave Him warmth Your light makes all else dim! Oh, maid-in-cher, thy white, Let us be glad you know, And learn to serve the little King Alike in weal and woe!

DIED.

MULLINS.—In Toronto on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1906, Lillian Josephine, third daughter of Mrs. C. Mullins formerly of this city. May she rest in peace. Apply to Rev. Charles McKee, St. Paul's Church, Toronto.

McKROGHER.—At Rock Springs, Wyoming on Oct. 16, 1906, John Joseph McKee, eldest son of Mrs. McKee of Stratford, Ont. May his soul rest in peace!

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