

REV. FATHER POWELL PREACHES ON SIN

IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH ON SUNDAY MORNING.

Rev. Father Powell, of the Assumption College, Sandwich, occupied the pulpit at nine o'clock Mass at St. Mary's Church, Sunday August 2nd. He spoke on sin, particularly on the sin of omission.

"In order to commit sin," he said, "it is necessary that we have the understanding of the flesh and the consent of the will. Our sins may be secret to us in that we do not realize that they are offenses, or that we may sometimes forget them. There is one sin which is often secret to us. The first principle of the moral law is that good must be done and evil avoided. The sin of omission is leaving good undone. It arises from one of the seven deadly sins—sloth."

He gave, as an example of his meaning, the man who was created by Almighty God, and who grew up without doing any good. He is like the barren fig tree which was cut down because it bore no fruit. So also the soul. It will be cut down. It is made to know, love and serve God. If we fail in that object, we are like the fig tree.

We are bound by sacred precept to love and serve God, but there are two other precepts which are fully as important. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole soul and thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

These are precepts we are bound to obey. If a man does not love his brother whom he seeth, how can he love God, whom he seeth not. In concluding, the reverend gentleman exhorted all present to pray that they may be given the grace of charity, and that they may overcome the sins of omission, and that their secret sin may be made known to them.—London Advertiser.

ON "RADICAL" SOCIALISM.

Rev. Dr. Stafford, in recent Philadelphia sermon.

The radical Socialists are opposed to Christianity, said the speaker, because they do not understand the Church. They say: "You Christians live in eternity. You make this world a hell and look for your heaven hereafter. You are guilty of social vices most monstrous, and your doctrines make a man not think of the things of this world. We want to bring about a condition which will make this earth a heaven. In order to bring this about we must tear down. We wish to bring about a condition in which every man, woman and child will be blessed with peace and plenty, and not to be forced into the world to seek out a miserable existence. That is our cult, our religion, our hope."

To that the Catholic Church is opposed, and we must oppose it. We must show them what is the true Catholic teaching and show them that the Catholic Church is the highest socialism; that the Catholic Church is the totality of socialism, which contains for humanity not only what is best in eternity, but in time. Her desire, as that of her Divine Founder, is that when the children shall cry for bread they shall not receive a stone. He and she prays: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"—that is, that justice shall reign on earth as it does in heaven. And again, "Give us this day our daily bread." God intended that man should have bread to sustain this life as well as the bread of the soul. He intended that every child of God should have food for his intellectual, spiritual and physical needs.

Any other intention is not Christian. Christ broke bread with the multitude; that the Catholic Church is the totality of socialism, which contains for humanity not only what is best in eternity, but in time. Her desire, as that of her Divine Founder, is that when the children shall cry for bread they shall not receive a stone. He and she prays: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"—that is, that justice shall reign on earth as it does in heaven. And again, "Give us this day our daily bread." God intended that man should have bread to sustain this life as well as the bread of the soul. He intended that every child of God should have food for his intellectual, spiritual and physical needs.

WHO GIVETH AWAY THIS BRIDE?

Right Rev. Bishop Ludden, in Syracuse Catholic Sun.

This question is asked while the nuptial parties are standing before the altar to be united in marriage. Whatever be its origin it is foolish, unmeaning, and savors of paganism and barbarism. I remember when visiting old Cairo, in Egypt, a full grown Mohammedan girl, dressed in Moslem fashion, who approached our party to solicit a "hagshresh"—alms. Before we could respond to her petitions, a strong, rough-looking Turk rushed upon her and in rapid succession rained blows on the poor creature with a heavy stick. It was the use of the "Big Stick" with a vengeance, while she rushed away screaming. A crowd witnessed the revolting scene and no one seemed surprised at such public treatment of a female.

Before Christianity, woman was a slave and still is where Christianity does not prevail. Even in the most refined, educated and philosophic paganism her life and death were in the hands and at the disposal of her lord and master, her husband or father. Christian civilization freed her from such dependence and bondage, made her her own mistress and possessor of her own soul, her own free will, her own body, so that any "giving away" of herself is to be done by herself absolutely and independently.

Outside the Catholic Church the sacramental character of matrimony is destroyed, its unity, indissolubility and sanctity unceremoniously wiped out. It is degraded to the level of an ordinary civil contract, and the mutual giving away of the parties, instead of being "until death do them part," means only as long as suits their sweet wills, whims or fancies, or until they get up some quarrel, real or fictitious, as a pretext

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I have recourse to the divorce court, where their marriage bond is dissolved, with a facility that puts to shame the amendment of a contract made between drivers on the canal concerning a pair of worn-out, exhausted beasts of draught. Such is the depth and degradation to which unbridled passion, infidelity, heresies and schisms have lowered this Divine institution, the first of the sacraments, the foundation of the home and family, the cornerstone of society and the State.

Another silly and foolish-looking custom connected with the marriage ceremony obtains in many places. It is the custom of the groom betaking himself to the sacristy, or church parlor, there to await the arrival of the bride and her attendant, and, like a Bohemian in ambush, prepared to make an attack. It is a sort of mock surprise, a hide-and-seek, at which children play. It would seem that the groom and best man should do the bride the honor of calling for her, on the occasion, at her parents' home and form an honored part of the joyous cortege. It is to be hoped that none of these unmeaning customs will prevail among our Catholic people.

AN ENGLISH GIRL CURED AT LOURDES.

ONLY ONE EXPLANATION OF REMARKABLE OCCURRENCE DURING THIS YEAR'S PILGRIMAGE.

Miss Noemi Nightingale was one of the English pilgrims to Lourdes in May last. For ten years she had suffered from deafness, and since November, 1907, she had been totally deaf. The best aurists in England were consulted, but in vain. Her account of her cure is as follows:

"The story of my cure is simple enough. Last Thursday, May 21, I was saying my Rosary for the holy souls during the afternoon in the Grotto. It was 6:45 p.m., when suddenly I felt a pain in my ears. Thinking it was not going to be much, I said nothing. But the pains became more and more violent, so as to exceed anything I had ever felt. It was excruciating for about four minutes. I thought I should go mad with the agony; it seemed as if I had fallen asleep and was dreaming; I could see nothing around me; I cannot remember anything that happened then until they had intoned the 'Magnificat.' That is the first sound I remember hearing. Naturally I wondered what it could mean, not being able to believe that I had been cured; and yet there was no mistake. It is true, quite true; I was healed. My father, who had remained in London, can hardly realize the cure which we have announced to him by letter."

The London Catholic Weekly adds: "The most marvellous scientific ought to allow that neither hysteria, nor nervous shock, nor 'suggestion' can suddenly repair a perforated tympanum."

A CROSS ON THE MOON.

On Tuesday night, July 14th, some of the people of St. Columban, Ontario, witnessed a remarkable apparition. There was a cross on the moon. The number that beheld the phenomenon was not large, owing to the fact that the great majority had already retired for the night. When the moon rose above the horizon about 10 o'clock, a large cirro-cumulus cloud was fretting the eastern sky with threads of silver and streaks of purple. Doubtless this circumstance prevented many from beholding the lunar phenomenon in all its splendor. At intervals, however, the unusual appearance of our bright, terrestrial satellite arrested the attention of belated visitors wending their way homeward. Now the moon appeared to be twice its apparent size. Then a cloud intervened. Then "the man in the moon" appeared to be swinging his arms. Again many fragments of cloud spread out like fans.

One said: "look! the moon is divided in halves." Another said: "See, the moon is fastened to a big pole in the sky." But the clouds grew denser and at 11 o'clock the moon became entirely hidden from view. By that time nearly all the watchers had said their prayers and retired for the night. Only a few remained on guard and before long a wonderful transformation scene rewarded their patience. At 11:30 the blue embroidered veil that hid the moon from view was suddenly rent in twain, leaving a cloudless sky in the east. Aligned to the moon was a copper-colored cross. In height the cross seemed about fifteen feet, or ten apparent diameters of the moon. The united arms of the cross measured about seven diameters of the moon. There were no clouds near the moon; the sky was blue and free of vapor. The cross had no ragged edges; it was perfect in proportion and outline, and it remained in evidence a full hour.

The following residents beheld the phenomenon, viz.: Mrs. John J. Holland, Postmaster J. J. Holland, his brother Leo Holland, Miss Margaret Devereux, normal teacher; Mrs. Jos. Melady, Miss N. S. Devereux, normal teacher; Jos. Melady and other reliable witnesses, whose testimony has been carefully examined by the Rev. Albert McKee, S. T. L., the parish priest of St. Columban.

In the early years of the fourth century Constantine, the Emperor, and others beheld in the sky, after mid-day, a luminous cross, bearing this inscription in Greek: "En Touto Nika" (Conquer by this).

What the St. Columban cross presages, we do not presume to affirm. One thing is certain, for our Saviour tells us, that before the end of the world "there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars." (St. Luke xxi, 25).

CHURCH IS AROUSED OVER IN SPAIN.
BISHOPS, BECOMING AWARE OF NEED OF SOLVING SOCIAL PROBLEM, GROW ACTIVE IN URGING GREAT REFORMS.

Recent days a new spirit has come upon the Church in Spain. The Bishop of Madrid, Right Rev. Jean Marie Salvador y Bahbura, is one of those Bishops who are strongly convinced of the necessity of a social apostolate to be exercised by the Church. He personally presides over the permanent committee of the Spanish Social Weeks' meetings being held from time to time in Spain on important social questions.

With indefatigable energy this distinguished prelate endeavors to develop among Catholics all kinds of social enterprises. He has established in his Grand Seminary a regular series of lectures on social economy, which have been very favorably received. These lectures were originally established for seminarians, but several laymen who had expressed the desire to attend them have been permitted to do so.

Several other Bishops have since followed the example of the Bishop of Madrid and have organized in their seminaries similar lectures.

Other organizations on social questions are also rapidly developing in Spain. These organizations have been commenced in the north, especially in Navarra, where they are already very flourishing. In the southern parts they are also very promising already, as in Castile and Andalusia. Thus mutual societies and syndicates are fast multiplying.

The Bishop, well aware of the importance of the Catholic press, has founded and patronizes several periodicals on social questions, as, for instance, the Paz Social.

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ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.

It is very obvious to say that if we always knew what God wished, it would be a great help to us in serving Him. We should not surely throw ourselves into open rebellion against the express will of God. Yet practically, in by far the greatest number of our actions, we do not know this; and in all of them, if we do not know what He would have us do, we know at least the motive from which He would have us act, whenever we act at all. "Whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God." St. John tells us that God is charity. Thus in the whole of the almost infinite and complicated system in which we live, God has contrived all things, quite wonderfully, for these two ends, if they might not more properly be called one end than two: He has arranged everything first, so that He may be loved; and secondly, so as to enable us to love Him. If we may dare thus to speak of the Almighty, He seems to have no other end in view at all; and He manages things by artifices of almighty power in order to bring this about. This is His rule by which He has done everything. The hearts of His creatures are the only treasures He will condescend to accept from His own creation.—Father Faber.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Chatham.

A very pleasing event took place in St. Joseph's Hall, Chatham, on Friday evening, July 31st, when seven graduates of St. Joseph's Hospital training school for nurses received their diplomas. The hall presented a beautiful picture indeed and the handsomely decorated stage made a fitting background for the graduates, who were arrayed in spotless white and accompanied by flower girls. Mayor Scullard was the chairman of the evening and in his opening address congratulated the hospital on its splendid standing. A choice programme of music and song was then rendered while Dr. R. V. Bray addressed the graduates, congratulating them on their great success in the profession and in speaking for them a bright future in their chosen profession. The Very Rev. J. Meunier, administrator of the diocese, presented the diplomas to the graduates, Miss Lillian Richardson, Miss Mabel Jenner, Miss Emma Keating, Miss Lillian Long, Miss Grace Hoy, Miss Angela McIlhenny, and Miss Loretta Kelly. Miss Grace Hoy read the valedictory. Bouquets innumerable were showered on the graduates and the large crowd in the spacious hall applauded vigorously as each came forward to receive her well deserved honors.

DIED.

McEvoy.—In Ottawa, on June 24th, at 120 Cumberland street, Mr. Edmund J. McEvoy, aged sixty-two years. May his soul rest in peace!

McGregor.—On July 26, at Massey, Algoma, Susanna Bellemore, wife of Mr. Richard McGregor, aged forty-four years. May her soul rest in peace!

HARRIS.—On Monday, July 27, at Guelph, Ont., Mrs. Maria Harris, widow of the late John Harris, ex-mayor, aged ninety years. May her soul rest in peace!

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