

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Passion Sunday.

PURCHASED BY HIS BLOOD. Christ being come a high priest of good things to come, by his own blood entered once into the holies, having obtained eternal redemption.

Today, dear brethren, is Passion Sunday. Its very name teaches us that we are drawing near to the time which is set apart by the Church, for the purpose of keeping alive in our memories the most marvellous events which the world has ever known.

The first day of Holy Week is Palm Sunday. On this day our Lord entered into the Holy City of Jerusalem, and was greeted with the Hosannas of the very same people who a few days afterwards cried "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Behold Him mocked and jeered at by cruel men; betrayed by one of His Apostles, deserted by the rest. See Him nailed to the accursed tree, raised high in the air like the brazen serpent in the wilderness; behold Him wrung out with His awful weight of suffering, bowing His head and giving up the ghost.

Listen to the words of fearful woe, when He seemed abandoned by His Father: "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?" Try during this week to make the sufferings of our Lord real to you, to bring them home to your hearts, to enter into them so as to really feel with and for your suffering Lord.

It is only in the love of God manifested in the death and sufferings of Christ that we can attain the full conviction that we shall be forgiven if we return to Him. Surely He hath carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our iniquities, He was bruised for our sins; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and by His bruises we are healed.

Many persons are unwilling to give up their sins; some who are willing find it hard to confess their sins. In order to open to me the gates of heaven.

Don't Give Alcohol to Children. Dr. Schmidt, proprietor of an inebriate home in Lucerne, Switzerland, says: "The statistics of my institute prove that the majority of all women admitted have been weakly children, who, on account of their frail constitution, became used to alcohol in the cradle. Later on they were given Tokay and iron wines, with or without the knowledge of their physicians.

REID'S HARDWARE. For Grand Rapids Carpet Sweepers Superior Carpet Sweepers Sinepette, the latest Wingtip, Mangles Cutlery, etc.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CATECHISM.

The end of Catholic education being the training of the will and the heart upon the motives and principles set forth by the Christian religion, it follows that the most important of all text-books for the young is the one embodying the doctrines of Christ's Church, and that the noblest work in which any one can be engaged is the inculcation and application of the saving truths of His Gospel.

THE STORY OF TWO WOMEN.

The last lecture of the winter course at Saint John's college was delivered by Dr. A. J. Faust who discoursed on "The Story of Two Women." The two women treated were George Elliot and Theodosia Drane.

The distinguished lecturer treated his audience to a concise history of the salient traits in the characters discussed, pointing out especially their resemblances and contrasts and the formative influences that produced such resemblance or divergence.

He showed that both lived at the same time, both were authors of distinguished merit, but were affected by their immediate environments, but while George Elliot moved in an atmosphere of Agnosticism and infidelity, the lot of Miss Drane was more happily cast in an element intensely religious.

The lecturer considered that the most charming trait in George Elliot's character is her devoted love and admiration for the memory of her dearly beloved mother, whom she lost when fifteen years of age, when the need of a fond mother's care and solicitude are most necessary to the young.

THE RITUALISTIC MOVEMENT.

The ritualistic movement in the Protestant Episcopal Church, considered by many to be bringing it in dangerous proximity to the Catholic Church, is led to day in New York by a handful of churches whose ritual is avowedly that of the Catholic Church, and whose rectors may not unfrequently be thought to have sympathies in that direction.

Services are announced on the notice boards as Mass, Low Mass, Solemn Mass, High Mass, Requiem Mass, Vespers and adoration, Matins and Compline.

Truly Astonishing. Miss Annette N. Moen, Fountain, Minn., says: "Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has had a wonderful effect in curing my brother's cold. It was truly astonishing how speedily they found relief after taking this preparation."

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FATHER BURKE.

Interesting Reminiscences of the Immortal Irish Dominican.

"I remember," says Father Burke, "the time when not one word of the English I now speak to you was on these lips but only the sweet old rolling Celtic tongue that my father and mother spoke before me."

How did Father Burke become so unequalled an orator? We find the answer writ large in his life. From early days he loved elocution, but to listen to and to practice it.

When he really began to preach he was careful to excess, and very nervous. He would talk over his intended sermons with a friend, freely accept corrections, write it out, and on delivering it would, from timidity, speak with his eyes closed.

About forty years ago a number of families, related and living in the same neighborhood, emigrated—some to the United States and others to certain of the British colonies.

There is one happy sign of more genial appreciation of the absolute necessity of teaching the Catechism thoroughly as a safeguard of the faith. We refer to the attention at present bestowed upon the production of this important little book.

Object of Lent.

Few even of those who lead good lives do penance enough for their sins; almost all go before God with a large account unsettled in this matter. How much worse would it be if there were no Lent; if the Church never insisted on our chastising ourselves in any way, and seemed to treat such chastisement as of no consequence!

This is, then, a good reason for Lent; but there is another which we are not so apt to think of. Many Christians, especially when they have health, strength, and plenty of this world's goods, have really very little wish to give them up, in order to pass, even could they do so at once, to those joys which the heart of man cannot conceive.

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LIFE ON A FARM.

One of Hardship and Constant Exposure - Frequently the Most Rugged Conditions are Broken Down - A Prominent Farmer tells of the Wonderful Recuperative Powers of a Famous Medicine.

From the Assiniboian, Saltcoats, N. W. T. Everyone around Yorkton knows Mr. Dan Garry, and what a pushing, active business farmer he was until a gripple took hold of him, and when that enemy left him, how listless and unfitted for hard toil he became.

It was very trying; he had become greatly weakened, had lost both appetite and ambition, and was tired with the least exertion. He tried several remedies without deriving any benefit, and as one after the other had failed, he determined to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial.

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