Cardinal Monning on the True Freedom of the Gospel.

His Eminence the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminister preached at the High Mess recently at St James,' Spanish place, London, on the subject of Lib. erty." Selecting his text from the 17th verse of the third chapter of the second epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians, "Where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty,,' the Cardinal went on to say: St. Paul is here making a contrast between Old Law and the New. The Old Law was given from Sinia, written on two tables of stone; but it was a law of condemnation, and for this reason. It was not a new law, it was as old as the world itself -- for it was not lawful in the beginning to have more Gods than one, it was not lawful to slay or to steal, and the seventh day in the beginning was the day ordered to be kept holy in re. memberance of the first creation. the day on which God rested. Nevertheless the world was so sunk in wickedness, in idolatry, in slaughter, in stealing and in sins of every kind that when this lawthe Old Law-was republished, it was as a sentence of death against the world.

St. Paul says that where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. God made man free in the beginning, but he became the slave of sin and lost the spirit of the Lord. But where that spirit is there is liberty liberty from the con. demnation, the guilt, the death power -and sweetness and fascination of sin. Once more, in the Old World there were human teachers who taught all manner of falsehoods, false philosophy, and idolatory of all kinds, both gross and refined; but, when the Holy Ghost came, there was but one teacher and that one Divine. At His appearance all human teachers became dumb and were silenced, and we were redeemed from the bondage of falsehood into the liberty of faith. By the weakness of our nature we are all made slow and sluggish to do

It is the last of these thoughts only that time will permit me to bring before you now. What does St. Paul mean by the words of my text? He means, first, the liberty of the will that is regenerated by water and the Holy Ghost in Holy Baptism. The liberty God gave man in the beginning was a liberty so perfect that he might do whatever was just and night by his own will and by the power he had to put that will into affect. When God made man He made him perfect in three perfections. He gave him a perfect human nature, a soul and body -the body with all its powers and limbs full of health and life; He gave him a soul with all its faculties and intelligence the affections of the heart and the power of his will. The Holy Ghost dwelt in him, and he was in the state of original justice as we call it. But when Adam abused that liberty and broke the law ci God, then he lost, not the liberty, but the power of acting upon that liberty in the fullness and perfection of his former state, because he lost the supernatural perfection—that is, the Holy Ghost de. parted from him. He had, it is true, freedom of will; nevertheless his pass. ions overweighed him and inclined him to that was evil-that is original sin. Therefore he has freedom and liberty still; but, by his own sin, he has so over. balanced his soul that it inclines rather from good towards evil.

When we are born again in Baptism the Holy Ghost restores us not original justice, because the three wounds still remain. There is darkness in the under. standing, for we have to learn before we know, there is passion in the heart and all manner of evil tempers. temptations, and impulses, and the will is weak and infirm. That is the condition in which we are. Nevertheless the Holy Ghost infuses into us faith, hope and charity, giving us the sanctifying grace of His presence, of His seven gifts, and a free and perfect will and intellect by which offer Himself on the cross to die for us we are able to bring forth the twelve and give His Most Precious Blood to the fruits of the Holy Ghost, and the eight heatitudes, which constitute the perfection of man. This is the liberty of the will born again.

Everyone of you has a regenerate will, and you can make no excuse for sin, because you have the power and the liber. ty to please God-and you will be responsible if you do not do so, Secondly you have the liberty of a will united with the will of God. The charity of God infused into our hearts in baptism is the link between the soul and God; for God and thereby fulfill our own will. We cooking. A cheerful wife is the best

loves-and what are they? What God hates is every kind of evil, everything contrary to His own holiness and truth a: d justice; and when we are united with Him, we hate the same things. What does God love? Purity, justice, truth, mercy. If we are united to Him, we delight in the same things; they are our joy, because we are confronted to our Divine Master.

Once more our will conformed to His implants in us entirely 1 ew desires.

The desires of our natural will would be to grow rich end great in the world to live at ease and have our own way to be prosperous and te thought much of and honored. These are the desires of the natural will in man, but what are those of the will born again and conformed to God. It will desire. that God may be glorified on earth as in heaven, that His name may be hallowed among men, that His kingdom may come and reign in our hearts, that sin ners may be converted and souls be saved and hearts may learn to love him. A will conformed to His aspires, as the flame towards heaven; it will always be gazing upwards, aspiring to more and more union with God.

Once more, there is a liberty of doing good and the liberty even of abstaining or mangled every moment. from doing good when it is not a duty. there is also the liberty to do good in this way or that way, and the choice of the way in which we shall do it is left to ourselves. This is the liberty of man but we have no liberty to do evil. To do evil is not a part of the liberty of man or of God. The liberty of God is circumscribed by Hisown perfections, which exclude all evil. When men ple ad the liberty to do as they like, to do things contrary to the truth of God, or to dothis or that without regard to the liberty of God, it is not liberty, and they may be lawfully restrained, and even punishfor abusing that liberty.

You who have learned music and singing, do you ever think of the gamut! -do you ever practice yourselves in the octaves! No; because they become in stinct. Your ear and voice need no such ruling. So the heart that loves God, and is united with Him instinctiv' ely, does the will of God. St. Augustine who is pictured with a flaming heart on his breast-for he was a great preacher of the love of God-has said; "Love God and do what you like.' That meant that the man who loved God would instinctively do the will of God, and therefore at was morally impossible for him- to do anything that would offend him without a violation of their new nature. This is the lesson we all ought to learn, and I am afraid none of us have yet learned it as we ought. Two simple truths I will. add to what I have said, and no more St. James has said: "so speak ye and so do as those that shall be judged, and by that, therefore, we all ought to live." How, then, shall we use this liberty

God has given us? Take as an example the way in which our Divine Lord used His liberty for us. There could be no did He use His divine liberty? He said "Behold I am come to Thy will, O God." The Incarnation was an act of the most perfect freedom of liberty on the part or the Eternal Son. Every action of His life was an act of His most perfect free will. Let us then consider this, There are three things He freely did for us. Out of a multitude I can only name three, for time forbids. He loved us with the perfect love of His Sacred Heart, and do we not therefore owe Him love for love by the free liberty of our own hearts? He freely wore out His whole life of three and thirty-years in toil, labor and sorrow_and sometimes, as we read in the Gospel, He had not even time to eat bread, and that all for us. Therefore we owe Him zeal for zeal. Lastly, His love and zeal for us prompted Him to last drop. If, then, He was freely gen. erous to us in that perfect measure, ought we not to be generous to Him? This is the example of how He used His liberty for us; let us then gauge by that how we use our liberty for Him.

HOMELY PRINCIPLES.

Foolish tongues talk by the dozen. He who will stop every man's mouth must have a deal of meal. He who throws away his estate with his hands, goes afterwards to pick it up again on his feet. is charity, and he that abideth in charity Suppers kill more than the greatest docabideth in God and God in him. As tors ever cured. A little kitchen makes plane unites to plane and becomes one a large house. If you could make a so our will, if charity dwells in us, unites pudding by thinking of the batter it with the will of God, and the two wills would be easy getting the dinner. There become one. What is the meaning of are folks who would hold a sieve under this? Firstly, that our will so united with a pump and expect to carry away the His that His will becomes ours-and water. Scarceness of victual will keep. when we do His will we do it willingly There's no need to be hasty with the

hate what He hates and love what He sauce for chops, and the very potatoes take a pleasure in sending up their grateful steam before her. Vinegar is a good thing in its way, but a man does not care about it with every meal. Fine feathers make fine birds, but often hungry ones. It is a very good thing for a woman to love reading, but a husband likes more than a three-volume novel for his dinner. A woman's best fortes are those that make home tidy and hap py. all this is often done without pianofortes at all. A satirical man is like a file, he rubs the roughness off other people, but gets no smoother himself.

AN INTERESTING RECOLLECTION

Major-General Yakovitch, of the Rus sian army, is one of the few men now living who saw the great Napoleon on a battle-field. The old general saw the French emperor at Borodino. At that battle, Yakovitch, then a mere boy, serv ed with a battery in the grand redoubt which was the centre of the Russian line. He gives a vivid description of the bat-When morning broke, a sea of gray mist shut out the field from view. voices of the enemy were heard, the neighing of their horses, and the rumbling of artillery wheels. Then came the thunder of cannon, making the very earth tremble. Three times all the Russian gunners were killed, and three sian gunners were killed, and three times new men took their places. Bullets flew thick as hail, and men dropped dead

At last a strange sound was heard in the distance, like rain battering on withered leaves. It grew louder and louder, nutil it filled the air like the roar of a stormy sea. All at once a great wave of brigh swords and helmets and horses heads came surging up over the breast work. It was the Imperial Guard. Before the shock of that mighty wave the Russian centre crumbled away a shatter-ed wreck. When Yakovitch came to his senses and opened his eyes, he saw around him the corpses of his father and company father and comrades. Suddenly the trambling of hoofs called his attention to a group of gaily-dressed officers, and Napoleon's staff come riding over the field. The young Russian peered anxiously into their faces In his graphic language he thus describes them.-

'There were the hard faces of Rapp and Darn and broad-chested Sebastian, and Nansouty, with the sable scar across his cheek, and the low, broad forehead and bull-dog jaw of grim old Ney, the bravest of the all. There, too, was Murat, with his white plumes and braided jacket, his long dark curls hanging down his neck, and his riding-whip in his hand just like a circus-rider. And then the group parted suddenly, and there was the man himself in the midst of them, with his face hard and immovable as marble amid all the blood and agony, and a far away look in those cold grey eyes of his, as if he saw Moscow somewhere up in the sky, but saw nothing between.

"A glorious victory!" cried Murat, wav-ing his hand. What a stir there'll be among the good folks in Paris when the bulletin arrives!'

We've lost half our army in doing it, though, growled Neyt Hadn't we better fall back and wait for the reinforcements?

Then Napoleon turned his head slowly ust as a statue might do, and looking him fully in the face, said:-

"Thou advising a retreat. Mitchael? That is something new, indeed. No! -- no falling back now! I must date my Bulletmore perfect or self-evident rule, How in in Moscow. As for the army, you can't make an omelette without few eggs.

'Yakovitch says that when he heard this he knew that Napoleon's day was passed, for no man save one doomed to destruction would have spoken so light_ ly of the slaughter of thousands of brave men. In three months from that day the French emperor was flying for his life across the border, with the Cossacks at his heels like hungry wolves.' ----

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