#### NOVEMBER 26, 1898

## FIVE - MINUTES' SERMON.

# First Sunday of Advent.

THE DELAY OF REPENTANCE, THE GREATEST MISFORTUNE.

Brethren, it is now the hour for us to rise rom sleep. (Rom. 13, 11.) The holy season of Advent has come again-that season of penace and worthy preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of our Lord-a feast during which God showers His graces

in abundance, if we are proupon us perly disposed to receive them. During these four weeks the good Christian oices in showing his love for his Sav iour and his obedience to the Church, by mortification and self denial, thus securing an abundance of graces and

The is wanted, that boy, managed and any investigation of a part of The lukewarm Christian, however, -what cares he for Advent? What signification has the word penance for him? His mind contemplates neither change of heart, nor the curbing of his passions. For him there is in the far future sufficient time to prepare for death and judgment. A young person argues, "When I have grown person argues, "When I have grown older, when I have achieved my aim, are sent ; In the garb of a queen, or in homespun ar then 1 will change my mode of life. Having arrived at a maturer age, the Whatever her station-is needed that maid. same person will say : In course of time a better opportunity for penance and the reception of the sacraments will, undoubtedly, present itself ; at present, the turmoil of business gives dwelt in his convent of Santarem, in Portugal, and his duty was to attend to ne no leisure to commune with God the sacristy. Now it happened that and to think of the salvation of my he had charge of two little boys from When the same person arrives at the sunset of life he still hesitates, the neighborhood, whom he taught to putting off his conversion, in the vair Mass. As they were too young to be delusion of being able to rectify on his received into the convent, they went deathbed, all the errors of his life, and, like a blind man, the poor sinner stag during the day they rarely quitted the monastery. Bernard had the tendergers through years, perhaps through life, in the darkness of sin, risking the weal or woe of a whole eternity upon a delusive, "perhaps." What is the cause of such indifference, my dear Christian? Whence this inexplicable blindness and presumption in our times? The principal reason is this, because so many never think, aye, never wish to know, what a terrible misfortune it is to live in the state of mortal sin. For were you, O sinner, to consider this seriously, you would never be able to exist a single day Not to without the friendship of God. speak of the diabolical wickedness against God, consider, at least, O sinner, the cruel effect your impenitence has on your immortal soul. It is a doc trine of the Church that all the good works, even the most noble and exalted performed in mortal sin, are without merit for heaven. Pray, therefore, O sinner, as long as you like, assist at the holy sacrifice of the Mass as often as you wish, scourge your body unto blood, fast as did the anchorites of old, suffer more than the patient servant of God, holy Job, aye, even more than Mary, the dolorous Mother of God, labor for the salvation of souls, with greater zeal than all the apostles have done, i will avail you naught for eternity. All vain, unless, without merit for aven. What an irreparable error. heaven. Does this not touch your heart? If you meet with any temporal loss or misfortune, you cease not to lament, and is it possible, you consider as nothing the merit of so many good works which are utterly destroyed by mortal sin? In such a case you can remain cold and indifferent? Yes you laugh and rejoice, when in all reason you should weep and lament! Consider the impending eternity. Should not your hair stand erect when you realize the danger of being eternally lost? Are you certain that the shades of the com-share their meal, they offered I ing night will find you living? You their petition, begging Him earnestly know not, but you do know that if to invite them and their dear teacher

## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

#### The followplaced over their grave. OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. ing prayer, with its Indulgence, is also a memorial of the same.

Kinds That Are Wanted,

Legend of Blessed Bernard.

Bernard, a pious Dominican friar,

serve the priests of the Order at Holy

est affection for the children, and, as a

reward for their good conduct, he

aught them not only the catechism,

but also the first rudiments of grammar

moreover, he brought them up very plously, instilling into their tender minds a great love for the Blessed

Sacrament and for the Mother of God

Each morning the boys used to bring with them a little refreshment, consist-

ing of bread and fruit, which, Holy

Mass being ended, they took in a little

side chapel. In this chapel there was

an image of the Blessed Virgin with the Divine Infant in her arms. Now,

the little boys never omitted to greet

the Infant Jesus with a salutation, and,

at last, one day, the Divine Child, whose delight it is to dwell amongst the

lilies, condescended to come down from

His Mother's arms, and to ask them to give Him some of their food. With joy they invited the fair Child to join

their meal, Who henceforth was their

frequent Companion. After some time

the children resolved to make known

the thing to Brother Bernard. "Father," said they, "the Holy Child Who rests in the arms of the Mother of the mother does

God eats daily with us, but never does

He bring anything to give us; what

shall we do?" Bernard, who listened

with astonishment to this recital of the

children, gave them the following in

the Holy Child again comes and asks

for anything, say you fearlessly, 'Lord,

Thou dost daily partake of our food,

but we receive nothing at Thy hand ;

invite us, we pray Thee, and our Father Bernard to dine with Thee in

The children failed not to do as their teacher had said. The following

morning, when the Child Jesus took

share their meal, they offered Him

struction:

Thy Father's House.

to Brother Bernard

"Children," said he, "when

home to their parents at night,

For "

Lord, who through the precious death of B'essed Bernard and his com-panions hast manifested to us the Wanted—a boy that is manly and just, One that you feel you can honor and trust, Who cheerfally shoulders what life to him brings, Its sunshine and pleasure or troublesome value of a perfect faith with inno-Its sumhine and pleasure of things : things : Whose eyes meet your own with no shadow cence of life, grant us, by their incence of file, grant us, by the second secon Whose eyes meet your own with no shadow of fear; No wile on the face that is open and clear; Straightforward in purpose, and ready to

rush— a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush ;" to all who shall recite this prayer, and three hundred and sixty-five of a Pater, Who scornfully turns from a something to an Ave, and a Gloria be added) - The Who scontally turns from a something to gain. If it bring to another a sorrow or pain: Who is willing to hold what is right ever dear: And is patient, unbeeding the scoff or the black of the source with a least that's elste. Homeless Child.

## CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. jeer ; Who does all he can with a heart that's elate. He is wanted, that boy, whatsoever his state

In actual life a point is soon reached when one must depend almost entirely on himself for guidance. The path is full of stones, rut, pitfalls, and mud. Briars beset it ; diverging paths perplex one : precipices and cliffs confront one unexpectedly, and well beaten roads, which lead through fields of daisies and other pretty but worthless weeds, tempt the weary and the weak. Then there are the marshes and the forests where there are no paths at all, and where insects or wild beasts harass the struggler and make progress difficult and dangerous. Sooner or later in his progress through life, every man must face a determined resistance

Whether he can overcome it or not no one can decide but himself .- P. T Austen. The Best Possession. A noble manhood, nobly consecrated to man, never dies, and character is

#### the best possession any young man can have.-Wm. McKinley We Reap What We Sow

Thackeray sagaciously hints that there is a law of spiritual harvest : we sow a thought and reap an act; sow an act and reap a habit ; sow a character and reap a destiny.

The Workers in a Society.

The history of every young men's so ciety for the coming year will be what a few men in each organization make it. What a responsibility comes upon What an opportunity for influthem ! ence and leadership ! They do not live their own lives alone ; but at their lisposal, in fact, are the futures of the young men of a city, a railroad, or a college. Young men rally around a leader and will volunteer to serve in

any cause a strong leader will espouse They will train with him, work with him, do his will and become leaders themselves when they learn the source of his inspiration. Can't you take a place among the workers who shape

the destiny of your society ? Keep Your Temper

A little tact and ingenuity is much more effectual than punishment in many cases, and a great saving of temper. There are times no doubt in every family when a fault and its con-sequences must be emphasized by some sort of punishment. But don't point your moral with a slipper. Let the punishment come as nearly in a line with the fault. Make it a logical consequence, not an arbitrary act, for these little people reason quite as clearly as we do from cause to effect, and appreciate quite as readily the force of a striking argument. After all, it is not rules and regulations, although they may be of the best, which develop the character of the child; it is the mental and moral atmosphere in which he lives. rule one's household wisely is not an art that comes by intuition ; it de-

mands serious thought and

energies.

rich? What was the monetary value of St. Paul's cloak and parchments, which were all he had to leave? How much would anyone have given for the sheep skin coat of St. Anthony, or for the

brown serge of St. Vincent de Paul "I have no time to get rich," said Faraday and Agassiz. The Charity of Giotto's picture gives corn and flowers, and receives from heaven a human heart; but she tramples on bags of gold. Most of the great heroes of antiquity also were poor. More to mankind is one page of the monk a Kempis' "Im itation of Christ" than all the banks of the Rothschilds.

## "I Don't Feel Like Exercising." One should not go by his feelings entirely, in the matter of exercise. He

should have a regular hour for it each day and take his exercise then, as he does his meals, when the hours for eat "I don't feel like eating, so I guess won't eat any dinner or supper to day No ! If he finds "he's off his feed " he takes something instead of doing some thing to get back his boy-like appetite It would be a wise thing never to can at mealtimes unless one is hungry, but it is not often a wise thing to neglect daily exercise because you do not feel like it. A healthy person craves bodily exercise as naturally as he craves food at regular stated times. If he finds that he does not desire to exercise he will soon lose his appetite and event-ually his health. Hunger is the best sauce, and if you do not feel hungry for exercise as well as food every day you are physically degenerating and you must watch out or you will become

a diseased man. Exercise and obedi-ence to the other laws of health will build you over into a new man. An ounce of prevention is worth tons of cure to you. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred when one does not feel like taking exercise that is just the Don't time that he needs it the most. trust your feelings in this vital matter

of daily light exercise. In very few cases are they trustworthy. If you think so, go to the medical director tell him that you don't feel like exer cising and tell him also just what kind of mental or physical work you have been doing during the day and follow out his advice.

### Hints for Home Students.

There is no royal road to learning Money cannot buy an education. The boy on the farm in the backwoods has an equal chance with the boy born in the city mansion. The largest benefit comes from the surmounting of difficult-We learn to climb mountains ies. only by climbing them. Every educated man is, in some sense, self-edu cated. The boy who has a love for study will die an educated man, no matter what the obstacles in his way. Read the life of Franklin, or of Webster or of Lincoln, or of Garfield. These men were great in spite of earthly difficulties, and they owe their greatness largely to the fact that they had the snap and persistence and ambition to succeed. Almost any young man can do as much if he will add to his brain the necessary grit and perseverance. Educated labor is always in demand. The men who are doing the longest day's work for the smallest daily wages who are the slaves of their employers, are the uneducated. Uneducated labor is to a certain extent always a form of slavery. The educated mechanic is the master mechanic. Did you ever stop to consider why it is that the foreman in your shop gets a heavier enve

lope than you do on pay day? Simply because he knows more. No other reason. The home student has limited time and must use every moment to the best advantage. The man whose education must be a partial one at best should aim to make it embrace such subjects as will be of the largest value to him. We study because learning and the in tellectual culture which it brings have a market value ; because educated mer can make money more readily and more surely than uneducated men can; because education opens up more agree able pursuits than untaught men car follow. Never, however, lose sight o the higher purpose of all education. which is nothing short of the develop-ment of character-the growth of God

## SAVE THE CHILDREN.

A most instructive study of Catholic operation with Protestants in charitable work is reprinted in the Charities The writer, Mr. Thomas Review. Mulry, pleads for a closer union be-tween our charitable organization and those of the sects, offering his own experience as an argument. Some years ago the St. Vincent de Paul Society of New York learned that large numbers of Catholic children were attending various Protestant missions Mr. Mulry was appointed to make an investigation, which resulted in an understanding with the Charity Organization Society of the metropolis, whose object is to bring its various charities into closer touch with one another. Let us quote Mr. Mulry's words : "When we first started in this work of

co-operation, people were found will-ing to sell themselves and their childred to any religious sect that would This traffic has been pay the price. almost entirely stopped ; and if the abuse exists in any shape at all, it is

because of our neglect, as Catholics, to enter the field in larger numbers to guard the interest of our children With our associates on the various district committees of the Charity Organ-ization Society we compare notes, find those of our own people who are attending other churches, report to proper parties, have them turned over to us, and in this way bring them to the notice of the various pastors and char-itable societies. When we make our

report or notify the proper parties that the people they are assisting belong to us, they at once take their hands off. People who are in earnest about charitable work are hardly ever bigots; and the evils of proselytism, which often evoke such bitter complaints, are largely the result of the exclusiveness or shyness of Catholics themselves. It would do our people no harm to meet their Protestant fellow citizens half-way on any errand of mercy; and surely it would be a wholesome experience for our separated brethren to be brought into closer touch with the men who compose our Vincent, de Paul societies .- Ave

#### Maria. HOW TO GET MARRIED.

A new departure in university education is, so it is announced, to be inaugurated at the Northwestern University, the Methodist Episcopal insti-tution which is located at Evanston, Ill. The students of that school will have themselves to blame if, when the time comes for them to get married, they do not know how to go through the cere mony in the latest approved style. For one of the courses of the universi ty hereafter will be a matrimonial one That is to say, a class is to be forme in which future brides and bride grooms, with their attendant maids and men, will be taught just what they should do when they are called upon to act in those capacities.

A very popular course in all proba-bility will this new departure prove. It is not a very difficult thing to get married, but it is not so easy a matter to go through the ceremony in a dig-nified and collected way. Brides are apt to become nervous when they are given away and grooms have been known to lose their heads and grow terribly confused when asked to pro duce the ring. Bridesmaids and groomsmen often get mixed up in the nost annoying fashion when they are bidden to take their places, and there are lots of other things connected with the ceremony wherein practice will tend to impart skill, if not perfection.

What especial capabilities the professor who is to have charge of this sesses for his studi

#### TOUCHING SCENE AT DR. MULL-ER'S DEATHBED.

Dr. Hermann Muller, the second victim of the plague in Vienna, was a nephew of Professor Max Muller. The priest who attended him was not allowed to enter the room, and describes the scene as follows: "I stood at a closed window, near which was placed the bed of the dying man. We saw each other eye to eye, and my voice reached his ear. The patient was welldisposed for absolution, and one of the Sisters of Mercy at his bedside carried to him the Host on the corporal, which I had laid upon the window sill of a neighboring room, and he swallowed it before my eyes. As I was not permitted to enter the chamber of death, it was not possible to me to administer the sacred oil." Similar precautions were observed at the funeral, and the priest who gave his blessing, as well as all the mourners who attended, were obliged to remain at a distance of twenty paces from the grave side, while the ropes used to lower down the coffin were left with it.

# A HAMILTON CASE

#### HOW MR. JOSEPH RICHARDS WON HIS FREEDOM.

Bright's Disease Held Him in a Deadly Grip Which Nothing Could Loosen till he Used Dodd's Kidney Pills-They Cured Him.

Hamilton, Nov. 21 .- The Ambitious City is never behind her rival, Toronto, in any enterprise, commercial or otherwise, and recently, would seem to have made fair progress towards outstripp-ing her neighbor in one respect, viz.; the number of cures of Kidney the number of cures of Diseases effected here by Dodd's Kidnev Pills.

Hardly a day passes without recordng a cure by means of this famous and wonderful medicine.

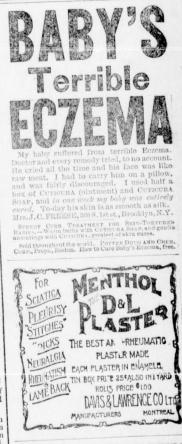
Interest just now is centred in the case of Mr. Joseph Rickards, of 134 Emerald street. Hundreds of Hamil-toni-ns know that Mr. Rickards suffered for more than six years, with terrible complaint, Bright's that Disease. Hundreds know also, that he engaged the best medical assistance he could secure, but without receiving either cure or relief.

Mr. Richards is now hale and hearty, healthy and happy, and his deliverance is due entirely to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Writing of his case, he says: "I used many remedies that were adver-tised to cure Bright's Disease, but none of them gave me even temporary relief. I cannot describe the severity of my sufferings. They were terrible. "I was advised to try Dodd's Kidney

Pills, and I am thankful that I took hat advice. I used only four boxes, but they drove every vestige of Bright's Disease from my system and made a man of me."

A statement like this cannot be lightly passed by. It carries a mes-sage of hope, and freedom from disease, of health and happiness, to every sufferer in Canada. Dodd's Kidney Pills should be in every home in the land. Kidney Diseases cannot exist where Dodd's Kidney Pills are used.



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death should overtake you in the state in which your soul now is, you would be forever a reprobate in hell. Yet you risk so terrible a fate by not fearing the certain, and yet, so uncertain hour of death ; with such temerity you say: "later, later, to morrow, to mor-row I will repent." Pope St. Gregory whom the devil desires to cas Savs into hell, he strikes with blindness and deludes with the hope that he has ample time for repentance."

My poor erring brother, listen to the voice of grace, turn back from your evil ways, and return to your merciful If you have sinned, I call you with God's own words (Eccl. 5, 8. Delay not to be converted to the Lord, and defer it not from day to day, for His wrath shall come on a sudden, and in the time of vengeance He will destroy thee.

Hesitate no longer, for it is certain that you must die, but you know not how, when, nor where, but this you know, if you die with one mortal sin on your soul you are lost, and lost for all eternity, whereas, if you die in the state of grace you are saved for heaven in like manner. As they tarried long

and saved for all eternity. Now, brethren, as true children of the Church of Christ, let us spend the solemn time of Advent, this time of penance and grace, in the spirit in which the Church has instituted it. Let us earnestly strive to combat the flesh, to cast off the old garment of sin, and to don the glorious one of grace and innocence, which delights both God and the angels.

If we do this faithfully we may approach confidently and expect to re-ceive into our hearts the God of mercy who will come on the glorious feast to the Nativity to bring peace and hap-piness to men of good will. Amen.

#### Asthma Gasps.

Asthma Gaups. The wheezing and strangling of those who are victims of Asthma are promptly relieved by a few doses of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine.

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never been known to fail. DYSPEPSIA is the cause of untold suffer-ing. By taking Hood's Sarsaparilla the digestive organs are toned and dyspepsia AS CURED.

to a feast in His Father's House. The fair Child heard them with joy, saying: You could not give Me a greater pleasure than to make such a request. Yes : I do indeed invite you as you de Tell your master to prepare himsira self by the Feast of the Ascension : or that day, as you wish it. I will enter-tain you all three." Greatly delight-ed, the dear children hurried away and informed the good brother of the invitation they had received. The man of God, convinced of the reality of this revelation, prepared himself with

the greatest piety for the Feast of which Jesus said to His disciples : "I dispose to you, as my Father hath disposed to Me, a kingdom, that ye may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom " (Luke xxii, 29, 30).

On the Feast of the Ascension he prayed with more than usual fervor, and then, his face shining like that of an angel, with the boys at his side, he went up to the altar to say Mass; when the Holy Mysteries were ended, Bernard prostrated himself on the steps of the altar, signing to the two boys to do in deep prayer a sweet sleep overcame them, and so they went to the feast of Eternal Life. This happened in the

When the brethren, according to year 1265. custom, went into the choir, they found the three bodies prostrated upon found the three bodies prostrated upon the steps of the altar, the priest in his vestments, the boys in their white sur-plices, and their faces shining with heavenly beauty. At first it was thought that they slept, but soon it was discovered that they were indeed dead discovered that they were indeed dead. Upon this, the confessor of Bernard was commanded to give, as far as he could, some account of so extraordinary a passing away ; and, in presence of the whole community, he related what had happened to the children, and what the Lord had promised them. This recital filled them all with great oy and thanksgiving, and the bodies

of Bernard and the two boys were laid in one and the same grave.

the circumstances attending it, was anthropists - scarcely one among them unobjectionable, will engraved upon the stone which was all has been rich. Were the apostles applied outwardly.

Golden Silence.

Did you ever try to keep silence while a volley of angry words was being fired at you? Ah ! then, you know it is not an easy thing to do and you have also learned that there is a great satisfaction in being able at such a moment, to control that spirit of self - justification that will arise in each one of us, but which often urges us to say more than i wise. It is easy, indeed, to attempt to vindicate oneself, but it is not so easy to recall the bitter words that are in man. almost sure to escape us.

There is scarcely a victory so well worth the winning as a perfect control over the tongue. First, because the struggle within us is so great that we may be rightly proud when we have conquered, and again, because of the fruits of victory. The momentary triumph of having met one's enemy with his own weapons is not worth putting up against the sweet satisfaction this bit of solf control will satisfaction this it of self-control will give. The first is transient, the second is eternal. Oar silence is a sword - thrust tha never misses the mark, and its work is most effective when the one at whom i is aimed has become calm and begun

to wonder what weapon has so seriously wounded. No matter what the offence, remember that words spoken in angen will never mend a cause. Wait until the heat of resentment is spent, then rebuke, if necessary; you will do it more effectively thus than with a host of angry words. It is by silence, or the "mild answer" which "turneth away wrath " that one commands the greatest respect and obedience.

Value of Personal Service.

The best good in the world has always been done by personal service, and beyond all doubt poor men have been greater benefactors of the world than the wealthy. Run over the names of all the world's greatest benefactors, The account of this event, with all reformers, poets, artists, writers, phil

Never before in the world's history were so many advantages in the way of public libraries, reading clubs, liter ary societies and periodicals as at the present time. The boy or girl who grows up uneducated must not hold school, or teacher or parents, or circumstances wholly accountable, for-" Where there's a will there's a way."

THE POPE'S MEMORY.

The other day a French prelate had an audience with the Pope, during which Leo XIII. referred to the sensational stories that are being told about

him. "People are saying and writing," he remarked with a smile, "that I am weak, that I have frequent fainting fits ; that I have actually lost my mem-Now listen :"

ory. Now listen : "And he recited a whole page of the Aeneid.

"How many of them will be able to do that when they are 88?" he asked with a smile of triumph as he finished.

"Satisfactory Results."

"Satisfactory Results." So says Dr. Curlett, an old and honored practitioner, in Believille, Ontario, who writes: "For Wasting Diseases and Scrof-ula I have used Scott's Emulsion with the most satisfactory results."

most satisfactory results." EXCELLENT REASONS exist why DR. THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL should be used by persons troubled with affections of the throat or lungs, sores upon the skin, rheumatic pain, corns, bunions, or external injuries. The reasons are, that it is speedy, pure and unobjectionable, whether taken internally or

stated. Possibly he has spent years of his life in studying up the etiquette of the marriage ceremony, or perhaps he has been through the ceremony so frequently himself-that is one of the gains of the divorce system - that he has its finer points on his finger-tips. It will be very interesting to outsi to watch the results of this new depart ure in university extension .- Cath olic Columbian.

Look not upon the past, its sorrows, ts cares, its failure, and its sin, with that paralyzing regret that darkens the eye to the new and glorious possi-bilities of the future. Accept the pass as a finality that no years of agonized sorrow can change, but see in the failure the revelation of the true way in which to walk. See rising from the disobedience the resurrection of the law you may obey-the new light of higher Know that the life without wisdom. regret is the life without gain.

Adversity is the only balance to weigh friends; prosperity is no just scale. - Henry Suse.

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