

Our Weekly Sermon

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AND NEW-CHRISTIANITY.

The Rev. Father Alphonsus, O.S.F.C., concluded his course of sermons before a congregation which filled the sacred edifice to the doors. Basing his sermon on the text, "You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes."

Life was a sacred mystery. Committed by God to our keeping, sacred not merely for ourselves, but for others also. Life was not given to be used as one liked.

THE BAIN OF HOLY CHRISM still glistening on its brow, and bade it remember its awful initiation and consecration to that wider family—given to all those who were of the household of the faith.

a sacredness in earthly media, and endeavor to find out in what way Christianity could be applied thereto. The force which must save human nature must be something within as well as without that sphere.

AESTHETIC APPRECIATION OF CHRISTIANITY. It was called religion—the religion of Jesus, the religion of the Carpenter of Nazareth, the religion which the Churches had defiled, and yet this new army of Reformers, which was skillful in coloring catch phrases so complacently by which the dark waves of vice and sin rolled up to their very doors.

This tendency to regard CHRISTIANITY FROM ITS PURELY INTELLECTUAL SIDE was a danger which must be met and fought down. This was the error into which many popular writers fall.

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future. Look at the terrible difficulties which beset the Church almost at the beginning of her career. An ancient civilization was crumbling into dust before the approach of barbarous hordes.

WELCOME THE SCOURGE OF GOD. and in that welcome he dominated and conquered those new forces which had threatened civilization with destruction.

PROVIDENTIAL INTERVENTION

A Young Novice Falls Fifty Feet, but is neither hurt nor maimed. The moral suggested.

A clear case of preservation by supernatural power is furnished in the thrilling incident related below. Cold-hearted unbelievers, and those who may never find such an experience, may feel inclined to doubt the supernatural feature of the occurrence.

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a man who may have more stumbled, tripped, or overbalanced himself, on the level surface. Such incidents, if seriously considered, make people think, and thinking, and pursuing the inquiry, it leads them to the conclusion that there is a dividing line between the merely human protection, which we are enabled to provide for ourselves out of our own strength and ability, and that beneficent and all-powerful help which alone can save us in the moment of sudden danger.

To sober-minded men of deep thought, who judge justly of men and things, and of results, in the light of supernatural intelligence, the incident as related above, will have a wider and more important meaning.

The young novice, whose experience we are here discussing, was brought up in a different school from that. Since his childhood he lived under the pure influence of the Catholic Church's teachings, one of whose principles of truth is to teach that we of ourselves are not competent to provide for all our essential wants; and that we have absolute need to seek and desire a help which lies above and beyond ourselves.

His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, is preparing for his decennial visit to Rome. The Cardinal expects to leave New York immediately after Easter and will remain abroad several months.

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