

SIX-MINUTE SERMONS.

Showing forth our faith. The manifestation of our Lord to the nations in the persons of the three wise men is what holy Church bids us consider to-day.

What we wish more particularly to insist upon is the missionary office of every Catholic, especially in these days of error and inquiry.

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We read in history that the Portuguese admiral, Albuquerque, was, with his vessel, in a fearful storm that threatened every moment to overwhelm them.

TALKS ON RELIGION.

Holy Orders. Its very name describes the office of the priest. When we see a Catholic priest we know him just for what he professes to be.

A priest is one especially consecrated and set apart to the service of divinity. He is considered the medium through whom worship, prayer, sacrifice, or other service is to be offered to the being worshipped, and pardon, blessing, deliverance, etc., obtained by the worshipper.

Prophecy of the angel Gabriel to Daniel: And a people with their leader shall come and destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be waste, and they shall tread the appointed desolation; the victim and the sacrifice shall fall.

Now God, Who, in the old law appointed a priesthood to offer sacrifices which could not of themselves take away sin, did not surely leave the sacrifice in which the "Word," as St. Ignaceus says, "is offered" to Him, without appointed ministers and guardians.

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We clearly see from these passages of Holy Scripture that God is pleased to accept the mediation of men, to say nothing of that of angels.

But we should not only defend the truth; we should attack error. If you have friends who are in error, you can do them no better service than to set them right.

STRANGE TREATMENT OF THE BIBLE. The North China Daily News, April 2, 1906. I found a week or two ago, says a Bible agent of Yang Ping Fu Chihli Province, China, that our copies of the Scriptures were being surreptitiously bought from colporteurs on the streets.

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THE EPIPHANY.

The birth of our Saviour was announced in a miraculous manner by an angel to a few shepherds, and they spread the news throughout Judea.

They offered Him gifts: gold to the King of Kings; frankincense of God; myrrh to the Man of Sorrows, the Saviour. We, too, can offer gifts.

INDIAN WHO IS A PRIEST.

A POTTAWATOMIE WHO SPOKE IN THE TONGUE OF HIS FATHERS IN ROME. To be the first full blood Indian to become a Catholic priest, says the Topeka Capital, is the unusual distinction of the Rev. Father Albert Negahnquet of Kansas, now conducting religious labors among his fellow race-

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this New Year—that of the Magi docile to the inspirations of grace or that of the Jews or of Herod, independent or hostile?

The faith of the Magi was great when they set out to follow the star, still greater when the star disappeared, but heroic when without hesitation they entered the stable.

Masses for Non-Catholics. "Does the Church allow the offering of Masses for the souls of non Catholics?" Assuredly—private Masses.

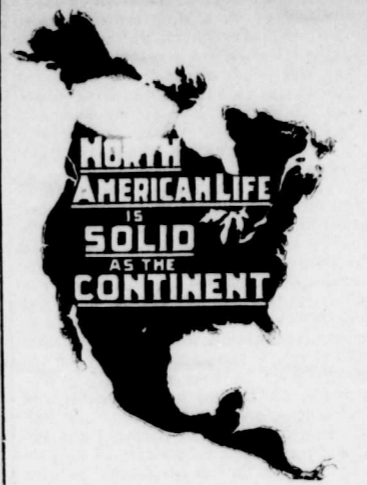
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A New Year's Talk. At the end of one year's living of another one, is to take stock. You were to die to-night, you go?

After attending to the interests of your soul, you want to consider the needs of your mind. What reading? A course of history or biographies, the poets of or what? What are your Socialism, the money question, the issue of railroad what?

Next, you should consider your affairs. Are you in this year that you were last year you made any progress? What have you?

Then the welfare of your body be considered. Are you in health? Do you take exercise every day? Do you excessive use of tobacco, I say?

And what about enlarging your circle of acquaintance? Are you increasing your bank account? Are you in a building and occupying a home?

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