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might depart from me. And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for thee;

for power is made perfect in infirmity.

Gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me." (2 Cor. xii. 6, 7, 8

Our rebellious flesh is the chief source of temptation. It is a ready ally of the world and the devil. One

of the three great wounds inflicted on

our nature by original sin was the in-clination to evil. We have a propen-

sity to do what is wrong. Our mind is darkened by evil, our heart is weak-

ened by corruption. We see the good and approve it; but we needs must struggle (a follow it. St. Paul describes the war of the flesh against

the spirit in those famous words in the Epistle to the Romans: "I am delight-

ed with the law of God according to the

inward man; but I see another law in

my members, fighting against the law

of my mind, and captivating me in the

of my mind, and captivating me in the law of sin that is in my members." (vii. 22-23). This strife is continual. Our mind is always busy, active, always going; thinking, thinking until sometimes the brain roels, and sickens; and it does not

reels and sickens; and it does not

always flow in a clear, tranquil stream;

but for the most part it stirs up the dirt

that lies at the bottom of our nature it becomes turbulent and riley. Our

thing good. Each has his own peculiar

that cardinal sin and source of tempta-tion, and this of itself is a very great

though it were something dead, as though we had sloughed it off as the

strong we had sloughed it on as the serpent its skin. But we carry it about us, nevertheless. It is part of our per-sonality, and that can never die. It has had its influence in moulding our

character; it has helped to make us

what we are, and we can not prevent what we are, and we can not prevent our mind from working upon the material it has stored up in the cells of memory. And what a field for temptation it affords; sinful thoughts,

sinful pleasures, sinful attachments, unknown then, perhaps, or unheeded, but now perceived in all their malice,

and coming back in all their hateful

present temptations. Then there are habits of mind that we have formed

tion in our lower nature. The facul-ties of his stupendous intellect are con-

centrated on the work of temptation;

and that thought alone should make us

and intellectual state of the race of

mankind without God, pervaded, dark

ened, falsified and corrupted by the

influence of Satan into the likeness of

his own malice." We are in the world

and, unfortunately, it is a constant source of temptation to us. We are full of the spirit of the world and of the

wisdom of the world, which is death.

God is crowded almost out of our lives.

We come to Mass, indeed, occasionally,

and say our prayers, but the bravest of us are terrified when we come to put

the question squarely to ourselves, whether we live for the world or for

God? Let us be honest with ourselves

in answering that question and see if

we be not often deceived by the false

lights of the world. The ter ptations

of each differ, of course, with the char-

acter of his life. Some are in commercial life; and, forgetting the plainest

teachings of the commandments, they yield to the seductive measures of the

business world around them, which cer-

tainly do not accord with Cathelic

morality. Avarice is the spirit of the world in their station, and everything

goes down before it—honor, truth, justice, the rights of fellow-men, all are

sacrificed to the greed for gold. They

say, with truth, that it is impossible to

get along unless you do as the rest of the world around you. It is impossible if you desire to make colossal fortunes.

But be that as it may the fact that a

certain state of affairs exists does not

stamp the seal of moral rectitude upon

weaklings hope to combat the forces

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in words, in dress, we cannot imitate it. Father Desmarais Continues to Give a The temptation to do so is strong Description of the Place and its Re-Preached in St. Patrick's Cathedrat, and human nature is weak. the danger. Mrs. Grundy's chief amusement is scandal monging, and Tillamook, Oregon, July 9.

me a sting of the flesh, an angel of Satan, to buffet me. For which thing thrice I besought the Lord, that it might depart from me. And He said to me. My grant of the standard monging, and we are strongly tempted to court her favor by a like indulgence. To be entertaining it is sometimes necessary to be, to put it mildly, equivocal. Our palates are so jaded that we must be made as a superfect of the said to me. My grant of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that we must be made as a superfect of the said that the said have a pungent flavor to make it inviting. For proof read the witty columns of even the best of current journals. The world sometimes laughs at religion; some have a tendency to laugh with it. It is agreeable and convenient to do as the world does even in graver matters than these.

There are temptations to follow the world in its perjury, dishonesty, lasciviousness and nastiness of many kinds—to sacrifice principle to expedi ency. This is going on around us all the time; and the more we see of it are never content with what they have, the less real for us becomes the unseen world, the things of God, and the harder it is to keep our foothold and prevent the seething current from

carrying us along with it. These are constant sources of temptation to us. Now God permits us to be tempted in order that we may make greater progress in virtue, which grows stronger by exercise, and so acquire more abundant merit in heaven. Every time I resist a temptation I advance in sanctification, for I make an unto the end of time, must be a life of advance in sanctification, for I make an act of faith and love of God, an act of the opposite virtue, and thus, besides atoning for some past sin, I gain merit bask in the sunshine of idleness and in the sight God. I may not think I become a burden to themselves and to do then, but they are all included in the reward. Temptation, moreover, brings great tranquility of mind, for when we have frequently resisted the assaults of the devil we gain greater There are thousands again who apparaments and the devil we gain greater. when we have frequently resisted the assaults of the devil we gain greater confidence in God and our ability with confidence in God and our ability with ently live only to fill the coffers of the His aid to overcome the tempter, for rich; and always find themselves and good actions become so mixed with evil that we almost despair of doing any-God will never permit us to be tempted above our strength but will give grace with the temptation. This confident tranquility is the high road to perfection. The majority of temptations according to disposition and circumstances. Numerous though they be, all will be found to flow from tion. The majority of sins are the result of lack of confidence. some besetting sin, or perhaps sins, some predominant passion. In one it will be anger, in another pride, in another sloth, or lust, or some other of the capital sins. We all can find out

greater our temptations the greater land and thus lead a peaceful and indegraces He gives us; for His power is most perfect in our infirmities; and St. satisfied with the East come out to this Paul, therefore, gladly glories in his infirmities, as by them the power of Christ dwells continually and is rendered more illustrious in him.

Satisfied with the East come out to this land of health and beauty, where nature needs but the sturdy hand of the pioneer to make it produce in abundance. However, let me offer a few reaches gain. Then our past lives rise up to tempt us. This is the bitterest part of God's revenge. "By what things a man sinneth, by the same also he is tormented." We talk of our past as

dered more illustrious in him.

But, unhappy men that we are, who shall deliver us from the body of this Death? The grace of God by Jesus Christ our Lord. God has provided us with certain aids: In the first place we must avoid all dangerous, unnecessary occasions which are so many temptations. For we can scarcely expect God to save us when we persist in casting ourselves into the fire. It is folly to pray to God to lead us not into temptation when we deliberately place and coming back in all their hatefulness to wring our souls—gladly would we forget them all, but they will not down, and, like a stern Nemesis, they follow us and form the woof of our habits of mind that we have formed even in the search for truth. The development of them formed part of our education. What a crux they often are to us now! But why go on? The Holy Scripture graphically describes the heart of man when it says the wicked are like the raging sea casting up mire and dirt. The slime of

Prayer is another powerful aid against temptation. We are bound to against temptation. We are bound to tremble for our salvation. How can of his perverted genius? The world is his kingdom, for it is "the moral

fiery furnace of temptation. avoid discouragement. The devil is imagine, by the way, trees from 12 to exceedingly clever and if he can discourage us he knows that the victory is won. Therefore he causes us to lose faith in prayer, in Holy Mass, in the sacraments. We have a nausea for sacraments. God and the things of God. We see no improvement in our lives: in fact the harder we strive to be good the greater become our temptations. The perpetual struggle tires us and we feel like throwing up our hands and letting the dark waters of sin close over us. We want some rest, some surcease. People who are benumbed with cold, long to go to sleep; and if they yield to drowsiness they sleep the sleep of death. We must find our rest in

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Minard's Liniment is the best. it, if it is in itself wrong. Nor does the spirit of the world improve in social life. It is difficult to always It is difficult to always maintain a defensive position, and yet Catholics in the world are forced to do that with greater or less success. Be-

I have just reached home after having traveled one hundred and fifty miles and more on my missionary tour through the southern part of this As I cast a glance over the edition of your esteemed journal dated

June 27, I noticed a most welcome com-ment made by "Poor Man" re my correspondence to your paper of June 6. It is sometimes said that Eastern people have scarcely the remotest idea of the wealth and prosperity of the grand Pacific States. True, indeed, for it is quite natural with the inhabitants of any land to consider their country ahead of any other in the world. But there are some people who for, travel where you will, you cannot find a home or land where some perfection or another is not wanting. Men must accept the world as it is, and cannot expect to find any part of it so profusely endowed with the wealth and bounty of nature that they have but to the world as it is, and down any perfect in the wealth and bounty of nature that they have but to the wealth and perfect in the wealth and never think labor, toil, hardship; and mother-earth has no room for those who live only to bask in the sunshine of idleness and Hence it is that thousands

will live on the charity of others simply

family subject to the dictates of the greedy land-owners. Let those people, I say, save sufficient money to purchase themselves some land and no longer spend their lives in swelling the tyrant's wealth. Let them place in Temptation likewise brings us into reserve enough money that will acquire close relations with God, for the for them forty or fifty acres of good

folly to pray to God to lead us not into temptation when we deliberately place ourselves in it. Then humility is a most powerful aid against them. For humility teaches us to know our weakness and our utter dependence on God for strength and support. We learn then to lean on God and not on ourselves. St. Peter was wanting in humility when he boasted that he would never be scandalized in his Master; and his overwhelming confidence and his overwhelming confidence acres of good, unimproved land for proved fatal. God resisteth the proud but to the humble gives His graces. be purchased for \$2,500. There are often are to us now! But why go on? The Holy Scripture graphically describes the heart of man when it says the wicked are like the raging sea casting up mire and dirt. The slime of the serpent is on everything within us. The enemy stands without, casting in fiery darts through the windows, viz, our senses. The devil knows our weakness and takes advantage of it. By means of our senses he suggests sinful thoughts and imaginations to us, and has even power to excite commotion in our lower nature. The faculties of his stupendous intellect are considered with the sum of the proposition of the sum of the sum of the sum of the server of the server of the sum Conception, and we would do well to temperature with cool nights and ocean follow their example. She will close breeze; the best of bottom land for our eyes and ears to sights and sounds cattle-pasture and the high lands for of danger; she will seal our senses sheep pasture, with crystalline-like and bring us unharmed through the streams of running water abounding with fish, and millions of feet of some of

Then there is one negative aid—to the finest lumber in the world. Just A man who has fifty acres of river bottom land in this county can live almost like a prince; but of course there are some men who never will be content anywhere. I came up to a family in one of my missions and they began to complain thus: "O Father, is not this a terrible country?" "Why," said I?" "Because there is so much work to be done," was the reply. "Why, my dear people," I said, "have we not all to labor in this world. You complain, and you have only to take your gun and forthwith you have all the game you can desire; you take your fishing-rod and go to the rivers, and behold what beautiful speckled trout leap up to greet you! You enter the garden, and behold the fruit tree bending low with their lovely fruit to enrich your table! And yet you have one hundred and sixty acres of good land that need only to be thoroughly worked and improved, and a growing stock! It is true, indeed, that it man will be happy he must learn to stock! content himself with what he has and thank God that he even enjoys that portion of nature's gifts." Enough on

that subject.

Allow me to say a few words about the extent of my missions. They comprise the whole county of Tillamook. My nearest fellow-priest is fifty miles distant. I visited Woods, one of my missions twenty-five miles distant, in the southern part of this county. It is a growing little town located near the outlet of the Nestucca located near the outlet of the Nestucca river into the ocean. It is, by the way, no place for the man who has to labor by the day for a living; and I Minard's Liniment cures Colds, etc.

may say at once that I would not advise such men to come to this county at present. I found a few Catholic families scattered around this mission. But I had to go in search of the lost sheep of Israel; and what a time! I left Woods about 8 a. m., and away galloped my pony along the beautiful ocean strand, as smooth as a mirror and as hard as a rock. What a grand view of the mighty waters breaking in upon the beach and receding again at the command of Him who said: "Thus far shall you come and no further!" What a vivid reflection of God's power Leaving the mad and immensity! breakers behind we started up the foot-hills and kept pacing along till we found ourselves in a dense forest diversified with trails to the right and trails to the left. Which of all these roads were we to take? This is often the rub for the new missionary. Let us try No. 1, but alas to no effect. — No. 2, but all in vain. Finally we try No. 3, and on we went. My watch now marked the hour of 2, and no hope of getting out. But, as I gazed once more through the vista before me—behold a column of smoke in the far-off distance. Thank God,

that must be the place. Having reached the house, I inquire if Mr. B—was living there. "No sir: he is dead." "Well, I will say Mass here and give Mrs. B give Mrs. B— and her family the rites of the Church." "All right," was the civil answer from a gentleman. On seeing Mrs. B—, imagine my surprise when told that she used to be a Catho lie, but did not care for Mass any more However, I was given dinner and rested that night in a small log hut where in one corner was a large fire-place and in the other an humble cot for the poor traveller to rest his weary limbs. Oh, how sound and sweet was that night's rest, although the ocean billows were thundering against the beach and the forests groaning with an occasional howl from some ferocious animal!

I expect to locate a church at Woods next winter, as Catholics are gradually coming into that district, and there ar some very nice farms to be purchased within four miles from the town. My next missionary tour will be to the thriving town of Bay City, located on Tillamook Bay.

Allow me to make a few remarks, as matter of information for the gentleman who is wont to proclaim himself as the co-operator for the good of the poor man. I esteem and value his comment very much and would be onto heavy to form his would be quite happy to form his acquaintance. Would "Poor Man" be so kind as to give us his name in full, and thus withdraw himself from the covert and veil of a nom de plume ? I do not attempt to pose as a man of on not attempt to pose as a man of consummate experience, but I only desire to give my honest and humble opinion from the serious study and close observation I have made of the subject during all my travels from Prince Edward Island and the Eastern States, through Ontario, Quebec and the North-West to the State of Oregon I may mistake, and God forbid that I should lead men into error, but I have simply laid down facts re this county and I leave the reader to judge for

This is not much of a grain-growing county, but, as I stated, it is a great place for stock-raising and dairying and as a place of health it is the best I ever experienced. However, be it said, it is no climate for those who are affected with rheumatism. I am a Canadian by birth and education. I am still proud of the name, but I came

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