PENTECOST SUNDAY

THE HOLY GHOST THE SOUL OF THE CHURCH

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"And they were filled with the Holy Ghost, and gan to speak with divers tongues according as e Spirit gave them to speak." (Acts ii. 4.)

In His incarnation and birth our blessed Lord began His divine mission upon earth; in His resurrection He set upon it the seal of divinity, and in the mystery which our Mother the Church celebrates to-day, He confirmed and perpetuated it for all time. The first great instrument which God made use of to carry out His designs upon earth was man with the religion of old; the second is His Church with the new religion. Like the first, the second has a body and soul. Ere His ascension to heaven our blessed Lord formed the body of His Church, which consisted of His apostles and disciples, and into this body He promised to send a soul in the person of the Holy Ghost. This feast, Pentecost is the solemn anniversary of the fulfilment of His He had commissioned His Church to continue the blessed mission which He had begun, but as she was yet only a body without a soul, and hence capable of doing no effectual work, He requested the apostles and the disciples not to depart from Jerusalem till they had received the Holy Ghost. In the disposition of His providence, the Pentecost of the Jews was to be the solemn occasion on which this would be effected. This feast was most religiously kept by the Israelites in commemoration of the solemn pub lication of the old law amid the thunder and lighting of Sinai. Most opportune, then, was it that when these were religiously attracted to Jerusalem, the new law of grace, which was to fulfil and take the place of the old law, should be most solemnly instituted by the Holy Ghost. After our Lord's ascension the apostles and the disciples betook emselves to prepare for the coming the Paraclete. "They were," saith of the Paraclete. "They were," saith the Scripture, "with one mind in "They were always in the temple, praising and blessing God.' 'And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of And they were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Spirit gave them to speak." Thus the Holy Scriptures describe the circumstances of the coming of the Holy Ghost, and thus it was that the apostles and the disciples received the promised Comforter, with all His divine gifts and graces. Oh, what a change He wrought in them! They were weak, they were cowardly, but now He has made them courageous now He has made them perfect. has filled their souls with zeal, and boldly they single forth to begin to preach and publish the faith and law of their crucified Saviour. The spirit of truth is in their souls and upon their lips, and they speak as never spoke man before. They are elo-quent with the eloquence of the Holy Ghost, and the blessed result is that at their bidding thousands

embrace the new religion. Thus commenced the great work of the civilization and sanctification the Holy Ghost was by no means exclusively promised to the apostles, or to the first Christians, nor were the blessings of His coming to be confined to the first ages of the Church. No, no; Heaven's will was that His coming should civilize, bless, and sanctify God's throughout all Hence the words of our blessed Lord to His then incomplete Church, the apostles and disciples: "I will ask the Father and He will give you another Paraclete (or Comforter) that He may abide with you forever, the spirit of "truth" (John xiv. 16.) The Holy Ghost, therefore, is to abide forever with the Church; that is to say, with the pastors to guide them into all truth in teaching God's people, and with the sheep of Christ to guide them into all truth in their belief and life, and to be the source of all grace to their souls. It is true, He will never again come visibly, in tongues of fire, as He came on the first Christian Pentecost, because having then come He still abides and will ever abide in the Church and in individual members of the Church who are in union with her soul as well as her body; that is to say, in a state of grace. Are all here state of grace? If so, then all are in possession of the Holy Ghost.

What a happiness it is to have the Holy Ghost in our souls! The Scripture calls Him Paraclete, which signifies Comforter, and well do all who faithfully love God know what it is to have such a comforter in their mortal pilgrimage. Oh! what graces and consolations He imparts to their souls according as they suitably dispose themselves to receive them—graces and consolations which render even life's trials and burdens sweet. and enable them to dispute successevery step of their mortal lives with the enemies of their salvation, "The kingdom of God is within you," says our Lord. That is, within you whose souls are filled with the Holy Ghost. Is the Holy Ghost within me, personally? is the serious and timely question that each should conscience be unfortunately compelled to answer in the negative, he should hasten to put a stop to the Million, 'The Restriction of Immisuch words.

FIVE MINUTE SERMON sad consequence, which is that he is gration, 'When Mr. Sunday Comes a dead member of the Church, unanimated by her soul, the principle of Christian life. Without this principle of life the celebration of this feast, or any other, will profit you nothing, and Heaven's eternal festivities will be celebrated without as a guest. Surely, then, you who have good reason to know and feel that a spirit quite other than the Holy Ghost has possession of your can have no consolation from this feast of Pentecost, so dear and soling to all who are animated with the spirit of truth, the Divine Let it, I beseech you, not prove entirely useless to you, but take the thought—and let it be an earnest, manly, Christian thoughtexpel from your soul that foul spirit which occupies the place that should be filled by the Holy Ghost. You must know that until you do so your life is not only useless, but damning; and should the final call come to you in that state, and you have no

> do you not, then, take timely meas ures to prevent such an eternal fate? But you, brethren, who rejoice in celebrating this glorious anniversary of the coming of Him who is the life and guide of the one true Church, which you are living and faithful members, and the life and comforter of your souls individually, whilst you pray to the Spirit of truth for an in crease of His gifts, forget not to pray to-day for those who are not under His blessed influence.

guarantee that it will not, your sal-

vation would be hopeless. This is a

sad consequence which you certainly

do not wish should befall you. Why

#### TEMPERANCE

SOLDIERS WARNED AGAINST ALCOHOL

The French Soldier has been specifically warned against alcohol by the Academy of Medicine in Paris, which has drawn up an appeal to the Army and is circulating it by means of leaflets. The following translation was made for the British Medical Journal (London, February 12), from which the Literary Digest quotes it:

> "SOLDIERS — BEWARE OF ALCOHOL"

"Those who, like you, are exposed to exhausting labor, to perilous enterprises, and to strong emotions, are ever inclined to look to alcohol as a stimulant and a comforter, and to seek for it in the tavern, as a distraction from the monotony of cantonment and garrison life.

'It is, therefore, well that you should know what use you may make of alcohol without imparing your

'Certain errors about alcohol are widespread.

This is not exact. The truth is, it wrath." It is one of the old vet gives a false spurt of short duration. but a grave diminution of strength never fails to follow this excitement. Thus alcohol takes away more

strength than it gives. 2 It is also said that alcohol gives warmth. This is true for a few minutes, but the feeling of warmth which spreads over the limbs after a nip of brandy is delusive and is soon followed by a lessening of warmth and strength. Men who take nips are far more subject to chills and to diseases to which men

at the front are liable. It is further asserted that in of the children of men, which would the form of a 'pick-me-up' alcohol end only with time. The coming of stimulates the appetite. This is quite wrong. It would be difficult 'pick-me-up.' These appetizers, habitually taken, lead without fail to disease of the stomach, liver and has happened

mind. "4 Lastly, it is maintained that alcohol taken during meals, as wine, beer, or cider, aids digestion. An important distinction must be drawn "I will ask between 'distilled' liquors like brandy and 'fermented' liquors such as wine, cider, and beer. Alcohol is altogether noxious. The little drink after meals should only be taken on rare occasions. Fermented liquors, on the other hand, may be drunk subject to two conditions. They must be consumed in great moderation, which as regards wine, should never exceed one liter, (a pint and threequarters) in twenty-four hours, and at meals."—Sacred Heart Review.

# THEIR GOSPEL

The Protestant pulpit has lost all sense of dignity, not to say religion. And still ministers wonder what is the matter with their stay-away congregations. Go-to - church - Sunday campaigns, "religious retreats," and placards are all lost efforts. Perhaps wrong gospel is preached. The Catholic served: "Among the topics for Sunday

month in the 'church services' columns of New York and Boston papers were the following: 'Are We a Nation of Dough-faces?' 'Is the Pope the Anti-Christ or Is He a Coming Kaiser?' 'Is Neutrality a Farce?' At the Sign of Old Glory, 'The Feminist Movement,' 'Ruskin's "Unto This Last," 'The Message Feminist "Unto This Last," 'The Message of Shakespeare, 'Labor and Capital,' 'The Fools in the Bible and the Fools in Greater Boston,' 'Plays That Preach:' 'The Eternal Magdalene,' 'National Preparedness,' 'Dr. Jekyl timely question that each should and Mr. Hyde, 'The League to address to himself to-day; and if his Enforce Peace,' 'Preparedness, the

to Boston,' 'How to End Race Preju 'The Path to Prosperity, Hyphens and Adjectives.

Not much here to foster virtue and uproot vice.—Boston Pilot.

### GODLESS EVOLUTION

Professor Wenzel, whom Hamline University has decided to drop from its faculty because of his materialistic teaching in regard to Evolution, now airing his views on the lecture platform. He still maintains that he finds no place for God in the world of evolution. He would eliminate the Supreme Architect Who fashioned all things according to His own divine plan and would make the world, as it exists to-day, the result of blind forces operating by chance.
Professor Wenzel states his posi-

fion in the following words think the man who says there is a master mind is just as foolish as, the

man who says there is none. We would suggest that Professor Wenzel delve a little further below the surface of things than he has yet gone, before he formulates unalterconclusions from faulty premises. He is by no means as scientific matters as his categorical statements would sug-

Without entering into a discussion of the pros and cons of the case, we prefer to take the mature judgment of men who are recognized as leaders in the scientific world, all of whom differ from their learned confrère of the Midway institution. To cite only one: The great French scientist, Fabre, who died a few months ago, was led by his life-long study of animal instinct to recognize the existence and faction of God in the universe. He sums up his belief in a "master mind" in the following

'After eighty-seven years thought and observation, I do not say that I merely believe in God; I can even say that I see Him. With out Him I understand nothing-all is darkness. Not only have I kept this conviction in spite of my studies, but it has become stronger and deeper because of the same studies. Every epoch has its fads; atheism is, in my opinion, one of the fads of the present day." And he added, smil-"I should rather be flaved alive than relinquish my belief in God."-St. Paul Bulletin.

#### REMEMBER THE OLD SAYING

"A SOFT ANSWER TURNETH AWAY WRATH." IT IS TRUE

It is one of the old, yet ever new, sayings that appeal to most of us. Every family has its little squabbles, if not something worse. Many of us allow our tempers to fly off at a tangent without much cause, and often we are ashamed when we look back to see how far we went on that particular occasion, when Elizabeth or John upset our dignity by some remark or action and we felt mad, absolutely mad, with them. Later, upon reflection, we had to acknowledge that our temper outran our discretion, and that, if we had the little scene to enact over again, it should have been

But, if we remember that evening we were annoyed, our feelings had to produce any man whose appetite been ruffled by some tactless person had ever been really stimulated by a so that we were almost at boiling These appetizers, point when Elizabeth happened to say: "Well, you do look glum. What

> Then, with the air of a tragedy queen, you said sharply: "It's none of your business. Mind your own affairs. It will keep you busy." You said this, despite the fact that only last night, listening to a missionary giving a Lenten sermon, you had inwardly vowed that never again would you give a short answer. are at it again and flaring mad toowith nothing to make you mad but

Blessed Sacrament silence your bitter retort? Sometimes it does. More often it doesn't. You just rage and rage about nothing, until Elizabeth is in tears, and you are on the verge of them yourself, only you rush out of the room in time before she notices your weakness, and hide yourself in your room until the cyclone is over, and you are spent and unhappy. You know it has been your own fault. If you had just said gently: "Please, Elizabeth, said gently: "Please, Elizabeth, don't tease. I am awfully annoyed over something, and cross as a bear. Transcript recently ob- At your gentle answer Elizabeth should have seen at once that you were worried about something, and instead of going on in her teasing way might have said something services announced during the past way might have said something consoling, which should have been soothing to you and drawn both of you together in sweet bonds of sym-Instead-chaos, every one rubbing the wrong way, for such friction spreads like wildfire, and before it ends, the whole family is affected and your sharp answer was the cause of it all.

How often one hears that ugly sentence: "Shut up." One of the coarsest that could be spoken. And yet many beautiful lips repeat it within the family sanctum—lips that have nothing but sweet words for the master draper, Mrs. Glynde and Father Cooney, director of the entitle warmen of the coordinate warmen of the coord

elves as others see us? I doubt it. We hide ourselves in our own idealsm, and we don't wish the veil to be lifted. It should discover us as we really are, enveloped in our own ugli-

"A soft answer turneth away wrath." If we could only get that idea firmly established in our minds, what sweetness and charm it would bring in its train. People would be saying: "What a lovable woman she instead of "What a nasty, disagreeable thing that woman is. She just tries to make every one miserable, the way she catches up one if they happen to say the slightest word that is not agreeable to her. She made quite a scene the other evening when some one said: 'Is it true you are very religious and charitable Would you believe it? She took her own meaning out of it and turned around and gave the woman who passed the remark something to remember. She said the woman had a motive, and that she could give as good as she received; then she said some sharp things, and the poor woman who had happened to make the remark found herself in a regu lar thunderstorm of wrath. I don't know where it all would have ended had not Mrs. Goodness whispered something to each of the women which made them look ashamed. That Mrs. Goodness always has a soft word for everybody. She is worth her weight in gold as a peace medium.

Why can't we all be peace mediums? It is the natural mission of women to be gentle and kind. How much more respectful we should be if we learned the lesson of always trying to give a gentle answer to anyone who is annoyed with us. Some of the greatest crise in families have been averted by this means when all others have failed. We hear sermons on the pain the asty word gives and the harm it often works; but do we really try to conquer this failing? If we did, there should be no call for sermons or lectures on the subject. how it seems that the worst of us and the best of us are constantly engaged in a combat over this very issue. It is merely a question of conquering our own inclinations and our tongues. If we learned to study others, instead of taking so much stock in ourselves, the lesson should

prove comparatively easy.

Too few of us give thought to the other person; we are so wrapped up in ourselves. A friend in the house with us may be silently suffering and longing for the word of sympathy which we so blindly withhold simply because we don't wish to see or enter into the sorrows of others. We forget the fact that it is only through sharing sorrow that we may pure joy. Seemingly we would pre-fer to give the sharp answer and stir up passion instead of the gentle word of affection and love which helps to

make life worth living.

As we sow, so shall we reap. we make it a point to say kind words and perform kind acts we shall make ourselves lovable to all, ourselves included. It is something worth trying for. It requires only a little Begin it by remembering, effort. when annoyed by others and when you are inclined to be angry, to repeat to yourself quietly the old g: "A gentle answer turneth wrath."—Sheila Mahon in The saying:

#### HONORS FOR CATHOLIC SCHOLARS

A reader of Catholic papers the world over cannot help but note how frequently is recorded the success of respectively. The success of the su in educational tests. The Catholic Press, of Sydney, informs its readers that the "wins" of the Catholic schools in Queensland for 1915 have been remarkable. These include nearly 100 scholarships, 9 out of 15 of the positions in the professional division of the public service, half the clerical public service passes. His sermon had been on anger, your predominant sin, and yet here you are at it again and flaring mad too—

that these results come from the children of a section which includes your own bad temper.

Does this flash of remembrance of last night's resolutions before the last night's resolutions and that not necessary to the population, and that advantages, we can appreciate," says the Catholic Press, "the splendid but 22% of the population, and that the Catholic Press, "the splendid work done by our Catholic teachers. Not only are our children getting the benefit of religious instruction, but the result of public examinations show that they obtain twice, and in some cases three times the success in secular subjects earned by the

State Department."
From the London Catholic Times we learn that the trophy awarded by the Council of the London Children's Holiday Fund for the best descriptions and drawings of country life and scenes has been won this year by the boys of St. Thomas' School, Wandsworth. Six special prizes have been gained by the same school. The distribution was made in Drapers' Hall by Miss Chamberlain, daughter of the late Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, who was attended by the master and court of the Worshipful Company of Drapers. The acting charter of the "Guild of the Blessed Virgin Mary, of the Mystery of the Drapers of London," was granted in 1607, but it is doubtwhether since that date any Catholic priest has addressed the Guild and Mystery in their historic hall. The speakers at the function

far-off lands it is proper to announce to members of eugenic societies and that Sister M. St. Domitilles, of the Sisters of the Mission Convent, mittee of the self elect.—Catholic Sisters of the Mission Convent, Lower High street. Christchurch, New Zealand, who has achieved the distinction of passing the M. A. University examination with firstclass honors in history, thereby becoming entitled to the Canterbury Board of Governor's special prize of \$26, has had a very si ful university course in the college examinations, gaining credit in history, economics and education, and last year, besides graduating B. A., winning the university senior scholarship (worth \$300) and a Canterbury College Exhibition (worth

#### THE GREATEST FOOL

\$100.)-N. Y. Catholic News.

A Catholic who had not made his Easter duty for many years was lying at the point of death. A friend of his, about to go to the old country on a visit, called on him to bid him good-bye. As he was leaving the house, the sick man said to him

"John, do you see that hickory cane standing in the corner?"
"Yes." "Well," said he, smilingly take that with you, and when you bigger fool than yourself, give it to him." John took the cane and went to Ireland.

In the course of a few months, he returned, and having learned that his friend was still alive, and that he had not yet made his Easter duty, he picked up the stick, and off he went to see him. In the course of the conversation about the people and affairs in the old country, the sick man said :

"Why, John, I see you still carry

"Yes, James," said he, "the fact of the matter is, I have concluded to bring it back to you; for, in the course of my travels, I have not met as big a fool as you are, since every Catholic that I came across had made his Easter duty."

We find the foregoing story in an exchange. We do not vouch for the truth of the incident, but there is no doubt about the moral and the application thereof. The "Easter duty" is one that presses on every Catholic. It is the very least a Cath olic may do, and still be worthy of the name. Why should Catholics jeopardize their souls' salvation by ading or putting off this duty Duty !- it ought to be to them a

Let no Catholic put it off till the very close. The "last minute" Cath olic is of course better than the one who neglects the duty altogether, but he is not an edifying sight.—Sacred

#### GREATEST EVENT OF LIFE

A happy death is the seal of our earthly career, and no event of our life can equal it. If you were to inherit a million, yea, untold millions; if you had the fulfilment of all your desires; if you could obtain a kingdom; if you could live to be as old as Methusalem and pass all these years in undisturbed happiness, in the enjoyment of perfect health, without the least adversity of any kind, you would say that life were worth living. And just what would all this amount to if you should not die a happy death? A happy death is therefore the greatest event of your life, to which you must look forward with intense attention. It is the great prize you must obtain

heavenly kingdom, a dwelling in the eternal mansions? If there were a place in the world where insurance for a happy death

and tickets of admission into the kingdom of God were sold, people would hurry there from the extremi-ties of the world and pay fabulous sums to obtain them. And yet the golden key to heaven

is within the reach of everybody, the poor as well as the rich, the ignorant as well as the learned. This golden key is the Crucifix, for the Crucified is the fountain head of salvation. If, therefore, you dread the coming

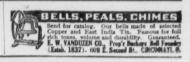
judgment; if your sins fill you with terror and despair, look up to the Crucifled on Calvary. There is your Judge, His arms stretched out to embrace you, His heart opened to receive you. Yet He is in your hands. Appease His anger now, settle your accounts and crave for giveness of your sins. Love Him who has loved you with exceeding great love. Make the vision of Cal vary your daily practise, the vision of Christ's Calvary and of your own. -St. Paul Bulletin.

# NEW FORM OF SOCIAL REFORM

At the Catholic League of. South London, England, Prior McNabb, O. P., recently made an address to the members on "Catholics and Some Social Reforms." He that he desired some form of Catholic social action, and the first new form of social reform he would advocate would be the Ten Commandments. He considered they had never received a chance. They had a very un-satisfactory past. To-day in London if anyone undertook to keep the Ten Commandments he thought he would difficulty at the present time was be interned. The whole of the social Enforce Peace, 'Preparedness, the Crisis of Our Day,' 'Getting Home from Third,' 'Charlie Chaplin's Half-from Third,' 'Cha nd Father Cooney, director of the uccessful school.

To round out this record of chievements of Catholic schools in "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Transcript.





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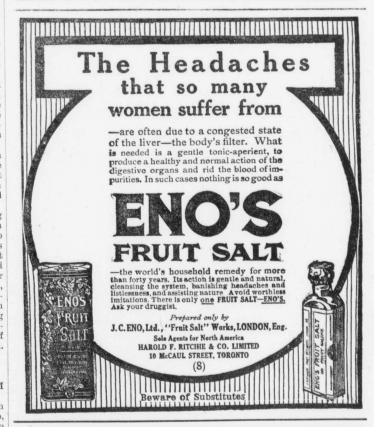
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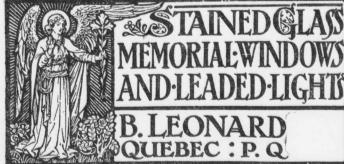
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