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An Easter Hymn.

BY THE RIGHT REV. J. L. SPALDING, D. D. Hail Easter morn, hail new-born Life, Forth springing from the grave...

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON.

Easter Sunday. Peace be to you. (St. John's Gospel xx. 19.)

It was the evening of the first bright Easter day. The accounts of the rising from the dead of Him whom they had hoped should redeem Israel were being discussed...

He who burst the bands of death. He who is the Author of life, came back to earth with the same message with which He first came—the message of peace...

My brethren, our blessed Lord has for us a message of peace this day. For three years He went up and down the hills and vales of His native land, and His whole pilgrimage there seemed but a warfare...

Is this the case with your hearts today, my dear brethren? Has our Lord, who perchance lay, as it were, dead in your soul—has He, I say, risen in you again?

For six long weeks you have been preparing for this day. To this hour you have looked forward. Lent has been a preparation for it. You piously entered on the performance of certain duties which you took upon yourself...

What means this word? It means a victory won in your hearts. It means that, having overcome, and being in a state of grace by co-operating with the grace of God, you are now so strong that you can say: "I never will, with the help of God, commit mortal sin again."

Neither is peace exactly the same thing that we mean when we speak of a peace being concluded between two nations who have been at war.

We are still at war with sin. There is no truce, there can be no truce with it. There is not and there never can be any cessation of hostilities. It is nothing else, then, than the firm purpose of amendment of life, put into daily practice, by efficaciously using the spiritual weapons which Jesus Christ in His mercy so lovingly provides for you.

Do not discourage them, though you have yet to fight and wage war. Peace is yours, because He is on your side who overcame, and by whom you, too, will conquer.

Henry Ward Beecher once informed a man who came to him complaining of gloomy and despondent feelings, that what he most needed was a good cathartic, meaning, of course, such a medicine as Ayer's Cathartic Pills, every dose being effective.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Our dear boys and girls, the glorious Easter festival is at hand, and if you have but been faithful to duty you can with all your hearts sing "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Easter Violenets.

There's no use in my singing anyway, and I don't want to go to choir practice this afternoon," said Leonard Ripley, coming to his mother's chair as she sat sewing at the window.

"Yes, but," said the boy hanging his head, "I never had a solo yet, mother, and I've been in the choir most two years, and Charlie Williams, who came after I did, is going to have two for Easter. If I can't do as well as Charlie, I don't see any use in being in the choir at all."

His mother said nothing for a few moments. She seemed intent on the work in her lap.

At last she began gravely, "Leonard, I've been thinking of a story I heard a long while ago: would you like to hear it?"

"Of all the bad children one alone was unhappy, and hung down his head disconsolate and sorrowful."

"Mother Violet was grieved to hear little Bud grumbling. She drew down a leaf from over his head, that a dew-drop which was blinking on its upper edge might fall into its mouth."

"I don't care," said Bud, crossly. "I'm just as sweet as the Lily children, though they do wear such fine white clothes, and he turned away his face that his brothers might not see his eyes brimming with tears."

"The old gardener was at work still, going from one bed to another, to cull a blossom here and there, and packing them in great baskets which were carried off on men's shoulders."

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"It seemed to Violet Bud that all the children of the garden had given themselves to beautify that festival altar. The tall Lily children mingled their graceful forms with sweet white Hyacinths and modest Snow Drops, while down to the soft green hillock where the Violet family slumbered, picked its tiny flowers, and laid it gently in a basket of damp moss."

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lets the glad message, 'Christ is Risen.'

Silence followed the conclusion of the mother's story. Leonard was thinking. At last he jumped up, saying only, "Thank you, mother," kissed her and ran off to choir practice.

Two hours later Leonard came hurrying back with a beaming face, and throwing his arms around his mother, as she still sat sewing, cried joyfully, "O mother, the Violet story came true this very afternoon. I'm so glad I didn't stay away from the practice, for as we finished singing 'Father Lane called me to him to tell me about a concert he is going to have on Easter, if the choir can aid, for the new hospital. When he said that he asked me first because I seemed to give my voice and time so gladly I could not help feeling like a hypocrite till I told him about the horrid jealous feelings I had this afternoon. Then, mother, he was, oh, so kind!"

"His eyes were full of tears as yours are sometimes when I have been naughty, and when he spoke his voice was so low I could hardly catch his words. 'You must never think, my boy, that your voices makes no difference in the choir,' he said, 'for although it is not suited for solos, it is very useful in the chorus, where volume and steadiness are needed. And try to remember, too, that even though your voice may not be recognized by the congregation it is heard by the angels, and God will bless you for using it in His service!'"

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

We would say to our Catholic young men, above all else, be true to yourselves. Let no possible loss of influence, of patronage, or gold, tempt you to the doing of that which your judgment and your conscience disapprove.

Expensive Ignorance. One of the very happiest lessons to learn in early life is that ignorance is expensive—ignorance of anything, not of books alone, but of all the commonest things of life.

With perseverance the very odds and ends of time may be worked up into results of the greatest value. An hour in every day withdrawn from frivolous pursuits would, if properly employed, enable any man of ordinary capacity very shortly to master a complete science.

Rewards that are Sure but Slow. The rewards of honesty and unswerving principle are sometimes slow, but that in the end they are sure, and greater for their slow coming, admits of no question.

Strong and Quick at Forty. Men should be as strong, lithe and vigorous at forty as at twenty, and one way to retain the elasticity of youth and come to a vigorous old age with a sprightly step is to engage in recreative exercise, such as basket ball, hand ball, tennis, etc., and to live a rational, temperate life.

Why Americans Let the Freemasons Dupe them. Since Father Bresciani's "Lionello"—now out of print—many books have appeared purporting to give to the world the secrets of Freemasonry.

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was very busy and felt his burden heavily. Not a muscle of his face moved. He said a few decent words, however, but his eye was as dead and expressionless as a plaster wall.

The Risen Christ. Easter Day breaks! Christ rises! Mercy every way is infinite—Earth breaks up; time drops away; In those Heaven, with its new day Of endless life...

THE CARDINAL'S DAY. A Protestant Writer on the Work of America's Prince of the Church. Next to the President of the United States, Cardinal Gibbons is about the busiest man of high position in this country, says a Protestant contributor to Leslie's Weekly.

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Several young men think nothing of neglecting to hear Mass on Sundays. They speak of it as if it were not a mortal sin, punishable with eternal pain. They are guilty of it frequently, and when they do go to church, they are usually late.

If they were to receive \$500, every time they were present at Mass, they would not go only on Sundays but also every other day in the week. Wouldn't they? Let them themselves answer. Yet what are \$500 compared with the grace of the Holy Sacrifice?

There are possibly souls in the bottomless pit who are damned because they neglected to assist at Mass on Sundays. Who would want to be their companions in torment and remorse for all eternity?

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FATHER MATORIN'S CONVERSION. Unusual. Because Some Doctrines Had Kept Him Away From Rome for Years.

Several of the clergymen of the advanced or ritualistic parishes in New York were seen recently by a Sun reporter, but none of them would discuss the question of Father Matorin's conversion to the Roman Catholic Church.

The priest had not been in this country for three or four years. At that time he left Philadelphia with the other Cowley Fathers, who had been in charge of St. Clement's Church in Philadelphia. This left but one parish in this country under the direction of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, and that is the Church of the Advent in Boston.

"These Cowley Fathers," said a prominent Low Church clergyman, "were the most advanced of the monks of the English Church, and for that reason nobody expected that any of them would be likely to join the Roman Church, as their own programme, which was very little different, was the result of the system which they had practiced for years."

Never was tact better illustrated than in his disposal of these callers. He goes to the heart of the matter at once, and when the conversation is over he rises, tells his visitor he is glad to be of such service as he can and leads the way to the door, making the adieu most charmingly, but most conclusively.

A great many Protestants call for he is much liked by them, and it is easy to separate the Catholics and the Protestants, for the Catholics kiss his ring. Those who are rabid in their religious prejudices may be surprised to know that many of the Protestant ministers and the Cardinal are on terms of cordial personal friendship, and I have heard one of the most brilliant of the Protestant preachers of Baltimore say that the Cardinal was a priest among men and a man among priests, and one of the most deeply spiritual men he ever knew.

In their absolute devotion to their work he coupled the names of Gibbons and Phillips Brooks, and he knew both well. Only the Cardinal knows the purposes of the callers, of course, but there are many applications for charity, and there are many visits of respect, especially by strangers in the city, and among the regulars are the reporters of the newspapers, who come with all sorts of questions.

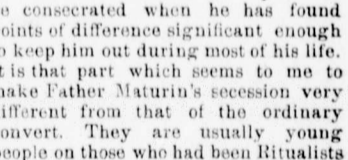
At noon there are religious duties, and at 1:30 o'clock dinner is served—a plain meal, for the Cardinal is a small eater. He rests after this, but it is only for a short while, for there are more letters and matters to be attended to. The work goes on steadily until 3 o'clock, when the afternoon visitors begin to arrive, and from then until 5 the parlors and reception rooms are generally well filled.

After 5 comes the Cardinal's walk. Then he feels as if he has a little time to himself, but it is not always that way, for a dinner engagement—he was to dine with President Cleveland the day I saw him—may interrupt his programme, or he may be down for an address at

Mr. Thomas Ballard, Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "I have been afflicted for nearly a year with that most dreaded disease, Dyspepsia, and at times worn out with pain and want of sleep, and after trying almost everything recommended, I tried one box of Paronole's Vegetable Pills. I am now nearly well, and believe they will cure me. I would not be without them for any money."

Street Car Accident.—Mr. Thomas Sabino, says: "My eleven year old boy had his foot badly injured by being run over by a car on the Street Railway. We at once commenced bathing the foot with DR. THOMAS' ELECTRIC OIL, when the discoloration and swelling was removed, and in nine days he could use his foot. We always keep a bottle in the house ready for any emergency."

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