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course delivered in that church by the Rev. R. M. Ryan. Long before the hour of opening, people had gathered on the sidewalk to make sure of having a seat, as they knew there would be but a small chance of getting one after the doors had been opened. They were wise, for on the commencement of the lecture there was not a vacant seat in the church, and many had to remain standing. Indeed, such was the interest manifested in the lectures that after the first night the audiences steadily increased, until, with all the additional seats available, many could not be accommodated. This was due, no doubt, to the peculiar This was due, no doubt, to the peculiar class of people who reside in that neighborhood, being mostly persons of leisure, and, in religious persuasion, being about equally divided between Catholics and non-Catholics. There is another reason also, besides the attrac-tion of the subjects treated and their

issued to them could not remain unheeded. His worthy assistants, Rev. Father Brosnan and Dr. Mc-Cartney, share the high esteem in which the pastor is held. Two things testify to the fruitfulness of the mission, the large number that applied for instructions, and the great number of questions asked through the question-box. Besides some trivial inquiries, there were over one hundred intelligent truth-seekers, who endeaved to find solutions for their difficulties

treatment. The pastor, Rev. D. J. Hickey, is so well known and so highly esteemed for his scholarship and genial disposition, not alone by the members of his own flock, but by

all his neighbors without distinction of

creed, that an invitation such as he

in this way. We append some of their queries, selected at random :
Question. Please state if an adult who was not baptized and was in danger of death, and had a desire to be baptized, could he or she baptize him or herself if there was no person at hand; or would the desire be suffic-

Answer. No one under any circumstances, can baptize him or herself. The ardent desire of baptism with sincere sorrow for sin suffices when there is no one to administer the sacrament, in danger of death. But the case is almost entirely hypothetical, it being so rare that anyone dies quite alone. In case of necessity, such as is here supposed, anyone at all—believer or unbeliever, Christian or pagan—can give baptism, by pouring water on the head of the person to be baptized, "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of

the Holy Ghost."

Question. Please say does the Cath lic Church hold that the Greek Church is a true religion.

Answer. A large portion of the Greek Church is united to the Catholic Church; another large portion is separated from it only by schism, having the same doctrines, sacraments, and sacrifice, but denying the Pope's supremacy. About the remainder-as also, perhaps, concerning some of the last named-many are of opinion that the formal, heretics or schismatica, the machinations of jealous rulers having greater number are only material, not caused their alienation from the Church and still maintaining them in that state, without the masses of the people knowing or consciously concurring in their estrangement from it. They all, unlike Protestants, have the seven sacraments, a genuine priesthood, and, consequently, the holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Hence, their greater security and the greater likelihood of their belonging to the soul, if not to the external body of the true

Question. Kindly tell me do Catholics confess all their sins, or are they only obliged to confess what they

Answer. Catholics who receive the sacrament of penance worthily, confess all the mortal sins they may have committed since their last worthy confess ion or reception of the sacrament of pen-They are not obliged to confess It must not be forgotten, venial sins. however, that confession alone does not suffice. They must be truly sorry and resolved to avoid all sins in future, with the help of God's grace, as well as humbly and penitently confessing

Question. (1) Will you kindly explain dispensation, and why have persons who have been granted dispensations privileges others with equally good reasons have not? (2) Why is the Mass not explained more than it is? Did God wish all the ritualistic forms used in the Church that are used? and, again, is the altar with its white and again, is the altar with its white and gold trimmings a pattern of the one on Mt. Calvary? (3) How do you prove that God is truly present in your tabernacle? (4) How do you prove that any priest has power to grant an indulgance of 100 days or 800 days?

indulgence of 100 days or 300 days? Answer. The above series of ques tions were very courteously presented, and showed thorough sincerity on the part of their author. Some of them, and perhaps many of them, may seem trifling to Catholics, yet they are not such to the troubled, doubting souls that ask them. Perplexity in religious matters is their normal state, nor will they be released from it until, like the bird, "their souls hath been delivered out of the snare of the fowlers," and they sing: "The snare is broken; and they sing: "The snare is broken; we have been delivered." (Psalm Question. Why does the Roman cxxiii.)

ileges extended to them, that were denied to others? "Dread plain cases," was the sage advice of an eminent jurist.

2. Why do not people who make this complaint read a moiety of the literature published explanatory of the Mass? There is no excuse for ignorance now, whatever there might have been formerly. Rock, Cochin, O'Brien, Goffine, Schouppe, Muller and St. Alphonsus have written treatises on the Mass, which are within easy reach of all Eoglish-speaking people. In answer to the second part of this question, read the prescriptions God gave Moses, regarding the temple, tabernacle, altar, vestments, etc., all of which were merely types and shadows of the great Christian sacrifice and its belongings.

3. In the last lecture this was fully answered. Cardinal Wiseman's Lectures on the Holy Eucharist, or an epitoms of them, which can be had for a large of them, which can be had for a large of them, which can be had for a large of them which can be had for a large of the large of them which can be had for a large of them which can be located to their successors) received their successors received their successors received their successors of the mad authority for the lect of the large of the words and authority for

answered. Cardinal Wiseman's Lectures on the Holy Eucharist, or an epitome of them which can be had for a few cents, or which will be sent to any inquirer, gratis from 120 West Sixtler item street. New York, will furnish the required proofs, which could not be done justice to, in a brief oral answer. It is and the control of the words: "For Thine is the kingdom," etc.?

Answer. Because that was not the way our Lord ended it; although, if they wish thus to end it in their private devotions, there is nothing to prevail their doing so. But, then, it would not be exactly the Lord's Prayer, mitted to pass her younger years with other private of the arrive for many of the greatest characters—so even with thas of the Incarnate God way our Lord ended it; although, if they wish thus to end it in their private devotions, there is nothing to prevail the age of three years the Biessed Virgin was presented by her parents at the Temple. There she was advent the age of three years the bearly years of many of the greatest characters—so even with thas of the Incarnate God way our Lord ended it; although, if they wish thus to end it in their private devotions, there is nothing to prevail the age of three years the Biessed Virgin was presented by her parents at the Temple. There she was adventured to the carly years of the greatest characters—so even with thas of the Incarnate God way our Lord ended it; although, if they was not the way our Lord ended it; although, if they age of three years the Biessed Virgin was presented by her parents at the Temple. There she was adventured to the arrive and they was adventured to the arrive and they was not the so were with the age of three years the Biessed Virgin was presented by her parents at the Temple.

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4. It could not be proved. Priests claim no such power. He and his successors, to whom Christ said: "I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven ; whatsoever thou shalt bind upon earth it shall be bound also in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose upon earth it shall be loosed also in heaven" (Math. xvi. 19), have Que always claimed and always directly

exercised this power; and sometimes delegated it, in part, to others.

Question. Will you kindly answer the following: Where do the souls of the just remain after death awaiting general judgment? Also those who die in mortal sin unregenerate and the teaching of the Catholic Church in

the teaching of the Catholic Church in regard to Purgatory and Limbo, and are the terms synonymous?

Answer. The perfectly just soul goes straight to heaven, that of the unfortunate reprobate who dies in mortal sin goes to hell. The soul stained only with venial sins, or with any portion of the debt of heavens. any portion of the debt of temporal satisfaction due on account of forgiven or unforgiven sins, must first be purified from these stains in that place or state provided therefor, and called Purgatory. This latter differs from Limbo, which was that place of res where the just souls were detained until Heaven was opened to them by their Redeemer. Probably it no longer exists, unless, perhaps, for those dying without baptism, but otherwise just in the sight of God.

have been proved to contain gross errors by their patrons themselves. One of these, Dr. Ellicott, in the pre-face to the Pastoral Epistles, page 13, says: "It is vain to cheat our souls with the thought that hese errors are insignificant or imaginary. There are errors, there are in accuracies, there are misconceptions there are misrepresentations of the language of the Holy Ghost. In the New Testament alone twenty thousand were found, of which 50 per ent. were textual! A few examples will suffice to show their gravity. In I. Cor., xi., 27, we read in "the beautiful King James, the Authorized Version," which was declared to contain the pure unadulterated word of God: "Whosever shall eat this bread and drink this cup." etc., im plying the necessity of Communion under both kinds. The last Revised Edition substituted or for and, implying the sufficiency of partaking of one kind only. What way will this be rendered in the next revision? No. body can tell. Again the overseers of the King James Bible have now grown into Bishops in three hun-

is not any foundation. The veriest pauper and outcast are on an equality with the millionaire and aristocrat in this matter. Who can tell, save and except the judge, that any had privileges extended to them, that were dealer. The Apostles as Apostles and presceptil." Church. The Apostles, as Apostles and peaceful."

would notbe exactly the Lord's Prayer, but partly His and partly somebody elses. The use of this doxology was confined to the Greeks, who used it very much as we do, "Glory be to the Father," etc. From this it came to be given in the margin of some old conies, and plitmately found its way

Question. I am a Protestant. My wite and children are Catholics. I be-lieve in your faith except confession and the Virgin Mary. Can I be ad and the Virgin Mary. Can I be admitted to the Catholic Church without believing in these?

Answer. On Catholic and true principles, you have no more reason for admitting one article of Catholic belief unforgiven? Also those who die in than another. If you believe in all, venial sin? In other words, what is except those mentioned, it can be only Catholic Church will have to struggle

on without you.
Question. In your sermon of Wednesday night you said that the justice of God required atonement for sin, be satisfied by hanging my brother.

Answer. It is equally hard to see how justice could be satisfied by hanging yourself. Doing so deprives the

ment after death?

Answer. "It is appointed unto all men once to die; after that the judgment," which decides one's fate for

eternity.
Question. If a person believes all that the Catholic Church teaches and attends the services attached to that Church, is he not a Catholic without a fearent recention?

formal reception?

Auswer. Just as much as he would be a citizen, or member of any well organized body without being admitted by those having power to receive him. Question. Do you believe that a

Christian could be saved who joined the Catholic Church merely because he thought if anyone will be saved it's a Catholic?

Auswer. Such a state of suspense could not survive the instruction which precedes reception into the The spirit of God would speedily bring conviction, peace, joy,

A Valuable Secret.

It is related of Franklin that from grown into Bishops in three hundred and fifty years. The elders (of Acts xv. 2) are not unlikely to turn into priests a little later, as they are now not only ordained, "by they are now not only ordained, "by they are now not only ordained, but the window of his office in Philadelphia he noticed a mechanic, among a number of others, at work on a house which was being erected close by. the window of his office in Philadelphia election in every congregation," but humor, and who had a kind and cheerare also "appointed." The Lord's ful smile for every one he met Lord's Prayer, too, has been revised, almost the day be ever so cold, gloomy or into identity with the Catholic form; into identity with the Catholic form; sunless, the happy smile danced like a its appendage, "for thine is the king sunbeam on his cheerful countenance, dom," etc., having been relegated to a note. Finally, what though its Engineer. Quested to know the secret of his conlish be more modern and polished, it is stant happy spirits. "It's no secret, still, like a rebel flag, which may result it is not the semble the national one but is not the

1. A dispensation is a relaxation of Catholic Church insist upon compulsory tea is sure to be ready; and as we Father Ryan Answers Questions About the Church.

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15, at 3:30, in the Church of St. Francis Xavier, Brooklyn, a large audience, many of whom were Protestants, assembled to hear the final lecture of a course delivered in that church by the law Large M. Ryan, Long bafare the law foundation.

1. A dispensation is a relaxation of the law are relaxation of the law in a particular case. It is a principle in jurisdiction, that the law giver from whom the law derives its force, has power to relax it. Hence the Church enjoys such power over her own laws, and exercises it always with justice, judgment and due regard to the general welfare of her children. For the insinuation of partiality, there is not any foundation. The veriest pulsory "confession, and from whence does she chat in the evening, I find she has oral confession.)? Also the reason for oral confession.)? Also the reason for oral confession. Through the day to please me, that I cannot find it in my heart to speak an unkind word or give an unkind look to anybody." And Franklin who gave his name. Between "companied by a very courteous adds: "What an influence, then, act who gave his name. Between "companied by a very courteous adds: "What an influence, then, act who gave his name. Between "companied by a very courteous and service its in the evening, I find she has oral confession.)? Also the reason for oral confession.)? Also the reason for oral confession.)? Answer. The above questions were accompanied by a very courteous accompanie

copies, and ultimately found its way fitting the divine service. Here they into the text, to which it does not beremained many years.
Owing to her ever total freedom from original sin, this incomparable Virgin enjoyed the use of reason from the beginning of her existence, as most theologians hold; and being specially under the guidance of the Holy Ghest, she with perfect obedience accepted with unexampled light and love the various duties assigned her. She who later on was to become the

spiritual Mother of the human race, except those mentioned, it can be only has in this early presentation, a mere whim of your own. If you obsecome to all a model of obedience, stinately refuse to believe in these, the fidelity and humility. Here her light so shines, that we, her spiritual chil-dren, may glorify our Father who is in Heaven. Children and even parents have here a lesson never to be forgotten. It is agreed upon by all and that Christ atoned for ours. I can masters of Christian morality, says the and that Christ atoned for ours. I can understand how my sin would require atonement from me, but cannot see how justice could accept any one else in my place. If I should commit a murder I do not see how justice could he estisfied by honging my heather. then duly proposed to him (as in the case of Christian children), if divine Faith, I say, be then duly proposed to him, he is bound to make an Act of and although that one may be very bad, killing him does not compensate for the loss of the other, either to that other or to the State. Perhaps the questioner would not have the difference. Question. Having been much interested in your account of the Bible, there is one question for which I request as complete an answer as time will permit you to give, namely, what objection have Catholics to the Protest and Bible, for example to the beautiful King James Bible?

Answer. Catholics have many and very weighty objections to any socalied Protestant Bible. First of all—and this is all-sufficient—there are many things in it different from the Catholic Bible, which things, necessarily, rest on merely human, and therefore, unreliable, authority. Secondly, all these versions of the Bible. Including "the beautiful King James Bible?"

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