WHY THEY DON'T MARRY. The Enforced Celibacy of Priests Ex-

plained 1. Simple Words.

"Why Priests Don't Marry " was the subject of a recent discourse by Very Rev. Father Rudolph, O. S. F. C., of Pecham, says the Glasgow Ob-

Leo. XIII., the glorious Pontiff, who so well filled the chair of St. Peter, he said, had immortalized his pontificate by the strenuous efforts he had made for bringing all nations, tribes and tongues into the one fold of the one Shepherd, the Holy Catholic Church founded 1800 years ago by Jesus Christ. His latest endeavor in this respect was a letter to the English people, in which the Holy Father with loving and affectionate solicitude invited the nation to the old religion which flourished in this land centuries ago. The Pope called upon English Catholics to assist him in this grand and glorious work of reunion, and he especially urged upon them to do this by prayer

and by good example. In bridging over the gulf which separated Protestantism from the Catholic Church there were, naturally enough, a great many and serious obbe surmounted, and one of these difficulties-the celibacy of the Catholic clergy-had been made very prominent during the past week in the columns of a London daily paper in connection with or arising out of the Pope's letter. Those outside the Church could not possibly under-stand why Catholic priests did not marry. Some thought, and thought very seriously, that it was a most wicked thing for the Catholic Church, or the Church of Rome, as they preferred to call it, to impose such a law upon her ministers. They argued that it was a law against the teaching of the Gospel, that it was an unnatural law and impossible for men to observe it. Frequently they would hear men say, "I like the Catholic religion in a great many things ; would like my wife and children to be Catholics, but as long as your priests are not married I do not feel justified in allowing my family to join you."

GOOD SOLID REASONS. Father Rudolph proceeded to prov by good, solid reasoning and authority that the celibacy of the Catholic clergy was in perfect harmony and in perfec keeping with the Gospel, that it was sanctioned by Jesus Christ, the founder of the Christian religion, by His apostles, and he would even go farther and show that clerical celibacy was a moral necessity for the fulfillment of the sacred ministry, for the work which God had given them to do. In the first place he would remind them that the law of celibacy in the Catholic Church was a purely ecclesiastical law; it was in fact a part of the Church's discipline. They did not pretend for a single moment that it was part of the deposit of Divine revelation left by Jesus Christ in the Church which it could not tamper with or change in anyway. It was perhaps hardly necessary for him to point out that the Church had power to make such laws. As they well knew, the Catholic Church was a of Divine institution, society was a human society, composed of human beings. Now the society called the Catholic Church, like any other or ganization, must have a perfect right to make its own laws and regulations, which are arranged for preserving order, and especially for forwarding the end of her existence-the glory of God and the salvation of souls. Every ws and

doing when he entered the contract, and he would be breaking the law if he deserted his wife. Or if a man purchased some house property and afterwards found he had not made a bargain, would the seller take it back. It was the same with the celibacy

question. A man made a contract and had given himself up really and willingly to the Church. Then why did they allow him to draw back after hav ing made a bargain? Plenty of mar-ried people would like to be single again, but it was too late. The Bible old them repeatedly that they must always be careful to pay their vows to Almighty God, and apart altogether from the contract there was the vow to God that must be paid, and this was only just and reasonable. The Catholic Church would be trifling with God if she were to allow a man for every whim and fancy to break his solemn

vows and engagements. It may be asked whether the Church had a right to impose these obligations, because a society might go beyond it powers. They had in the teaching of our Lord as well as the apostles the highest sanction in compelling the ministers of the Catholic Church to

live chaste and pure lives. In the Sacred Scriptures they were told of the beauty and splendor of a chaste life. "Oh, how beautiful is the chaste generation, for the memory thereof is It is known both to God mmortal.

and to man. They had the teaching of Almighty God, they had the testimony of revela tion and they had Jesus Christ and His holy Apostles extolling the state of And not only had they celibacy. divine authority, but it was also necessary for the propagation of religion for the spread of the kingdom of God on earth, that the Church of God should have a celibate and chaste clergy

MARRIAGE WOULD HANDICAP THEM It would be really impossible to arry out the work that God had given His Church to do if the ministers of that Church were married. Let them consider for a single moment the state of those ministers of whatever Church they might belong to who were married and had wives and children to care for, and they would find how true it was that they were divided and were unable to give themselves wholly to God. Just imagine for a

moment a young curate in a parish He decided to change his condition and he fell in love with some young or perhaps half a dozen woman, young ladies fell in love with him. Consider this young curate attending to the things of the Lord and at the same time courting a certain young lady. Suppose this young curate was married, then were his troubles over ? "when a man's married his No, for troubles begin.'

Perhaps he might get married to an ungodly woman, fond of fighting and drinking and quarrels with the neighbors. The preacher had an extract from a daily paper, of a clergyman's divorce suit. He was married in 1861. and in his evidence before the judge alleged that his wife was addicted to paroxysms of temper, during which she called him abusive names and threw things at him. Fancy the dignity of the clergyman !

WORK OF CELIBATES.

Fancy a minister of God with all these troubles and trials striving to win people to God, and by word and example endeavoring to lead them to example heaven ! Could they in the face of this approve of a married clergy ; would any Protestant with any common sense

Father Fidelis.

A LEGEND OF ST. ANTHONY. astery early next morning and find the solution to this mystery. The scaffold on which the young A Franciscan Father of the monas tery of St. Lawrence at Naples tells the man was to be executed had already been erected and the poor young man

following story : In a peaceful little cottage by the in his cell was expecting his execu-tioner to enter, when the doors of seaside there lived a young fisherman and his mother. One stormy night the prison opened, and instead an officer of the king appeared with while they were performing their the pardon. The young fisherman night-prayers, they were startled by a desperate outcry as that of a man in was at liberty to return home to his mother ! terrible agony. The young man rushed to the door and to his horror At the dawn of day the State's Attorney was terrified to see a document found a man who had been waylaid by robbers and was now in a dying conof pardon signed by the king the day previous lying on his table. dition. The robbers fled ; for, besides posed that one of his servants had laid it there and had forgotten or neglected fearing the presence of a witness, they had to escape the hands of the police to tell him about it. He was in a termen who were on their trail. The fisherman stooped down to assist the rible predicament. document, he rushed to the prison to dying man, but in a few moments more save the young man's life. all was over. The policemen, nov

entering upon the scene, and seeing the already know that he was not too young man stooping over the liteless late body, captured him as the murderer. In the course of the forenoon the king appeared at the monastery of St. Lawrence. He had all the brothers congratulating themselves that they had finally succeeded in tracing one of assembled in the refectory, and asked the band of robbers for whom they had long been searching. All protests on the Rev. Prior who of them had been to the part of son and mother were in see him in the palace the night before vain, and he was taken to prison. The astonished Prior replied that he knew of no one to leave the house at so The circumstantial evidences were ate an hour. The king, scrutinizing too strong against the young fisher man ; the trial was soon ended. He the monks and not seeing his man, to'd

the Prior what had happened. was condemned to death. The police had heard the cry, the mother, who might inform them to body was still warm, no one was near whom she had given the petition.

but he; the testimony of the mother was of no value in this case, and thus around the monastery to pass away the the declarations of the young man's innocence were considered only as those time, and was also taken to the church. The king passed from one altar to an of a stubborn criminal. The poor mother had endeavored to come to the other, until he finally came trial, but she was so inexperienced and helpless in such matters that she Instanity recognizing his man, he pointed to the statue and said : " That arrived in court when all was over and the death-sentence was passed-the criminal to be executed early the next

Prior, The mother broke out in sobs dav. and tears and asked the judge if there tion. vere no way to save her son. The judge, in order to get rid of her, said city of Naples selected St. Anthony as one of its patron saints. in an off-hand way-the king could change matters. The mother's mind was quickly settled. She would go to POPE LEO ORDERS HIS TOMB. the king at once, fall down at his feet The Great Sculptor Maroni now at and plead for the life of her son. She did not know of any formalities, and was disappointed when told that she had to bring her petition in the prescribed form of writing. The sun was late of the failing health of Leo XIII., lready going down when she left the and in view of the fact that he is now palace to find a lawyer to write up her eighty-five years of age it certainly petition. When returning with the seems probable that he will not be document it was too late of course, the given many years more of life. The doors were closed and no petitionen Holy Father himself seems to feel could enter. The poor woman was heart-broken. Not knowing what to that his end cannot be very far off. Despatches from Rome state that he do she passed by the church of St. Lawrence. She entered has issued a document which is in the nature of a political testament to the and before the statue of St. An-Cardinals. thony prayed as only a mother's heart under such circumstances could But her time even here was oray.

short, for the sacristan soon came and rattling his keys gave her a sign that it was time for him to shut the doors. In her agony the poor mother, who was still holding the document in her hand, threw it over the iron railing calling out aloud and despairingly : St. Anthony, you must save my child.'

Singularly consoled and quieted, she left the church and went home.

It was about 10 o'clock. The king was alone in his study, looking through some important documents he had to sign. He had given his serv-ants strict orders to admit no one, as he did not wish to be disturbed. Suddenly there was a rap at the door, and a moment after a Franciscan brother any Protestant with any common sense argue that it would be better to have majestic yet amiable, that the king

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In the patois of Central France are preserved many touching legends. In passing through villages, in con-

versing with the peasants, in visiting the laborer's hut, one sees how the imagination of these simple people is struck with the least details of the Divine infancy. "In one of these ex-Divine infancy. cursions through the country," says a traveller, "I found myself one Satur-day in the house of a good peasant. Of course I assisted at the sermon of the day. After ordinary prayers the cure spoke of the childhood of Jesus. I am glad of this opportunity of hearing the good pastor of the flock which he had tended for more than forty years with the charity of an apostle and unbounded devotedness. He com menced : "Jesus was five years old He lived with His parents in the vil lage of Nazareth, assisting His father in his humble labors. His mother kep in heart the words, full of wisdom which fell from the Divine Child Not far from them lived a woman who had a son of the same age as Jesus

This child was suddenly seized with so profound a grief that convulsive sobs escaped from his breast ; day and night the cries were the same, and the poor mother could find nothing to console him. Despair took possession of her heart. 'My child,' she said 'is very What can I do, my God, to re sick. lieve him ?' Suddenly a thought came to her. She would go to the house o her neighbor, the Virgin Mary, and tell her all her troubles, and ask her by what means she could save her dear Jesus listened attentively to hild. he plaint of the desolate mother, while the child continued to cry. Then approaching the poor little one, He em braced him tenderly. Immediately his tears ceased. He looked sweetly at Jesus, and an ineffable smile lighted

up his pretty face. The happy mother was astonished at this prodigy, and, turning towards Mary, 'Holy woman,' said she, 'your son will be the greatest among the greatest.' Jesus Jesus pressed the hand of the child saying, This one shall be my brother ; he will suffer and die for my sake. Weep not, O privileged mother, but rejoice.

The woman went home pondering on what she had seen and heard, and blessing God in her heart. After this event the children grew up together. Jesus instructed His friends in things so marvellous that He alone understood them. After the death of the man of our Lord, a man, a saint, animated with divine love, was stoned to death for the faith and opened the era of martyrs. The first stone cast at him struck his face at the very spot which Jesus had kissed. This martyr, whom the Christ child had consoled, accom

In it he is reported to review his whole pontificate and the reasons plished by his death the prediction of which dictated his policy. Speaking the Saviour." of the apathy shown by the great powers at the beginning of his pon A Good Appetite

bowers at the beginning of his pon-tificate he shows that no other position than the one taken could have pre-vented the identification of the Papacy in the estimation of other nations with the new order of things instituted in Rome. Even if temporal power has not been attained, the Papacy has at least arrived at a position where it is no longer at the mercy of an unfriendly Government. The document con-clave to keep this ideal in mind and to continue this line of policy as woll away never used Hood's Sarsaparilla, as to its great dinals when they meet in future con-clave to keep this ideal in mind and to continue this line of policy as possible the election of the next Pope. The entire tenor of the document is to name the choice of a successor who will continue the present Pope's policy. Not only has the Holy Father issued his testament, he has also ordered his tom. The great sculutor Maroni is tom. The great sculutor Maroni is tom. The arguet sculutor Maroni is tom. The great sculutor Maroni is tom. Marchard and and the sculutor maroni is tom. Marchard and the sculutor maroni is tom. Marchard and the scu

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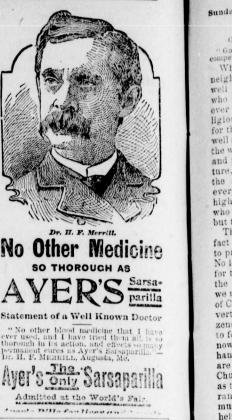
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questioned them, and if men desired to join a society or club they must agree with the rules of that society. They were not compelled to become members but they joined of their own free will And so it was with regard to the priest hood of the Catholic Church.

The Church did not say to any man "you must not get married," neither did the Church say they must be priests They were perfectly free to use their liberty and freedom which God gave them, but this the Church did say, you want to be a priest, if you want t be one of my ministers, you must fall in religion of the Britons? with my regulations, and one of my regulations is that you must never get married." That was all the Church said, and before a young man was al lowed to receive that sacred order, which bound him to celibacy for the the globe? remainder of his life, she must know his dispositions, she must read his mind and his heart as far as possible, dying man or woman but the celibate priest. Look at Father Damien, who and the Church must know that he had ived among the lepers administering a vocation for the ministry. And when to their spiritual wants! Would a mar the Church was sure of this she allowed ried clergyman follow in his footsteps the young man to take upon himself the sacred obligations, and even then he was not allowed to take, up the sacred calling until he was twenty-two The Boston Republic says that the Reverend James Kent Stone (Father years of age, and surely a young man at that age was not acting blindly when he received the order of sub-Fidelis, deconate and thereby binding himself

to life-long celibacy !

Episcopalian seminary of which he was OBJECTIONS ANSWERED. the president some thirty years ago, Of course the objection would at once be put forward, "That is all very well; before he became a Catholic. Stone's return to the scenes of former we will admit that it is necessary for a labors in another faith will doubtless priest as long as he wishes to remain recall many old memories to him, as in the Church as one of her ministers well as to those who knew him when he was head of Kenyon college. The to abide by her regulations. But here is where we find fault with your learned and eloquent Passionist ap Church : a man may afterwards find pears to be in great demand as a mishe has made a mistake and is unable to sionary, and he is called to all parts of observe the vow of celibacy. Then why does your Church make that man the country so eager are pastors to secure his efficient services in behalf of remain a celebate all his life ; why not their flocks. - Catholic Review. let him have his freedom and go away?

The great lung healer is found in that ex-The answer to this was very easy and very natural. Supposing a young man at the age of twenty-two was married and afterwards repented of the step, would they think it proper for him to leave his wife and family, would the law allew it? The young man knew perfectly well what he was

s charmed for a moment. married clergy than those who were Franciscan approached the king and bound by the vow of celibacy? Look embarrassment modestly without any embarrassment modestly spoke : "I beg pardon of your majesty at the priests of God ; look at those who had made sacrifices-ave, and given for coming at so late an hour, but my their lives for others ; could they do it business is very urgent, and will not if they were not celibates ? Who was allow any delay, as a man's life is at it in every age who had been the pio stake. neers of civilization ; to whom did they

"Speak, brother. What can I do for you?" said the king encouragowe their learning and literature The celibate priests and monks of the Catholic Church-men who gave themingly.

'Your majesty signed a death selves to God and humanity-men who thought no sacrifice too great. Who warrant to day for a young fisherman who was found at the corpse of a was it that coverted this land when the murdered man. All evidences seeme pagan Saxons had driven out the old Was it mar to tell against him, and yet he is ried men? No; the celibate monk. Who, again, wasit that carried religion

marble. On the lid of the tomb is a lion holding in his talons the tiara. At the right is the statue of Faith, in entirely innocent." "I am sorry," said the king, "I can do nothing in such matters. The into Germany and to every part of the globe? Was it not the celibate courts are there for that and when the monk? Go to the hospitals where court passes a sentence I can not change it, nor can I presume that the fever was raging, and who would they find kneeling at the bedside of the sentence is not just.

"I will vouch for the innocence of my client," said the monk with a positiveness that impressed the king. "I beg your majesty to write a few words of pardon below this petition.

The king spontaneously reached to the pen, but, reflecting again, he stopped and asked the monk: "Where do you come from ?"

well-beloved head when that inscrip-"From the monastery of St. Law tion is verified. rence, your majesty," answered the Some people are constantly troubled

"But even if I do grant your petition," said the king, "it will be too late, for he will be executed before with pimples and boils, especially about the face and neck. The bes remedy is a thorough course of Ayer' Sarsaparilla, which expels all humors There is no time to be lost, it is through the proper channels, and se

true," said the monk, "but I will see that the document is delivered in time. makes the skin become soft, healthy and fair. Pray just write a few words of pardor They Never Fail-Mr. S. M. Bonghner, Langton, writes: "For about two years I was troubled with Inward Piles, but by using Parmelee's Pills, I was completely cured, and although four years have elapsed since then they have not returned." Parmelee's Pills are anti bilious and a specific for the cure of Liver and Kidney Complaints, Dys-pepsia, Costiveness, Headache, Piles, etc., and will regulate the secretions and remove all bilious matter. here," and the monk pointed with his finger to the blank space where the king was to sign. The king did sign, and with a few words of courtesy and thanks the monk left the room.

The whole affair had made a wonderful impression on the king. He tried to continue his work, but, reflecting, again, said to himself: How could this man come in here at this hour? He asked the chamberlain and all the servants, but nobody had seen any one A lady writes: "I was enabled to remove the corns, root and branch, by the use of Holloway's Corn Cure." Others who have tried it have the same experience. enter or depart. They searched, but no trace of the monk could be found.

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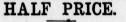
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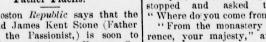
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