

A LESSON LEARNED.

BY ELIZABETH BOWEN. Ruth and Ira were preparing for day at the shore. "Oh, mother!" cried Ruth in dismay, "if I have to wipe the dishes shall miss the coach."

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not been for the work done by the Church there. What civilization there is in the archipelago was planted there and fostered by the Church.

WHEN AT COMMUNION. The following excellent reminder we call from The Catholic Deaf Mute: Some do not seem to know what the priest says when he is about to give Holy Communion, nor what those persons should do then who are about to receive.

IMAGE WORSHIP. A Bigot's Slander Refuted by the Testimony of a Learned Protestant. From the Catholic Telegraph, Cincinnati.

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THOUGHTS ON THE SACRED HEART.

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The gift of His Mother, which the Heart of Jesus makes to the heart of man, is the crowning of all His works of love. This He did while dying on the cross.

How much suffering and sorrow would be avoided if we would only go to the Sacred Heart with our troubles; go with childlike confidence and ask for the help and grace we need.

The Sacred Heart shall be triumphant and the whole world will rejoice. The sinner will turn away from his sins and take refuge in the Heart that has loved him so much.

FIVE MINUTE'S SERMON.

Third Sunday After Pentecost. THE OCCASIONS OF SIN.

Be sober and watch; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, searcheth whom he may devour. (1. St. Peter v. 8.)

A good business season is this, my brethren, for our adversary the devil. He may now modify his roar and limit his search, for the season itself, with its many temptations in the form of amusements, will accomplish no small share of his mean and villainous work.

The Apostle in to-day's epistle would seem to give us, in two words, a golden rule whereby to govern our conduct and safely guide us in all our recreation—"Be sober, and watch."

Watchfulness has to be employed, particularly during this season, given up as it is to so much relaxation; and this watchfulness is to be observed by all, at the fashionable quarters of the rich, as well as the resorts of the poor.

You, who work all the week and who have Sunday alone for rest, demand, and may well demand, relaxation and recreation; then take it and God bless you in it; but take it in sobriety and watchfulness.

Another forbidden amusement and one of the curses of our city is the Saturday night picnic. Beware of it! It is the haunt of our adversary the devil.

Fathers and mothers, if you really love your daughters you should move heaven and earth to keep them from such occasions of sin and ruin. You should be willing to make any sacrifice, to put yourself to any expense, to supply them with suitable and wholesome recreation.

And what shall I say of the Catholic young man who visits such places? I can tell him plainly he is already the prey of his adversary the devil.

LEST WE FORGET.

So much has been said about the wickedness of some of the friars in the Philippine Islands that we are in danger of forgetting what the Catholic Church has accomplished in the archipelago under the direction of its Spanish prelates.

In Mexico, for instance, Spain drove out from power a race which was in the habit of making human sacrifices to its gods, and it built Christian churches and founded schools and the priests whom it put in charge of the schools and churches got so near to the people and secured their confidence to such a degree that they not only accepted Christianity, but abandoned their own language.

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