BY A PROTESTANT MINISTER

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The rest of Dean Hodges' first lecture contains nothing which a Protest-ant has any call to criticize. It is true, in speaking of Luther's having taken side of the nobility in the Peasants' War, the Dean says nothing of his extreme inhumanity to the peasants. Yet he does not deny it. I have ex-

posed it at full.

The second lecture, on the Calvinistic Beformation, is naturally not unacceptable to a Calvinist, like the present Here, at least, there is an ex ample of austere and spotless morals, both in life and teaching. Catholics, of course, must regard Calvin as a very guilty heresiarch, but his ein, in the es of instructed Catholics, would not be looseness, but pride. They will, of course, reclaim against Renan's desig nation of him as "the most Christian man of his age," but this verdict of the great unbelieving historian, whose religious feelings, nevertheless, were Catholic, shows the contempt with which he regards the vulgar calumnies against Calvin's early life, and against his deathbed. The Catholic Dictionary also does not deem them worthy of any

Those persons who have lately, here revived these foul stories, so absolutely inconsistent with the whole tenor of Calvin's life and teaching, and have endeavored to support them by Lutheran testimony, are either very thoughtless or distinctly disingenuous. The sixteenth century paid very little attention to "the ethics of controto plagiarize again from my friend, the Ray. Robert Johnson) but of the three great parties, the impres-sion that remains distinctly on my mind after considerable reading (perhaps not without Calvinistic prejudice is, that the Lutherans were much the et unserupulous. Moreover, much as they hated the Catholics, they hated the Calviniets a great deal more. A foul story hurled out by a Lutheran clergyman of that time against Calvin would be even less worthy of attention than if hurled out against the Pope. It deserves no more notice than the vul gar story of Luther's suicide, which has at last been put to rest by a Catholic professor, or than the shocking slanders spread abroad against the spotless life and peaceful death of Car-dinal Bellarmine. There seems to have been in that age a perfect mania for deathbed calumnies.

Allow me here a little non controver stal episode. Dr. Hodges remarks that Calvin's endless patience of study, and his austerity, hardly agree with our common notion of a Frenchman. He rightly remarks, however, that every national type shows many ex-ceptions (as almost all European races are very much mixed); and Calvin is hardly an exception. Endless patience in study has been abundantly illus-trated in France, and although a worldly Frenchman is apt to be more volatile than a worldly Englishman, a religious Celt, Cymric or Gaelic, Catholic or Protestant, takes, as a rule, much more kindly to austerity than a common to John Calvin and Jonathan Fiwards might not be so badly explained by their both being in descent its, Calvin French and Edwards Welsh.

Dean Hodges gives St. Patrick as an Tetzel's teaching. instance of a Sentehman who is no very much like Scotchmen as we know them. Has he not made a bit of a slip? Nothing is easier, as concerns Scotland. The original Scots, as we know, were The perfervidum ingentum Scatorum is spoken wholly of them. The Irish kings of Dalriada, in Argyle-shire, having inherited the Pictish crown, and come down into the Teutonic Lowlands, communicated the Scottish name to an overwhelmingly Germanic nation. The Lowlanders, says Canon Taylor, are more purely Teutonic than the English, who are in blood hardly more than one-fourth Teu-St. Patrick, therefore, if a Caledonian, and not rather a Breton, was not a Scotchman in the modern sense, but a Celt, Cymric or Gaelic, with probably not a drop of Teutonic blocd

in his veins. Dean Hodges explains the strong predestinarianism of Calvin, which was also that of Luther, though not of the subsequent Lutherans, as arising from a strong sense of the Divine sovereignty, against an exaggeration of the human share in the work of salva-There is no doubt that the later and degenerate scholasticism fell too much under the control of Aristotelian particularism and analysis, and los auch of the grand simplicity of the

It is certain, however, that the Catholic theology, although of course capable of being preached in a spirit of servilism or of evangelical freedom, had the same doctrinal foundation then that it has always had. From Augustine and much farther back you will find two things taught: first, that the beginning and the recovery of justification alike are gratuitous on God's part, and must be purely received by us, no: wrought out by us. Secondly, that good works wrought in the love of mentation of grace, help towards the gift of perseverance, prepare for the predestinate a speedier access to the bestific vision, and acquire a larger

measure of the eternal glory. Now if you teach the meritorlousness of good work without teaching the gratuitousness of justification you present the leaves and fruits as if they were supposed to be the tree. You

Dean Hodges seems to do. Says he: of the refugees were taken in with their clothing literally stripped from their clothing literally st of merit. They were told that their their bodies by the war of the elements; good deeds and their penances earned to some of these were given the sombre tract between God and man. On the the men thus clothed lent their assist one side so much merit, so many alms and works of mercy; on the other side so much reward; on man's

part penance-on God's part pardon. Now this last clause, "On man's part penance—on God's part pardon," is an utterly false statement. Catholic then, precisely as it had always taught | bonor and glory. before, and as it has always taught since, that penance, works of mercy, or other good works, do not earn pardon for an unjustified person; that pardon of mortal sin and eternal guilt is a purely gratuitous act of God's compassion, not capricious, indeed, but promised to the truly penitent, yet, received and not earned, as indeed repentance itself comes from the prevenient grace of Even the later teaching, per-God. mitted but not ratified as of faith, that good works done before justification may have a certain disposing value towards it, appears to my scanty knowledge, not to have been much known then. John Wesley insists strongly upon it, but I do not find that the Catholic Church teaches it, al-

though she allows it. Of all theologians of that day I suppose that Tetzel will be allowed as the head and front of the school most opposed to the Reformation resents the scholastic theclogy of that time, utterly untouched with Humanism, although displaying a competent knowledge of the Scriptures, and at least quite as fair a way of using them

The worst charge against Tetzel Luther does not re echo, even though tempted to do so by the unprincipled Militiz, who blackens Tetzel in his endeavor to gain over the new party. The charge of grievous blasphemy Luther, after making it, expressly retracts, and declares incredible, as in-deed it if solemnly disavowed by the magistrates and clergy of Halle, where the scene was laid. True Luther revives it twenty years after Tetzel's death, when he can no longer defend himself, but those who know Luther can judge how much that signifies When Luther, moved by the evidence withdrew the charge, he had not yet invented his later principle, the evidence in favor of an active Papist is never to be allowed, since, if he has not done what you charge him with, he has doubtless been doing something

else just as bad. Luther, in his eagerness to make out Tetzel as bad as he can, exaggered his monthly allowance from the Archbishop, yet he knows nothing of any malversation, as indeed the Elect-or and his bankers find no fault with his accounts. That he was a popular preacher, a large man, and, like Whitefield, having a voice that carried far in the open air, is, I suppose be Yet the present writer youd denial. in his prime, has found that he could be heard a good way in the open air without absolutely giving up his hope of Paradise on that account. grave solemnity of religious discipline gin to suspect that we have been belaboring a largely fictitious Tetzel, as we have certainly been adoring a largely fistitious Luther.

week we will pay some attention to

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THE HEROINE OF THE STORM." A Texas Journal's Tribute to a Gal-

veston Nun. From the Houston Post.

Saptember 8 brings out all that there Holy Ghost, adorned with the treasures is in a human being, whether it be of divine grace, effulgent in innocence good or bad, and when all of the noblest and most lofty attributes which God gave to those whom He made in His image are brought out in one individual, and that individual a woman, mere words become too weak and too inexpressive to do her proper

Such a woman is Mother Mary Joseph, Superioress of the Ursuline Convent at Galveston. She is the heroine of the storm. The deeds she performed that awiul night were of such a nature as to entitle them to go down in history with those of the Joan of Arcs and the other grand women whose achievements have outlived Over 1 000 persons were shell tered in the convent during and after the storm. No one was refused admit tance to the sheltering institution on the night of nights. Negroes and whites were taken in without question, and the asylum was thrown open to all who sought its refuge. Angels of mercy went through the army of suferers whispering words of cheer, offer ing what scant clothing could be found in this house of charity and calmly urging the terror-stricken creatures t have faith in God and pray that His

holy will be done. The scenes were such that no mortal pen can describe them; and through all, while the wind howled and shricked and gibbered as if in fiendish God deepen justification, gain an aug. glee at the awful results of its work, of the convent, a noise that was only equaled by the wind, and building atter building fell, the good Mother Superior and the nuns went about doing good, piloting the army of refugees from corner to corner, till at last they found a safe harbor. So far as they were able they provided food and clothing, sharing every piece of clothleave out the trunk and roots, from ing in the house, and when these were

to some of these were given the sombre dresses of the nuns themselves, and you most lovingly: "Come to Me,

ance in the work. The story of the happenings in the convent that night will never be known, no more than will that of the storm at large. But enough of it has been told by the refugees who flocked there to entitle Mother Mary Joseph

### FIVE - MINUTES SERMON.

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecos

JUDGMENT.

"When you shall see the abomination of de

In the gospel of to-day our Lord an nounced to us the most terrible of all truths, and that is the Last Judgment. In the valley of Josaphat, I see all mankind assembled before the judg. ment seat of the eternal God. The just with glorious bodies on the right side ; the dammed with bodies bideous are but a fireting moment compared to to behold, on the left: those on the right, sing Hossons to the Just and the strife be over, the race run, Exernal God : whereas those on the left

B-loved Christians, there is nothing more certain than that we shall be among the number of those to be judged on that great day. Where shall we find our place, to the right or to the left? Shall our cry be "Ho-sanna!" or "Woe! wee!" What will be the qualities of our bodies; What will they be glorified and radiant like the angels? or will they be appalling and resemble the devils? Ominous Who can answer it but the question ! emniscient God who will one day judge us. Faith teaches that the hour of desth will be decisive ; if you die in the friendship of God, free from mortal sin, then bail ! eternal hail ! to you. Your soul is saved ; the right to Heaven for eternal possession is as sured to you. On that great day of judgment, you will triumphantly re oice for all eternity in the midst of the glorious company of angels and saints.

But should death surprise you in impenitence with one, — yes but one mortal sin upon your conscience - then woe! a thousand woes ! to you. Your soul will be cast into that fearful abyss where, according to the words of our Redeemer, there is eternal weeping and gnashing of teeth, in that pool of fire where the worm does not die and the fiames are not extinguished. In vain will you wring your hands; in vain will you call on God's mercy; the day of salvation is past, the night has come wherein you can no longer work. On whatever side the tree has fallen, there it will remain for all eternity. On the last day-the day of the general judgment-the soul will ascend from hell to re-inhabit that body; covered with shame and confusion and before Heaven and earth, before all angels and men it will stand unmasked in all its terrifying hideousness amidst the company of the damued. 110 sinner, you are aware of this, and

much for Tetzel's person. Next k we will pay some attention to you so earnestly in the gospel of to-day: "When you shall see the day : abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place, he that readeth, let him understand and they that are in Judea, let them flee." Ab, yes, open the eyes of your mind and behold with the eyes of your minutes of desolation in terror the abomination of desolation in the holy place, namely in your soul. See, this soul was once a temple of he and heavenly beauty, a beauty like that of the brightest angel on the day of his creation. And now, behold it. What do you see! The radiant glory of grace is gone, the beauty of divine love is destroyed, the brightness o purity and innocence has given place to the most frightful image of Satan! That throne of the triune God is now defiled and desecrated by the prince of darkness, who, with his assistants, rules a house of unclean passions Who is not induced to exclaim with the royal prophet: "O God, the heathens are come into Thy inherital ce they have defiled Thy holy temple.

O you, who are in so terrible a state f mortal sin, to you the words of the Redeemer are directed: " Fice, fice. Yes, save yourself by flight, for your soul is in the greatest danger. die in your sins - and, perhaps, death very near-you are lost without hope, irredeemably lost for all eternity flee therefore, but to whom wil you fise? To whom else, than to Jesus, your merciful Saviour? He alone can bring you help ; He alone

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On, hasten therefore to the tribunal of penance, by a good confession to the priest-the representative of God-place the heavy burden that oppresses you in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and theology, in all its schools, taught and her saintly women to the highest in that haven of rest, you will obtain you as the Good Shepherd His lost sheep, and the noble Father his prodigal son-He will absolve you from all your guilt : He will grant you again that consoling peace of God in this world, and a place among His elect on the Great Day of the Last Judgment.

But you who are in the state of grace, you happy children of God, do you also meditate frequently on that day of reckoning -- that great day of harvesting for eternity, and you be encouraged to persevere faithfully in the service of God and in workin out the salvation of your immortal soul What signify the few days which you yet have to battle and to suffer ? They Soon and the crown of glory obtained now! "Ye mountains, tail upon us; Soon the happy hour will come, when you can triumphantly exclaim : rejoiced at the things that were said to me: we shall go into the house of the Lord." (Ps. 121, 1.) Oh, let us, therefore, steadtastly persevere in love and fidelity to God, in sacrificing zeal mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' for the salvation of our souls and we Medicine Co. Brockville Out. shall rejoice in the possession of God for all eternity. Amen.

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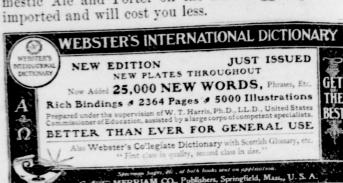


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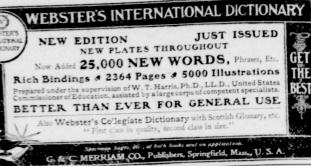
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### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. THE STORY OF LITTLE BLANCHE

A Breton Tale

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THE ATHEIST AND LITTLE BLANCHE.

CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK. Next night she was more feeble than ever, but she began again, "Papa, do you think God will make me better? He paused for a second, then said, "I think He ought to do so." She waited a minute, then said, "Papa, if I die do you think I shall go to Heaven?"
"Yes," he replied almost involuntarily, "I am sure you will." "I shall so want to see you come, Pa," she said, and sank back exhausted.

That same night he sat beside her,

and for the first time he saw that

speech was beyond her. He sat down at the bedside and took her little white hand in his. The diamond panes of the window were shadowed by the moon into the corner of the The patch of light moved slowly across the wall and lit up in its passage the pale, lifeless face of the little one on the bed. Then it move along and had reached the other cor ner, but the father still sat with hi face turned to the window. Was h asleep? Did he not know that th hand he clasped in his was dead Yes, he knew it, indeed. He had fel the pulse stop. He felt the han growing cold, but he dared not look he dared not stir. His little Blanch was dead. What was he thinking o as he sat with his brow set and h body motionless? Had grief robbe him of sense? Was he unconsciou and dreaming of happiness no passed? No, he was quite consciou He had expected the little life that wa all the world to him to go that nigh It had gone, and now he was realling his loss. He was running over his mind all her words, all her habit all, in fact, that he knew of her. I was talking again to her in the li rary. He was listening to her prattl She was asking him again to ble her. Then he remembered that the must be a funeral. Where? At t church? Should he not take her t in his arms, and go and bury her his own woods, where he might dally and mourn over her grave ould she be buried in the church yard, the place of all places that never passed through? No, the could not be. Then there rushed up him a flood of old memories. H years before, he had stood beside little sister's grave, while the pri had blessed it, and there had be white flowers put upon the sod, and had said that she had gone straight Heaven. Yes, he would like peo to say that of his little Blanch And-stronger reason still-Blan herself would have liked it. Yes, must be buried in the churchya She must be looked on with kine eyes by the country people. Wh was, his little girl should be thought an outcast and a sinn So he wandered on in thought, e sitting quite still, until the rays morning began to glimmer and moonlight began to fade. Then rose heavily, took one long look at little form on the bed, kissed the brow, and with teeth clenched to

round. It was a great subject of for all the villagers that the atl daughter was dead and was goin be buried in the churchyard. C dren had endless questions to their mothers about the bad m daughter. "Was she a terrible hunchback?" "Had the devil and carried her straight off to he " Had the athée murdered ber. haps?" Some good old Br mothers, quite as ignorant as children, were not at all sure something of the kind had not pened. Others took a middle co and told the inquirers that the dead girl had had such a bad be ing up that she could not but be ut that a great part of it was no fault. While others again of more enlightened sort said that had no doubt that the little thing gone straight to Heaven, as she been too young to do any harm. view was backed up by some or little peasant lads, who said that had caught sight of the athée's de ter plucking flowers one day, and she had locked "quite good and like other little girls." So with stout supporters, and the favo the neighborhood to boot, little Bi became quite well known and by all the country side. That sh been quite good was soon gen admitted. In fact, she had dicause God did not want her to b an atheist like her father. On thing was still considered quite bable-that her father had kille and they thought that the gend ought to be sent to investigat

the rising sobs, walked out of

The news of Blanche's death a

So when the day of the funeral all the little folk of the country astir, and were awaiting at distance from the dark woods château to meet the little funer tege. They had heard from Curé that the athée was not to b (as they had expected he would their own reasons) So they lowed close upon the single accompanied as it otherwise was by one or two grim-looking hire ants. So Blanche, closed up narrow box, was surrounded first time by a crowd of symp little friends, who little knew i