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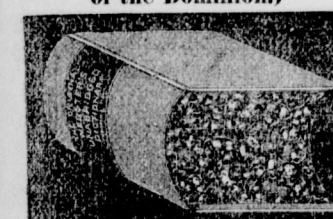
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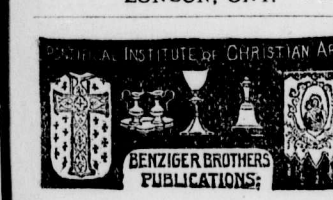
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Palm Sunday.

# SPIRIT OF HOLY WEEK.

Think diligently upon him that endured such opposition from sinners against Himself. (Feb. xii. 3.)

The week which we this Sunday enter upon, my dear brethren, is called Holy Week; and of all the many sacred seasons which the Church has set apart, this is by far the most solemn and sacred. Everything which it is within the power of external rites and ceremonies to do has been done by the Church in these services, in order to bring home to her children the great lesson which this holy season should teach. And while it is true that the Church has not made attendance obligatory under pain of mortal sin, yet it would argue a very poor and ungrateful spirit, and one but little in accordance with that of the Church, if any one should without good reason neglect to be present.

Now, what is the truth which these services have it for their object to impress upon our minds? No other than that fundamental, distinctive truth—the Passion and death of Christ, its reason and effects. The Church this week excludes from commemoration everything else, and applies herself exclusively to tracing the steps of her Lord and Founder from His entry into Jerusalem in the midst of acclamations and rejoicings, to the entombment of His dead and blood-stained body in the sepulchre of Joseph of Arimathea. Now, every one must have necessarily has, in these events, the greatest interest—an interest which surpasses every other.

And, first, as to those who are in the habit of going frequently to the sacraments, who understand their great value, and find in these means of grace their chief consolation in the midst of the troubles and cares which surround them. For these the commemoration of the Passion and death of Christ cannot but be profitable. The author of "The Following of Christ" tells us that we ought not to consider so much the gift of the lover as the love of the giver. And we all know that we esteem the trifling present made by a dear friend more than much more costly things which we have ourselves bought or earned. Now, the sacraments are not merely inestimable treasures in themselves; they are also tokens and pledges of the love of Him who instituted them, bought by Him at the cost of His own most Precious Blood, given to us to show us His love to us. Every time a man goes to confession, every time he receives Holy Communion, he is receiving that which was instituted and established and bestowed upon him out of love; and if he wishes to know how great that love was he ought to have a lively sense of what it cost our Lord to merit those graces for us—namely, His bitter Passion and death.

But there are many who neglect the sacraments, who come to them but seldom, perhaps only to their Easter Communion; perhaps not even to that. What is to be thought of those who act in this way? Certainly, however smart and keen and intelligent they may be, or fancy themselves to be, in lower matters which are nearer to them and fall beneath their senses—in money-getting, in trade, in art, in literature—such men show but little sense and understanding about things which are of real importance and value. In what way may these duller and obtuser minds learn to appreciate the higher things? Certainly the price given for a thing by a prudent man is a good means of learning what it is worth. Now, if those who neglect the sacraments, who make but little of them, would during this week apply themselves to the consideration of the price paid by our Lord for those sacraments, I have but little doubt that they would be led to form a truer notion of their value and importance.

I wish I could conclude without alluding to another class which, though I trust it is not numerous, yet does exist—I mean those who do not neglect the sacraments, but those who do worse: who profane them. Those who make bad confessions, who conceal mortal sins, who have no sorrow for their sins and no purpose of amendment, who make the infinite mercy and goodness of God a reason and pretext for wallowing in vice and sin—what shall be said of these? We know that our Lord is reigning now gloriously in heaven; that nothing which we can do can cause Him loss or pain; yet it is also true that those who act in this way do all that lies in their power to trample under foot that Precious Blood which was shed for them. But while there is life there is hope, and if even those wretched souls of this week to meditation on the Passion of our Lord they might form a just estimate of what their souls cost our Lord, and turn to Him while there is yet time.

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# LADY JANE.

CHAPTER XXXII.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

It was Christmas evening, and Mrs. Lanier's beautiful house was bright with lights and flowers, and merry with music and laughter.

There were, besides the little Laniers and Lady Jane, a dozen children or more, who had been invited to see the wonderful Christmas-tree, which Mr. and Mrs. Lanier and Arthur Maynard had spent a good part of the day in decorating. It stood at one end of the drawing-room, and its broad branches were fairly bending beneath the treasures heaped upon them. It glowed and sparkled with the light of a hundred wax candles, reflected over and over by innumerable brilliant objects until it seemed like Moses's burning bush, all fire and flame; and amid this radiant mass of color and light were the most beautiful gifts for every member of the family, as well as for the happy little visitors. But the object which attracted the most curiosity and interest was a large basket standing at the foot of the tree.

"Whom is that basket for, papa?" asked Ethel Lanier of her father, who was unfastening and distributing the presents.

"We shall see presently, my dear," replied Mr. Lanier, glancing at Lady Jane, who stood, a radiant little figure, beside Arthur Maynard, watching every movement with sparkling eyes and dimpling smiles.

At last, with a great deal of difficulty, the basket was untied, and Mr. Lanier read in a loud, distinct voice from a card attached to it, "For Lady Jane Churchill. With Arthur Maynard's love and good wishes."

"There, I thought it was for Lady Jane," cried Ethel delightedly. "I know it's something lovely."

Mr. Lanier, with no little ceremony, handed the basket to Arthur, who took it and gave it to Lady Jane with a low bow.

"I hope you will like my present," he said, smiling brightly, while he helped the wondering child untie the strings that fastened the cover.

Her little face was a study of mingled curiosity and expectancy, and her eyes sparkled with eagerness as she bent over the basket.

"It's so large. What can it be?" Oh, oh! It's Tony!" she cried, as the cover was lifted, and the bird hopped gravely out and stood on one leg, winking and blinking in the dazzling light.

"It's Tony! dear, dear Tony!" and in an instant she was on her knees hugging and kissing the bird passionately.

"I told you I would find him for you," whispered Arthur, bending over her, almost as happy as she.

"And you knew him by the three little crosses, didn't you? Oh, you're so good, and I thank you so much," she said, lifting her lovely, grateful eyes to the boy's face. She was smiling, but a tear glistened on her lashes.

"What a darling she is!" said Mrs. Lanier fondly. "Isn't it pretty to see her with the bird? Really it is an exquisite picture."

She was like an anxious mother over a child that had just been restored to her. "You know me, Tony, don't you? And you're glad to see me?" she asked, over and over, while she stroked his feathers and caressed him in the tenderest way.

"Do you think he remembers you, Lady Jane?" asked Mr. Lanier, who was watching her with a smile of amusement.

"Oh yes, I know he does: Tony couldn't forget me. I'm sure he'll come to me if I call him."

"Please try him. Oh, do try him!" cried Ethel and May.

Mr. Lanier took the bird and placed him behind a chair at the extreme end of the room, where he stood gravely blinking and nodding, but the moment he heard Lady Jane's little chirp, and "Tony, Tony," he ran fluttering to her and nestled close against her.

Every one was pleased with this exhibition of the bird's intelligence, and the children were quite wild over the new acquisition. The other presents were forgotten for the moment, and they could do nothing but watch every movement with admiration and wonder.

To Lady Jane the recovery of her lost treasure was the crowning point of happiness, and she consented reluctantly to leave him alone in the conservatory, where he was to spend the night, and where he looked very comfortable, as well as picturesque, standing on one leg under a large palm.

"Doesn't she dance like a little fairy!" said Arthur admiringly to Mrs. Lanier, as they stood, a little later, watching the children dancing.

"Yes, she is very graceful and altogether charming," replied Mrs. Lanier. "It is delightful to see her so happy after all she has suffered."

"I don't imagine she will care half as much for her rich grandfather as she does for Tony," returned Arthur. "You see she's acquainted with Tony, and she isn't acquainted with her grandfather. I hope he'll be decent to her," he added anxiously.

"It is almost time for him to be here," said Mrs. Lanier, glancing at the clock. "Mr. Lanier will meet him at the station and bring him here, if he will accept our hospitality. I'll confess I'm filled with consternation. He used to be such a stern, cold man; he never even softened to Jane's young friends; he was polite and kind, but never genial, and I dare say he has quite forgotten me. It's a trial for me to meet him with this awful mystery hanging over Jane's last days. Oh, I hope he will take kindly to the child! He idolized her mother before she thwarted his plans, and now I should

think his remorse would be terrible, and that he would do everything to atone for his unkindness."

"I have faith in Lady Jane," laughed Arthur. "It must be a hard heart to withstand her winning ways. I'll wager before a week that the old millionaire will be her devoted slave."

Just at that moment a servant entered, and handed Mrs. Lanier a card. "It is Mr. Chetwynd," she said to Arthur. "They have come; he is in the library, and Mr. Lanier asks me to bring the child."

A few moments later, Mrs. Lanier led Lady Jane into the room where Richard Chetwynd waited to receive her. He was a tall, pale man, with deep, piercing eyes, and firmly closed lips, which gave character to a face that did not lack kindness of expression. As she advanced a little constrainedly, holding the child by the hand, he came forward to meet her with an air of friendly interest.

"Perhaps you have forgotten me, Mrs. Lanier," he said, cordially extending his hand, "but I remember you, although it is some time ago that you used to dine with my daughter in Gramercy Park."

"Oh no, I have not forgotten you, Mr. Chetwynd; but I hardly expected you to recall me among all Jane's young friends."

"I do. I do perfectly," he replied, with his eyes fixed on Lady Jane, who clung to Mrs. Lanier and looked at the tall, grave stranger with timid scrutiny.

Then he held out his hand to the child. "And this is Jane Chetwynd's daughter. There is no doubt of it. She is the image of her mother," he said in a low, restrained voice. "I was not prepared to see such a living proof. She is my little Jane—as she was when a child—my little Jane—my darling! Mrs. Lanier, will you excuse me—the sight of her has quite unnerved me;" and suddenly sinking into a chair he pressed the child to his heart and hid his face on her bright golden head.

What passed between Lady Jane and her grandfather, Mr. and Mrs. Lanier never knew, for they slipped quietly out of the room, and left the cold, stern man alone with the last of his family—the child of that idolized but disobedient daughter, who had caused him untold sorrow, and whom he had never forgiven until that moment, when he held in his arms, close to his heart, the child, her living image.

It was some time before Mr. Chetwynd appeared, and when he did he was as cold and self-possessed as if he had never felt a thrill of emotion, or shed a tear of sorrow on the pretty head of the child, who held his hand, and prattled as freely and confidently as though she had known him always.

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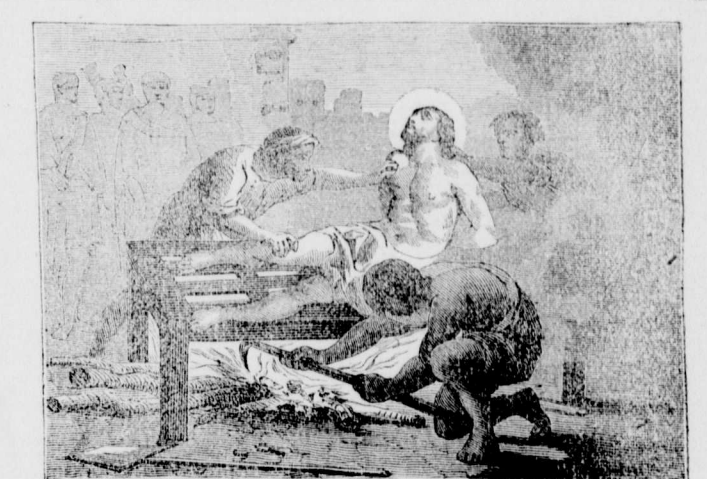
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