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THE ROBE OF JUSTICE.

My dear brethren: The Gospel of this Sunday is a parable intended to impress upon our minds the great truth that God has called each and every one of us to the marriage feast of His eternal Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The bride is the Church established on earth. Each one of us is called to be present at this feast. Each one of us has accepted that call. Hosts of others who have remained outside His Church have failed to accept that call and invitation. Of these the Gospel declares they are unworthy. Of ourselves what does it say? "The wedding was filled with guests." After they had gathered together both bad and good, "the King went in to see the guests, and He saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment."

We are then present at the feast. We form a part of the great crowd of good and bad who are there. The King is at hand, Almighty God the Eternal Father, whose all-seeing eye penetrates even the inmost thoughts of every heart. He comes. He is here. That all-reaching eye is penetrating into the depths of our souls. He wants to find out if all is ready for the presence of His Son before He will permit Him to enter and be present in our midst. Are we adorned properly to meet that Son? Has each one of us been careful to come clothed in the wedding garment? If so, then we are all ready for His approval, to rejoice with Him in this time of His eternal union and marriage with His Church, His spotless bride.

But is each one of us clothed in that wedding garment? Each one is baptized and has received upon his soul the character of our Lord Jesus Christ, whereby we were made the sons of God and have secured a right to an invitation to this wedding-feast. But this is not all. This wedding garment must not only be of God's making, but it must at least be clean, white and spotless. It must also be shining with the glories of the virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity, be perfumed with the odors of sanctifying grace. The soul of him who wears it must be unstained by mortal sin. How many of us can say we are now ready for the approach of the King's Son, and clothed in a manner suitable to all that is required to be present at His marriage?

Again, at this marriage we are expected to rejoice with the bridegroom. Can any one rejoice with a bridegroom unless he is a friend and in sympathy with him? Unless he have the same spirit within him which the occasion requires? It is simply impossible if our feelings are not one with His on such an occasion.

Have we, then, that spirit? If we have, we are filled and moved by the Spirit of God at this moment. His Holy Spirit is in our hearts, uniting us to Him as our Eternal Father and claiming for us the rights of His children. The seven gifts of the Holy Ghost are ours, and all the virtues of heavenly beings are present within us, as least in some degree. Then, His have the spirit of the bride also, His object of our affections. Her spirit is also our spirit, and with her we love most devotedly her Bridegroom and all whom He loves. We serve, obey her, and follow her least directions. We are anxious even to anticipate her wishes and oppose all who oppose her, even to death for her sake.

But if we have not this spirit there is but one other to possess our minds—the spirit of the seven capital sins, of pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy and sloth. If our souls are possessed of this spirit our wedding garment has been thrown off and we are worse off than was the man who had none, for the garment made by God and given to us in order that we might be suitably adorned for the marriage of His Son has been soiled and bedraggled with the mire of sin, and in that costume we have come to the marriage.

To many of us, my dear brethren, the call to go to God, to be present at the eternal rejoicing of His Son in heaven, will be as sudden, and more so, than the questions that have been asked to-day. It will then be too late to answer. If, then, we have on the glorious wedding garment, we shall rejoice for ever with the King's Son. If not, we shall then be cast out where there shall be only wailing and gnashing of teeth for ever.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Make Your Mark.

Because you are without money, friends and talents, it does not follow that you are of no account in the world. Each school-boy knows that Lincoln was a poor boy, that Grant was nobody in particular until the late war gave him his opportunity, that Livingston, the great African explorer, was a poor weaver boy, and Burns a plough-boy. Application, industry and honesty were the magic keys that opened to them the doors of success. Others with friends, money and matchless talents, started in the race also, but came to naught because they lacked one thing—an unalterable determination to succeed. Like many boys of today, they said, "I can't" and "I won't" instead of "I can" and "I will." You cannot make your mark in a day, you cannot achieve success at a bound, some men have apparently done so but in reality it was the work of years which had been patiently waiting its sure reward. In a word, it is the patient endeavor and faithful work of every day which enables a man to make his mark.

A Catholic Boy's Triumph.

The Christian Brothers of Memphis, Tenn., are pretty proud of Raymond Monogue, one of their students. Some time ago Colonel William Carroll, one of Tennessee's most popular attorneys, who has taken a deep interest in the work necessary for a constitutional convention, offered a prize of \$100 to any pupil in a Tennessee public school who would prepare the best essay on the needs of a constitution. The judges selected were among the most competent in the State, President Maurelian of the Brothers' College, General Gordon, superintendent of public schools, and Mr. Bolton Smith, a scholarly lawyer. The competition was lively and essays poured in from all sections of the State, penned by the brightest and most promising youths. The judges were unanimous in naming Raymond Monogue the winner. He is in his eighteenth year and will graduate in the class of '07.—Father Mathew Herald.

Habit.

What is "habit"? According to Webster it has the same meaning as custom, "a frequent repetition of the same act." When the act is good, the repetition forms a good habit, and bad habits are the repetition of evil acts. Bacon says, "Since custom is the principal magistrate of man's life, let men by all means endeavor to obtain good custom. Certainly, custom is most perfect when it beginneth in young years; this we call education, which is, in effect, but an early custom." How may good habits be fostered in youth? Not only by the avoidance of evil, but by the cultivation of good. Christian perfection demands active goodness rather than passive sinlessness.

The evening examination of conscience must be rigidly severe. No matter what advice we hear, what examples we see, we shall not advance to perfection unless we sternly judge ourselves. Each one the best knows his own nature. After the first half of the Confiteor, following the words "I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed, through my fault," we are taught to pause a while for reflection upon our faults. This pause should recall every wrong word, thought and act of the day, and every lost opportunity of doing good—sins of commission and sins of omission. The every-day examination of conscience, if properly severe, is the surest eradicator of habitual faults, the best inculcator of good habits. "To-morrow I must not commit this fault: I now perceive that I am inclined to make a custom of it; to-morrow, with God's help, I resolve to do such and such a good thing which I have hitherto neglected. The good may be small, but it is not trivial, but impartial self-judgment helps tiny bits of goodness to grow into great virtues and prevents petty faults from developing into habitual sins. The grace of a good confession is the first blessing of this rigid examination: its long recompense is a life of good habits—a perfect Christian life; its last and best reward a happy Christian death.—Standard and Times.

A Little Comforter.

She had borne up under the "waves and billows" of sorrow, to the surprise of all who heard not, as she heard, "It is I, be not afraid." But one day she seemed alone in her grief. The voice of the Comforter had such a far-off sound that her heart did not respond, as was its wont. "Even so, Father," she cried in bitterness of soul, "I cannot bear it! I cannot!" and burying her face in her hands she sobbed aloud. But presently she felt an arm about her neck and heard in loving tone, "I'm so sorry for you, aunty."

The unexpected words of sympathy increased the sobs for a time, and then half ashamed that the child, above all others, should have seen her so overcome, she tried to smile through her tears, saying, "I am weak as if I do, darling, but it seems to me as if I cannot bear my grief any longer."

The child, evidently at a loss for words, lovingly patted the tear stained face a moment, and then she picked up a tiny rubber band, through which she put her little hands and, childlike, stretched it back and forth until a happy thought seemed to strike her, and she said sweetly, "See aunty, how I see it with the rubber: I stretch it until I do it won't bear any more without breaking, and then I let up on it. Say, don't you think, aunty, God does

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Catholic Columbian.

Often young men say: "O, that's a little thing—I can't bother with trifles." But nothing is little that leads to big results, so little developments of manners, little ways of speech, little modes of dress, little details in business, little bits of knowledge, little offenses against health, little habits of life, little traits of character—all these are of vital importance in the long run.

Little Things.

That one whose life is fully occupied will necessarily find a number of "little things" to do, and, indeed, the most that we can do to help others is precisely in the performance of the minor offices of life. Few of us have the means, or the opportunity, of bestowing great favors, but there is no one who cannot find opportunity for granting small ones, and he is a great benefactor who willingly aids his fellowmen according to his means and opportunities, be they great and frequent, or small and few; for it is the disposition in which the favor is done, not its size or frequency, that gives its chief value to it. And when something is to be done, some business affair to be carried on, some professional matter to be attended to, no single detail should be forgotten; for a seemingly insignificant circumstance may turn out to be of serious import. That far-famed lawyer, the late Charles O'Connor, used to think out every possible detail, not only of his own side of the case, but also of the other side; so that he was prepared for every attack. And indeed, it was a part of him that, frequently, when his opponent had finished, Mr. O'Connor could still give him points.

Amid the intricacies of a diagnosis, what least symptom can the physician afford to leave unconsidered? Hence the excellence of providing skilled nurses who note down everything that takes place in the doctor's absence and can therefore keep him informed of the vagaries, as well as of the steady march of the disease. Listening to the recitals of their experience, we are astonished at the number of instances in which business men point to their attention to small matters as the cornerstone of their success. If young people, in their intercourse with each other, would only omit the "little familiarities" which are so often permitted, but might better be left out of the programme of their lives, they would preserve their self respect and lessen the number of regrets in after days.

If parents and guardians would only notice the straws that show which way the wind blows, they might prevent the hurricanes that sometimes lift young men and young women off their feet and out of the path of rectitude into the path of vice.

"I want to do something great, to accomplish some grand achievement," says the young man, and meantime he neglects the little beginnings which lead to such results and are essential to their achievement. "It's so like a boy to do so. It's so like a girl. It's so like a young man or a young woman to act that way." Thus foolishly fond parents and thoughtless friends exclaim, adding: "They have no harm in it." Fiddle sticks! They are not acting as a boy, or girl, or young man, or young woman ought to act, and so they are seeking evil, and it will be a great mercy if they escape it. These little beginnings of evil must be resisted.

"Was only a little word, quick spoken but sharp and cutting, hurled at a dear old aunt, or, perhaps, grand mother; nay, not infrequently at mother or father. 'I didn't mean it,' you afterwards explain. But, if your heart was full of the right sort of spirit, would you have uttered it? Mind your 'little words' hereafter.

The Profession of Engineering.

In the official report of the Lawrence Scientific School in Harvard University, made by Charles H. Manning, L. B., there is information concerning the present condition of the engineering department of that institution. It is exceedingly encouraging for the department. Better buildings have been provided for it; its equipment has been greatly improved, and it is now well supplied with the best modern apparatus. Its body of instructors has been increased to sixteen, and the students in its classes number 146. A courses in mechanical engineering was established four years ago, and the course in civil and electrical engineering were remodelled; and all of them were arranged as regular four year courses. Under the head of engineering there are forty-four subjects of study for the members of the classes. The Rogers building has been fitted up for engineering experiments and tests of a general nature. The lower floor is for machinery, and two floors, put in for lecturing and draughting purposes, are occupied by advanced students. The results have been most advan-

tagous. The graduates of the engineering department are as thoroughly trained for the performance of the duties of their profession as those of any other institution of the kind in the United States.

The report makes reference to the remarkable increase in the number of students in the department. Until seven years ago the department was nothing more than a name; now it has large and studious classes, and is an important feature of the Lawrence Scientific school. It is one of the many evidences of the widespread desire that exists among young men for a thorough training as civil and mechanical engineers. The profession is one of high importance to the interests of the country, and one that has proved to be unusually profitable to its practitioners. Among their successful institutions in which engineers are fitted for their profession may be named the College of Civil Engineering at Cornell University, the Sheffield Scientific school at Yale, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, the Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston. There are also engineering departments of lesser importance in some of the Western colleges.

Instances of success in life among the men who had been graduated from these institutions are numerous. Of the alumni of the institution, 386 in number, 95 per cent., were reported as well placed in life, and more than one-half as highly placed within three or four years after they had passed through their period of training. Of the alumni of another similar institution, 1,070 in number, the report was not less satisfactory. Of the alumni of nearly all the institutions named above there were reports nearly as favorable. In truth, it would seem that there is hardly any, if there is any, branch of knowledge that offers better rewards than this one. The graduate in engineering who is a serious thinker and an expert worker may be said to have success at his command.

This is an age of mechanism, and the business of mechanical engineering offers uncommon opportunities to experts, for whom there is a large and steady demand, which grows larger every year. We hear complaints that the profession of law, and that of medicine, and that of theology, are crowded, and we hear the same from some of the ordinary trades; but we have heard no such complaint from the ranks of the men who are skilled in the principles and practice of civil or mechanical engineering.

Popular and Powerful.

It is easier to be popular than powerful. The two can go together. In fact, the most powerful men are popular. Men heartily respect and generously love men, who have dominant force, men who can do things in the spiritual world as well as the physical, men who force things to a crisis, crowd to decision and lead others to a self-abnegating life of service. The great body of young men will follow a leader with power; they possess a nicety of discernment which recognizes genuine balanced manhood, and honors it. They have little respect for a "trimmer" or a talker who has but a mouth acquaintance with big truths, and themes and may only entertain, amuse and perhaps inform. The temptation before men is to seek to be popular rather than to powerfully affect men's lives for righteousness.

Chat by the Way.

To learn to be courteous without being complaisant, study a bank cashier. A son is surprised sometimes, when his father unbends a little, to find what a good fellow the old man really is. The life of a true man cannot be a life of mere pleasure; it must be above all things, a life of duty.

Brooding over trouble is like surrounding oneself with a fog—it magnifies all the objects seen through it. Occupation of the mind prevents this. When you go into politics give your character to the devil and your pocket-book to your wife. When you come to your senses after a while you may by this means save something.

Every man really consists of three individuals—himself as he sees himself, himself as others see him, and himself as he really is. From the very nature of things no man can tell which of this trinity of selves is the best.

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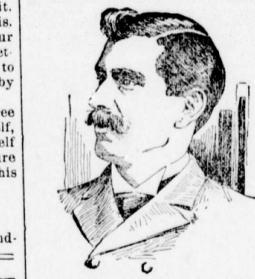
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A KINGSTON MERCHANT Tells of His Release From the Pains of Rheumatism.—It Had Afflicted Him for Upwards of Ten Years and Many Remedies Were Tried in Vain.—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Effected His Release.

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