

ally on to spiritual blindness and indifference. Denial of a personal devil is, usually, the first step; then disbelief in eternal punishment. They may admit that the great and good will live forever, but they will proclaim the extinction, at death, of the sinner. Now, our Lord, in His description of the judgment day, meets and refutes this most illogical and mischievous error, for He says:—"And these (the wicked) shall go into everlasting punishment; but the just into life everlasting." The suffering of the former is as enduring as the happiness of the latter. (46). But that punishment was not made for them, nor they for it. The Kingdom of Heaven was "prepared from the foundation of the world" for man; hell "was prepared for the devil and his angels," and only by reason of culpable disobedience and misuse of grace and opportunities, will any man be condemned thereto. That some will be in this category the words of Christ leave no room for doubt; how many, or who they will be, no one, except in general terms, dare assert. Let us all, however, be on our guard against the pernicious error of disbelief in the existence of a spirit of evil that can, and does tempt us to sin, and of a place of eternal punishment for the wicked after death. "Let us," in the words of a great and holy writer, "descend frequently to hell whilst living (that is by reflecting on it) so that we may not be condemned to it when dead."

Grace and peace be with you all, dear Brethren.

By virtue of faculties received from the Holy See, we grant the same dispensations in the Lenten Fast and Abstinence as last year. The Rules, therefore will be the same. We earnestly exhort the Faithful to compensate this indulgence of the Apostolic See by alms and good works, and by an avoidance, during