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During a yellow fever... New Orleans, in the days... doctors had agreed that...

"This young lady has... It is not contagious. N... take it from her; and...

"By his great power... strong magnetic power... comb," Dr. Cartwright...

"Most people are afr... narrow place high abo... that same narrow spa...

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THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON.

First Sunday of Advent. PENANCE. "When you shall see these things come to pass, know that the kingdom of God is at hand."

It may seem strange to some that the seasons which precede the celebration of the great festivals of Christmas and Easter, festivals of great joy as they are, should be ordered by the Church to be kept as seasons of penance.

If the Church calls us to penance at these seasons it is because penance is the necessary means of obtaining divine peace and joy, and when we are so to speak, at one with God, and free from the slavery of the kingdom of Satan, then our daily prayer answered, "Our Father who art in heaven, Thy Kingdom come!"

How does penance prepare one for such a state of exalted purity, of spiritual peace and joy? By removing all obstacles which stand in the way of the reign of God in our souls.

Then so many of us can never hope to get purify of spirit and feel ourselves fit for the true friendship of God unless we make war, so to speak, upon our spirit, upon our self-conceit, our self-love, and our self-will.

Here is a good chance to do penance in order to keep the spirit pure and humble. Restrain the curiosity of your mind. Read only what is fit to be read by the children of the kingdom of God.

Has it ever occurred to you, how difficult it is to purchase a Catholic paper, book or periodical from any of our public news stands? Step up and look over the glaring array of motley colored books offered for sale at any newsstand and see how many Catholic authors are to be found among them.

He alone is happy who has learned to extract happiness, not from ideal conditions, but from the actual ones about him.

STATES FOR THE HOMELESS.

STORY OF FATHER DEMPSEY'S RE MARKABLE WORK IN ST. LOUIS. Catholic Universe

Two or three inquiries received from readers interested in the work done for homeless men in St. Louis by Rev. Timothy Dempsey, make opportune the following excerpts from an account of this charity which recently appeared in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat:

Father Dempsey has taken it upon himself to better the condition of the poor workman. He has worked out a plan which was under consideration for many years before it was put into execution. His idea has been tried before, but without much success.

There is an air of home about these hotels which attracts the lonely man. Two hundred and thirty six were housed in the Carr street house one night recently and six were turned away and directed to other quarters.

Father Dempsey maintains two hotels, as he calls them, for working men without homes. These hotels are his charity headquarters, and are the principal field for his work.

Father Dempsey says that most of the men who come to him for help and who stay at his hotels for a night want work. He doesn't know the word "tramp."

THE MEN AT HOME. In the first place a clean bed with two sheets is given. The man, if he so wishes, can shine his shoes in the morning free of charge. He has a locker, well ventilated, to which he is given a key, and where he may store his things if he is a regular lodger.

"I can generally find work for the men," he said the other day; "they don't know where to go for it. I have put myself in touch with employers who know and take the men I recommend. I have found that the happiest moment of this class of applicants is the moment when they hear that I am going to get them a job. They want to work badly. They want to be of some use in the world."

"I wish to correct that roving disposition. It is what drags a certain class of men to the bottom of the social ladder as I have found by experience. I try to create a love of home in them and to put them with men of their own kind, where they may make friends and not feel like changing their location every year or six months. I say I will give you a home. My hotels have all the advantages of a home."

Father Dempsey assured me that he had yet to learn of a quarrel among them. There had as yet been no arrests made from his hotels. There had been nothing stolen since last January, when two suits of clothes had been taken away by a transient boarder.

Well-penned letters that showed their temporary distress was through no fault of incapacity to make a living, and that they were not idle from laziness, often come to him. Father Dempsey remarked that one fellow especially wrote him a letter very

often and its contents and style were "classic." "The man was simply down for a while," he explained. "I gave him a little boot and he did the rest. He is making a fair income now despite a disengagement."

As the present time Father Dempsey is able to accommodate two hundred and fifty men at all times. In the autumn the number of applicants increases and the first cold weather generally fills up his entire wardrobe of beds. This winter he has provided against an over-crowded house by the installation of about a hundred new white sheet and pillow slips.

Father Dempsey is a close newspaper reader, and is up on current events. He looks for wretchedness in police reports and when brawls are recorded in the daily press.

FATHER MATURIN AN IRISHMAN.

An Irish exchange has the following interesting note about Father Maturin, whose conversion to the Church some years ago was widely noted:

It may not be generally known to your readers that Father Maturin is an Irishman, having been born in Dublin, and having graduated in Divinity at Maynooth. He is a most distinguished career, as an Anglican clergyman, embracing such different spheres of action as the Established Church in rural England, a long residence in Capetown and in Philadelphia, and a missionary career among the well known Cowley Fathers, he at length found the truth in the one true Church about a dozen years ago.

THE WRECKED IN HARBOR. The sky made a whip of the wind, and lashed the sea into foam. And the low blowing gale tore the flags and the sails of the ship that were plunging into the black and billowy deep.

Oh, wrecks by the black seas tossed. In the desolate ocean nights! Lost, lost, in the darkness! Lost in sight of the harbor lights!

Oh, wrecks by the black seas tossed. In the desolate ocean nights! Lost, lost, in the darkness! Lost in sight of the harbor lights!

Oh, ship of my soul, storm tossed. In the far and the fearful nights. Lost, lost, in the blackness! Lost in sight of the harbor lights!

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