

thout the soul."—(St. James, xi. 26.) Hence the same apostle exhorts us to be doers of the Word, and not hearers only: for if a man be a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he shall be compared to a man beholding his own countenance in a glass, for he beheld himself and went on his way, and forgot what manner of man he was. But he that has looked into the perfect law of liberty and has continued therein, not becoming a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed.—(James 1; 22, 23, 24, 25.) We must therefore strive to make our call and election sure. "Wherefore, brethren," says St. Peter (2d Ep. i. 10.), "labour the more, that by good works you may make sure your calling and election." The glory and the happiness of heaven are for those who labour to obtain them. "The kingdom of heaven," says our Divine Master, "suffereth violence, and the violent shall enter it away."—(Matt. xi. 12). We must constantly strive to enter in by the narrow gate. We must walk courageously and perseveringly on the narrow thorny way of virtue, for it alone leads up to the mountain of God's happiness. But the idle and negligent Christians, as well as the positively wicked and depraved, are lounging along the broad road that leads into the gulf of endless perdition. The foolish virgins were excluded from the marriage feast because they had no oil in their lamps. The guest at the king's supper was cast out into exterior darkness because he had not on the wedding garment. The man who buried his talent until his Lord's return was condemned, because he had not put it to profit. The barren tree was cursed by Divine lips because it had no figs on it, and so the negligent Christian, the merely nominal Catholic shall never enter the joys of heaven, which are the reward of virtue and merit. May our merciful God then grant you, dearly beloved brethren, the grace to work out your sublime vocation, "for you are a chosen generation, a kingly priesthood, a holy nation, a pur-

chased people: that he called you out of darkness into light." (1. l.p., xi. 9.) Be ye faithful to Jesus Christ on earth, and His church triumphs because your adversaries are about seeking whom they may destroy, strong in the faith. He called us into his eternal life, and we have suffered a little for you, and establish you ever and ever, amen.

The grace of our

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By order of His Lordship
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