

Stone in giving the great mission now in progress. Before we go further we must present our readers with a brief

### SKETCH OF FATHER FIDELIS.

He is a young priest—a convert, formerly a member of the Paulists' community—now a Passionist. In the world, Father Fidelis was James Kent Stone, a son of the Rev. Dr. Stone of Boston, now at the head of the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Cambridge Mass. Kent Stone graduated, with honors, from Harvard, a member of the class of '61. He was immediately offered the Professorship of Latin in Kenyon College, and at the age of 26 he became President of that institution. While there he studied theology with Bishop Mellvaine of Ohio, with a view to becoming an Episcopal clergyman. In 1869 he accepted the Presidency of Hobart College, in Geneva in this State. ~~He was always a ritualist, and he became at length a convert to Catholicism.~~ He took holy orders as a Catholic priest and was for some years a member of the "Congregation of St. Paul" (Paulists), then joined the Austere Order of Passionist. He is the author of one or more Catholic books, is greatly endowed with natural gifts, as a pulpit orator and is noted for an humble, pious, sweet bearing, approachable alike by the poorest and humblest, as well as by those of higher worldly station. Father Fidelis has been constantly engaged in the duties of the mission at St. James every day for the past two weeks. He has preached several times.

### HIS SERMON ON THE ANNUNCIATION,

Last Monday, "Our Lady's Day," excited great emotion among the congregation. His first words were, "Wonderful story!" and then he proceeded, depicting the sublime events of the Annunciation and all that followed it. "An angel of God appeared to this fifteen-year old maiden of Nazareth, to announce, what?" And then he depicted the meaning of the Incarnation and Crucifixion of our Lord. The Blessed Virgin, stood at the foot of the Cross transfixed. Her companion had fainted; Mary Magdalen lay prostrate, but the Blessed

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