## THE CATHOLIC RECORD

FIVE . MINUTES' SERMON.

Fifth Sunday After Easter.

EFFICACY OF PRAYER.

"Ask and you shall receive." (John 16 23

In the O.d Testament God speaks

Hence, prayer is the money with

which we can buy everything from God. Prayer, St. Augustine says, is

the golden key of Heaven with which

we can obtain the treasures of divine mercy. It is, says St. Chrysostom, the irresistible weapon with which at

all times, we can overcome the enemy of our salvation. It is, says St. Ber

nard, the melodious harp, the delight-ful strains of which pacify the angen

of God and expel the spirit of dark-ness. The emperor Theodosius being

very angry on one occasion, on ac-count of an insult offered to the em-

press, resolved to destroy the city of Antioch. Flavian, the Bishop of the

city, sent to the king's palace a number

of well trained boys who at table en-tertained him with the most delightful

song. The emperor being moved with

the enchanting strains, his anger van-

iehed and he forgave the rebellious city. Baloved Christians, far greater

power than these touching songs had

King Manasses of Juda, who was in the beginning so reckless and Godless

but afterwards so humble and contrite

For, what, when suffering in a dark

dungeon in the Babylonian captivity,

opened the door, broke the chains,

gave him life, nay, even gave him

back his crown and scepter ? It was

naught but his humble, sincere and penitent prayer. "When he was in

prayed to the Lord his God : and did

enance exceedingly before the God of

his fathers. And he entreated him

and besought him earnestly : and He

heard his prayer and brought him again to Jerusalem into His kingdom,

and Manames knew that the Lord was God." (II. Par. 33, 12.)

If you desire further examples of the efficacy of prayer from Holy Scripture,

remember the patriarch Abraham who

by his humble prayer received a son

in his old age. Remember the pro-

three and a half years his daily food

who, sick unto death, by his prayer

received restoration of health and fif-

teen years of additional life. Remem

ber the leader Joshua at whose prayer

distress " says Holy Scripture,

16, 23)

#### Sacred Heart Review. THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CATHO-LIC CHURCH.

BY A PROTESTANT THEOLOGIAN.

CXXXVII.

I may be asked whether I am not somewhat imprudent in speaking so frankly of Methodists hopes of gaining eventual control of this country. I only wish I was. If Methodism could be irritated by remarks upon es of domination, there would be sch more hope of frustrating them. But and therefore perfectly aniable. I spoke frankly enough nineteen years ago, in the Bibliotnecs. Sacra, but I have never had the slightest reason to suppose that my remarks were thought to require notice, much less that they aroused any serious displeasure. A man who attacks Mathodism in this country is like that Roman knight under Tiberius who tried to run off to the Parthians. He was soon overtaken, but his attempt was viewed as

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so utterly futile that even that jealous emperor took no further notice of it. will therefore go on with some added illustrations, advertising my readers that I mean to pay just as much and just as little attention to facts and ofs as is usual in setting forth the designs of Rome upon Colambia's happy land. Not having an authentic

and reliable ghost at hand, let us do the best we can with a conspiracy. A clergyman who for a number of years held a leading Congregational storate in Michigau, assures me that all the patty offices in that State are held as a provision for superannuated Methodist ministers. It is no wonder, then, that a bill was brought up a few years ago in the Michigan legialature for removing crosses from all churches and burying grounds. However, as reflection showed that this would strike not only at the Catholics, but also at scopalians and Lutherans, and even more or less at the Congregationlists and Presbyterians, it proved too the united forces of much for even Methodist and Masonic fanaticism to carry through. If Michigan could set up for herself, she might very possibly pass such a law, but she is still a member of the American union.

The Michigan Conference, as the Tribune has pointed out, aiready be-gins to dictate politically. It has di-rected its ministers, if they would avoid severe official displeasure, to vote the Prohibition ticket. The next step will naturally be to express disby exputsion. The third pleasure would be to command the laity to join the same party on pain of excommuni-cation. Now the present writer has repeatedly voted the Prohibition ticket, but what man or minister that is worth his sait would consent to be dragooned into this by church control ? As the Tribune says, what an outcry there would be if the Catholic hierarchy of America took any such action. True, my late valued friend, Bishop Gilmour of Cleveland, was accused of acting in this way against the Republicans, and he did not deny it when I pleasantly taxed him with it in a letter. Yet I have never heard that the Bishops of his province, not to say of the whole ccun-

that only a few months ago a New Jersey statesman, addressing the Epworth League in New England, declared that the future of the United belongs to the Methodist Episco States belongs to the Mernoust Lpicob-pal church. Not to Christianity. Such a prospect would be dismal, for the Catholics, too, are Christians. Not to Protestantism, for that would in-

through the mouth of the prophet Isaias, "Venite et emite " "Come to Protestantism, for that would in-clude Unitarians and Universalists. Not even to evangelical Protestantism, for though I suppose this statesman would own that this would be better than nothing, he would evi-dentize than a time and very noand buy." How, you will ask, can we buy from God ? and with what kind of money shall we pay? Be at ease, God continues. "Come ye, buy .... God continues. "Come ye, buy .... without money and without any price." (Isalas, 55, 1.) I desire netther goid nor the value of gold; for "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." (Ps. 23, 1) " Ask, and it shall be given you : and any dently view it as a lame and very un satisfactory consummation. No: it is the Methodist Episcopal Church that entral iewel upon is to be the blazing the forehead of the New Jerusalen, more precious than the pearly gates, more resplendent than the apostolic tolic foundations, than topaz, amethyst or chrysoprase.

fullness thereot." (rs. 25, 1) and it shall be given you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you." (Matt. 7, 7.) "If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you." (John This gentleman has shown us that he was not thinking only or mainly of the ecclesiastical future of the United States. His illustrations were drawn not from the Church, but from the State. He dwells on President Grant's attachment to Methodism, and then on attachment to Methodism, and then on that of President Hayes, who, it is true, confined it strictly to matters of religion. I need not say that he exuits in the present reign, of a man who is not only a Methodist, but, as the other the present and a communiother two were not, a communi-cant and an active member. In-deed, it is said that Mr. McKinley was forced into the Spanish War, against his judgment and conscience

by the dictation of the Methodist ministers, which I do not in the least believe. Has the devil no servants in America except Methodist ministers, or are the body of Methodist ministers servants of the devil? It is plain that it was the Republican majority of Congress which, taking advantage of the President's notorious impressbility of will, forced him, per fas et nefas, into the war with Spain. I do not say that the war may not have been inevitable. The Tablet, Catholic as it is, consured us, months before, for hesitating. However, it was immediately the arro gant order of Congress addressed to the Queen of Spain, which brought on The Methodists may have the war. helped on the war, but they did not cause it. It is questionable whether that majority who commanded the

President to command the Queen to do what they knew that she could not do. could so much as have said the Lord's Prayer. No, do not let us put on Methodism more than bolongs to it. I shall next make some remarks on

the Rev. Mr. Buchtel's elucidation of his thesis, that this country is a Protestant country. We will also con-sider somewhat the relations between Methodism and Masonry. CHARLES C. STARBUCK.

Andover, Mass.

THOUGHTS ON THE SACRED HEART.

The Sacred Heart, therefore, which we adore is the human heart that the Son of God took from the substance of His Immaculate Mother, and in taking, delfied It. It is the Heart of God, liv ing and life - giving, adored with divine worship in heaven and earth, the Bishops of his yo of the whole ccun-im in such action. Secrement of the altar. - Cardinal Man

There learn to forgive; learn

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count all your steps ; and in heaven God will number in your crown every

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ARE YOUR SYMPATHIES BROAD. he drops the little grain of truth here GAUGED ?

and there. When the summer-time comes the land will be richer for his visits and many beautiful flowers of conversion will delight his heart. - The A priest in the Far West writes that "the preachers are a unit against me in my work. There are at least sixty four of them in my mission; but I Missionary. have no fear of them. Recently lectured in a Campbellite church. A A warning. To feel tired after exertion is one thing; Don't say the latter is laziness-it isn't; but it's a sign that the system lacks vitality, is running down, and needs the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It's a warning, too-and sufferers should begin taking Hood's at once. Buy a bottle to-day. There are so many cough medicines in the usual, all the preschers were on hand and the whole town turned out to see and hear the 'Catholic priest.' The lecture apparently set many a think ing, and I shall return after Easter to give them a week's lectures." This little glimpse of frontier life on the missions will be a revelation to many of the comfortably churched people of the East. This priest lives either in the saddle or on the railroad. His Catholic people are few and scattered over a wide expanse of territory. They enjoy the blessings of Mass at long intervals when the priest can ne among them. In the meantime they live in a thoroughly non Catholic atmosphere. Papers, books, conversa-tion, people, are all professedly, and bitterly, anti . Catholic. After all, the visit of the priest at infrequent intervals cannot make much impression on this mass of ignorance and

STILL ANOTHER TRIUMPH-Mr. Thomas S. Bullen, Sunderland, writes: "For four-teen years I was afflicted with Piles; and frequently I was unable to walk or sit, but four years ago I was cured by using DR. THOMAS' ECLECTRIC OIL. I have also been subject to Quinsy for over forty years, but Eclectric On curred it, and it was a per-manent cure in both cases, as neither the Piles nor Quinsy have troubled me since." WHEN YOU are fealing fired and out of bigotry. Yet to convert these people and bring ver the enraged emperor, prayer has them to the knowledge of the truth is the business of the Catholic Church before the throne of Divine Mercy, if it comes from an humble and contrite heart. The truth of this is vouched by

WHEN YOU are feeling tired and out of sorts you will find Hood's Sarsaparilla will do you wonderful good. Be sure to GET HOOD'S. Nearly all infants are more or less subject to diarrher and such complaints while teething, and as this period of their lives is the most critical, mothers should not be without a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dys-entery Cordial. This medicine is a specific for such complaints and is highly speken of by those who have used it. The proprietors claim it will cure any case of cholera or summer complaint. The Church has not made the progrees in the rural districts that her claims and vocation would warrant. Not enough has been done for the country people. Too much effort has been concentrated on the upbuilding of the Church in the cities, and on might complain, too, that there has been too lavish an expenditure of money and men, especially when the needs of the country districts are taken into account. Here is an instance of "one priest against sixty four preach The ministers are in po asion ers." too; and what is more, they are backed by no end of financial resources as well as supplies of literature. The priest has but the strength of the truth o depend on and his own unassisted efforts. His Bishop sends him into a district to do the best he can. "Get a living if you can," was the commission one good priest received as he was assigned to a parish larger in territory than many of the dioceses of the coun-try. The Bishop heard from him now and then, at sufficiently frequent in-tervals to be assured that he was still phet Elias for whom Heaven sent for by a raven. Remember the prophet Daniel in the lion's den whose prayer alive. In the meantime he had to saved him from the teeth of the wild struggle along as best he could. beast. Remember the king Ezechias

Salt rheum, or eczema, with its itching and burning, is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. So are all other blood diseaser. It takes a very strong character, aided with not a little grace, to continue for many years in the missionary life in the South or West. From human point of view, if a priest has home to go to, or some con mpanions to ciate with, or even some of the omforts of life to indulge in now and then, it might not be so insupportable. But he has none of these. He is a lone man, walking in the midst of a community that does not understand him, passing the time of day with men nim, passing the time or day with men and women who are as far from his real self as if they had been born on another planet. His only real com-panionship is the Blessed Savrament, Who alone knows his heart. Little worder that now and then one doe wonder that now and then one does waver and; break under the weight of missionary labor! Were it not for God's special grace, who could bear up under the load? Little wonder that more young seminarians are not eager to volunteer for the life! It does take well tempered steel to win out in these trying circumstances. Yet how little sympathy these priests It is now little sympathy these pricets get from the well-shurched people of the North and the East! In other churches they do not treat their mis-sionaries so. They frequently preach on the work. They tell of their labors, outfairing, and anziaties. They get on the work. They tell of their labors, sufferings, and anxieties. They get the people and the children interested in their successes. The dropping of the missionary pennies is a tamiliar sound in the Sunday schools, and mes sages of sympathy are frequently sent to the laborers in the field. What is wanted among us is the big hearted Catholic who is broad enough to see beyond the immediate wants of his own parish, and take it his more ecessitous brethren in his sympathies, What a boon a box of literature is to Father Blank. As he starts out on his rounds he fills his valise with tracts and prayer books and Plain Facts, and like the busy bee that carries the fertilizing pollen from flower to flower,

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There were great laments in Protestning. I beg of you again to study Christ's ant papers over Dr. Gilmour's political tism : I hope the church journals Heart are equally severe upon the Michigan that if He could not escape forgiving, you cannot. The servant is not great Annual Conference.

No doubt this Conference hopes yet er than his master. Lat your prayer, to carry the General Conference with when enemies persecute and wrong you, be as was His on the Cross :-"Father, forgive them, for they know Here, however, the forces of sanity and tolerance are still much too strong, and there is good hope that they will not what they do." Let it be: ' Forgive us, Father, our trespasses against

remain so. I have heard it said that in Indiana Thee as we forgive them that trespass the best thing a rising politician can do for himself is to join the Methodist against us '- Rev. C. A. Shyne, S. J. Our Lord Jesus Christ, says the great Apostle, is the mediator between God do for himself is to join the Manacalist church. It was this which, some forty years back, carried into the Berlin legation Mr. Wright, on whose utter unfitness for such a place I have and man. He is now ascended into heaven in order to aid our prayers by His powerful mediation. "Fall not," says the devout Blosius, " to offer your heard German gentlemen of the first standing in New York scornfully re mark. However, the Indiana Methodists good works and plous exercises to the most sweet Heart of Jesus, in order have shown that they can value an Indianian who was a Presbyterian elder. Nor do I believe the stories that He may purify and perfect them for His Heart, so full of tenderness takes delight in so divine a work. He eider. Nor do I believe the stories about President Grant's brother in law, is always ready to perfect in you whatever He sees imperfect or defect ive. Confidence is a key to the Heart the Roy. Mr. Cramer, whom he sent to Copenhagen. The great Bishop Mar-tensen, of that city, in his letters of Jesus. What may we not obtain describes Mr. Cramer as a worthy from our feilow creatures by the confi though commonplace man, which he dence we place in them ? certainly would not have done had mcre will it not obtain from God

Cramer given social scandal. Even had these stories about Cramer been true, they would merely have How marvellous will be its effects if united with an absolute dependence on shown, what needed no showing, Him. Youthful minds, filled with devotion General Grant's utter indifference, out and tenderness, lat me give you, in the name of Jesus the mission to com-fort forgotten ones. Is there not about you a sufferer, an aged or sillicted one, side the army, to the unfitness or un worthiness of his favorites, not to say of his kindred. Babeau, and Babcock and Tom Murphy, or indeed the heroes whom no one visits, and who, silently weeping, waits the hour of deliver-ance? Is there not about you one who of the Whisky Trust may have been worshipers of John Wesley or of King Gambrinus; it would have made no difference to Grant. They were his flatterers and sycophants, and this is disheartened, disgraced, or even guilty, whom everyone avoids, and whose head is bowed with humiliation ? merit, in his view, covered the multi-Go sometimes to visit such sufferers, to say an affectionate word to them, to tude of sins.

Grant's speech at Das Moines, howgive them a friendly pressure of the ever, in which he endeavored to make hand; give them at least a smile when you meet them. There is nothing at up for the lack of a solid reason for giving him a third term by kindling tractive, nothing glorious, nothing the people to a crusade against the Catholics, because these hesitate to say gratifying to the senses in the mission it will be an obscure one, if it not un that our Public schools are infallible, bears the imprint of the Methodist earth; but your angel guardian will Bishops as plainly as if his friend John P. Newman had stood at his elbow. Indeed, he may have done so, for all that I remember. I can not understand why Bishop O'Connor, after having accused this speech of being prompted by the Bishops, should have revoked his charge. He carried his charity to excess.

Methodist claims and hopes are los-ing nothing by time. We remember

the sun stood still. Let these exefficacy of prayer.

But you, yourselves, can testify to its efficacy ; or have you never earnestly and confidently prayed for some grace ? for instance protection against some temptation, strength to practice a certain virtue, and were you not consoled by obtaining it ! When in some distress, some trial or tribulation you called to Heaven without receiving help and protection, did you not obtain another favor which was more beneficial for your spiritual welfare or, at least, sweet consolation and holy patience? St. Bernardine and holy patience is a faithful justly says that prayer is a faithful embassador which always receives audience with the Heavenly King and whose petition is granted in every

Mark well, my dearly beloved Chris tians, prayer can only be thus mir-aculously efficacious when it is performed with devotion and persever ance, and if it comes from a pure and contrite heart. If you say your pray ers with the lips only, scarcely heed ing or knowing what you say, you cannot expect that God will hear and grant them. If you pray as an enemy of God, as an imponitent sinner scorn of God, as an imponient sinder sorn ing His mercy, can you expect to be heard? "Now we know," says the man born blind, " that God does not hear sinners." (John 9, 31) Åc-cording to the testimony of Holy Scripture, Tubal was the first musician and his brokker. Tubal Coin the fact and his brother Tubal Cain the first and his brother lucar Cain the first blacksmith. Supposing that both had lived in the same house, the musician above and the smith below, what a discord would not the hammer and filing produce in the music ? similar manner, is it with your prayer. My dearly beloved Christians, if with

your lips you speak the praise of God, and in your heart your evil conscience produces a discord, how can Almighty God find pleasure in such prayers "Praise " says Ecclesiasticus, " is not seemly in the mouth of a sinner." (Eccli. 15, 9.) Therefore, my dear Christians, if you wish your prayer to have the desired effect, tune the harp of your heart and let your prayer sound forth in harmonious strains pray as a child of God in His grace and love, and the Lord will hear your petition. Amen.

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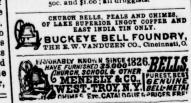
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