

QUESTION BOX.

Father O'Connor in Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times.

The elevation of Rev. Dr. McVickar to a Bishopric in the Protestant Episcopal Church and the sermon of Rev. D. J. McDermott, of St. Mary's, at St. Charles Borromeo's re-opening...

When were the different Epistles and Gospels put into book form? In the early part of the second century.

Were not the written Scriptures very expensive and inaccessible to the people at large? Were not the people generally illiterate? Were not the Scriptures inaccessible to the people prior to Gutenberg's discovery?

There were many manuscripts and illuminated Bibles previous to the discovery of printing, but in general these questions can be answered affirmatively, and are arguments against the Bible as the sole rule of faith.

Can a sect assert truthfully that the Bible is the book given by God to men to lead them to salvation? No, in fact, God gave them no book.

Signs of the Times. Sister Monica, the head nurse of the Warwick Nursing Association, has announced her intention of leaving the Church of England and joining the Catholic Church.

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THE STORY OF ST. GEORGE.

Much Myth and Legend Woven Around the Name of the Martyr.

The remark of John Mitchell, that he did not believe in St. George, because he knew the English never had a saint, partakes more of wit than history, and yet so much of myth and legend has been woven around the name of this martyr as to cause not a few good Catholics to all but agree with the lamented Irish patriot in his bit of scepticism.

The early writers of his life tell us that St. George was born in Cappadocia, toward the end of the second century. His father and mother were wealthy Christians, who trained him zealously in their faith and gave him that nobility of character which afterwards enabled him to spurn all worldly honors and undergo a cruel martyrdom rather than to be false to his sovereign Lord.

At that time the military profession was the great avenue to honors and preferments. Our hero was not devoid of honorable ambition, and being, moreover, endowed with a handsome figure and great strength, he joined the army and speedily won for him self the rank of tribune or colonel.

His military science and bravery drew the attention and admiration of the Emperor Diocletian, who promoted him steadily from rank to rank. These honors, however, made inroads on George's independence of spirit and his staunch fidelity to Christ.

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TWO STORIES

Told by Chauncey Depew in His Inimitable Style.

Here are two stories told by Chauncey Depew, New York's favorite orator: They tell the story of a Populist Senator being shaved by an aged colored barber at the Arlington, and remarking to the barber, "Uncle, you must have had among your customers many of my distinguished predecessors in the Senate—many of the men now dead who have occupied the great place which I fill."

A clerical friend of mine told me a capital story of a Yale man who was the stroke oar of his crew and the chief athlete on the football field.

The old athlete's spirit arose; the science which had been learned in the college gymnasium and forgotten for a quarter of a century was aroused, and a blow landed on the jaw of that cowboy that sent him sprawling on the street.

AN IMPORTANT CASE. A Peddler Sent to Prison for Representing an Imitation Pill to be the Same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—A Far-Reaching Decision.

Montreal, Jan. 24, 1898—A case of more than ordinary interest to the public came before Judge Lafontaine here to-day, the facts being as follows: For some time past one H. E. Migner has been going about peddling a pill which he represented as being the same as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

He was brought before Judge Lafontaine this morning on two charges, and pleaded guilty to both. It was pointed out that his offence was a grave one, as he left him liable to a lengthy term of imprisonment.

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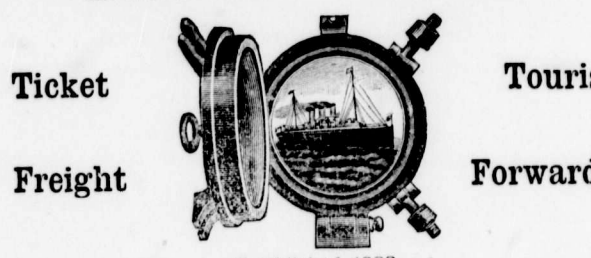
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Irreverence in Advertising.

"One Who is Not a Churchman" writes as follows to the New York Sun: "Can nothing be done to restrain the soap makers who have plastered many blank walls in this city with posters of a description most shocking to every one who loves children and believes in the Deity?"

The late Father Healy, of Bray, was once about to enter a carriage at Killiney Station, when, observing that the compartment was nearly filled by ministers, he hesitated.

"Oh, come in, Father Healy," said Lord Plunket, the Protestant Archbishop of Dublin: "come in! I want to ask you a question. A gentleman of your cloth has come over to us, and I want to know what we should give him."

"I think," replied Father Healy, quietly, "that you should give him the pledge."

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Silent Grief.

You bid me raise my voice. And pray For tears; but yet this choice Resteth not with me. Too much grief Taketh the tears and words that give relief Though I weep not, silent and apart. Weeps and prays my heart.

You like not this dead, calm Gold face. So still, unmoved, I am. You think that dark despair begins To brood upon me for my many sins Disgrace: Not so: I with silent and apart. Weeps and prays my heart.

Down underneath the waves Concealed Lie in unfathomed graves A thousand wrecks, stern ever yet— That did the upper surface madly fret— Revealed. Wreck! loves his deep; tears, with all their art, Ne'er could show my heart.

Complaint I utter not I know That He who cast my lot. In silence also bore His cross Nor counted lack of words or tears a loss In woe. Alone with Him, silent and apart. Weeps and prays my heart. —Catholic World.

FIVE-MINUTES SERMON.

WORKING FOR GOD.

"Why stand you here all the day idle?" (Matt. xx.)

We are all called by God, my dear brethren, to labor in His vineyard. That is to say, we are called to serve God faithfully; to fulfil His Divine will; to observe His laws and precepts; to avoid the evil He forbids, and to do the good He prescribes.

We are bound in justice, we are bound by gratitude to labor in God's vineyard for His honor and glory, for the salvation of our souls. God has a supreme right to our service. We are His creatures. It is God who created us, who called us out of nothing. To God we owe our life; to Him we owe the preservation of that life during every moment of existence.

There can be no exception to this law. He has the sole right to require every one to labor in His vineyard. Where there is a right, there must also be a corresponding duty. It is God's right to command the service of every one. It is the duty of every one to obey.

Besides the claim God has on us in justice, He has also a claim on our service by reason of the Redemption. We belong to Him because of the price He has redeemed us at. It is God's right to command the service of every one. It is the duty of every one to obey.

What pitiful, what hardened creatures we are when we forget the plain truths: when we act as though we were a law unto ourselves, and practically act as though we are responsible to no one. How dull is our sense of justice, how hardened is our heart when we can forget or ignore God and the claims He makes upon us.

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