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FO',RIH SUNDAY OF LENT.

The Flesh and the Spirit.

Sermon Preached in Church of St. John Evangelist, Johnville. By REV. WILLIAM DOLLARD.

"We are not the children of the bondwoman but of the free, with that freedom wherewith Christ has made us free." Gal. 4. 31. makes no less plain the fact that Catho lic nations made marked progress, real progress, not the sham progress of rail-ways and gr at wealth and vast possessions, and declined just in proportio

The nature of man is two-fold, spir as they clung to or acceded from the itual and material. He has a soul, observance of the law of God and held made to the image and likeness of or gave up the practice of those vir-tues inculcated by the teaching of God, and a body, which is material, is of the nature of all other earthly Jesus Christ and His Church. substances. In the beginning those body who can read modern history in the light of Catholic philosophy will two distinct natures worked in perfect harmony towards the end for which God created them. The whole effect of what we call The Fall of Man, was the destruction of this harmony. The recognize that the great peoples of the past and present became great just in proportion to their knowledge of God's law, and their observance of it, and the the destruction of this harmony. The spiritual and superior part of man be visible decline of some, and the patent came weighted down and hindered in its work by the inferior or bodily par and imminent danger of others, is readily seen in their open and flagrant and there ar use in consequence a dark-ness of the understanding, a weakness and general disregard of those eternal and immutable laws. What is the of the will and an inclination to evil of the will and an inclination to evil, against which it would be impossible for man to struggle successfully, ex-cept with the supernatural help which he receives through the merits of Christ Jesus, Our Lord. This is as short and plain a statement of the meaning and office of Religion as can be tormulated. greatest danger the world-wide British Empire is exposed to to-day? Is it was and the cutting off her food supply Is it the misery of her submerged tenth? Is is Irish disaffection? Is it European jealousy ? Is it none of those things. What uncharted reet lies ahead of the ship which flies the stars and stripes? Is it Chinese cheap labor? he tormulated.

The allegory, therefore, in the Epistle Is it unrestricted immigration? Is it a European Federation? of this Sunday refers to those who live according to the instincts, promptings, desires and aspirations of the spirit-Higher Life as it is called, and those who, either in part or altogether follow the strong and destructive tendencies of the Flesh, the life of the sensualist. Those who regulate their lives on either system according to the plain statement of the great Apostle are free men' or they are slaves. True freedom, and its highest expression is therefore to be found in the individual and in the community only which lives closest to the teaching and ex-ample of Jesus Christ. Political, tocial, and religious freedom approximate perfection the bester they are modelled on the teaching of Christ, Assyria, The less Christian their spirit the les true freedom they possess. This explains the singular scorn the educated Chinaman has for what is called the Christian civilization of Europe and America. In a little book lately published, one of them says, "you profess Christianity, but your civilization has never been Christian. Among you, ince of Ontario. no one is contented, no one has leisure to live, so intent are all on increasing the means of living. We of the East measure the degree of civilization, not by accumulation of the means of living but by the character and value of the

life lived. While we recognize the greatness of your practical and scientific achievements, yet we find it impossible unreservedly to admire a civilization which has pro duced manners so coarse, morals so low and the appearances which constantly us in your great cities !" Th contront us in your great cities ! The Chinese he says, or more properly, the followers of Confucius are the only people who genuinely abhor violence, and reverence reason and right. It is the nations of Christendom who teach by fire and sword that Right in this methd is measured by rld is powerless unless supported by Might !

Although we are given to boasting ing life is the stoutest, the greatabout it, it is quite plain I think that we est and the most heroic fighter about it, it is quite plain I think that we in the world. Just as the ed from such true free

I have always regarded the poet's picture of the Ocean, and the realms of the world, as eminently typical of the works wrought here by the Spirit and the Flesh. "Thy shores are Empires, changed

in all save thee, Assyria, Greece, Rome, Carthage, where are they? Thy waters wasted them while they

were fice, many a Tyrant since. Their

And many a Tyrant since. Their shores obey The stranger, slave, or savage. Their decay Has dried up realms to deserts. Not

so Thou, Unchangable, save in Thy wild waves' play !

Times writes no wrinkle on Thing azure brow. as Creation's dawn beheld, Thou Such

rollest n.w. The works of the Flesh are transitory The works of the Spirit only, are lasting. The nation that lives according to the Flesh will inevitably perish. The man who lives according to the Spirit is the only free man and the only man who is strong. Who so ruleth himself is greater than he that taketh many cities, and his is the ideal of all true manliness and worth.

His strength was as the strength of ten Because his heart was pure."

Live pure. speak true, right wrong -else waerefore borni Amen.

THE VICTOR OF ST. JOHN. Toronto News.

Is it corruption in politics ? Not any one of those things. Both those grea There was no little curiosity to nations are driving to destruction on the same rock of Social Impurity. hear the first speaker of the alternoon, Dr. Daniel, the vanquisher of the government forces in St. John. He Whatever aspect you choose to consider it in, either from the point of view improved the advantage which this of the unexampled luxury modern curiosity gave, and made a distinct wealth has made possible, or from the impression on the house. attitudes of those two peoples towards the single question of Divorce, or from He is somewhat below the middle height, has a strong face, with slightthe acknowledged duplication of law ly grizzled hair and long pointed for men and women in matters of personal and social purity, it is beyond moustache. He spoke of the natural dispute that if those peoples do not pull up with a short turn the fate of timidity of a member making his maiden speech, but he exhibited none Greece, Rome, Carthage and of it. In fact, standing out in the Tyre, will be theirs at no distant date aisie between the seats without a note as sure as God rules this world. It is to guide him, he struck out with such only a little while ago that the papers freedom and withat such sureness that were filled with comments on what President Roosvelt calls the question members became convinced that he of "race-suicide," another jorn of social impurity which has destroyed the Yankees in the Eastern States, and must have been a provincial parliamentarian, and felt that his debating power had been only partly exthreatens the population of the Provplained when they found he had been mayor of St. John. Coming directly to the point, he said, as one elected Now, all this, as you will readily see at the end of parliament, he could not be expected to have the grasp

has a personal application for us. Cardinal Newman says that all Catholic teaching and practice is calculated to-give personal purity a most striking preponderance among the virtues. All the Fathers of the Church, he says, compare the impure man to the leper whose disease is the foulest and most revolting of all the ills the flesh is heir to, and who is to be shunned absolute ly lest he communicate it to others and the Thebaid, the celibate priest hood, the convent, the cloister, and the whole lives of the saints, are the continuous and striking protests of the spirit against the abnormal lusts of the The Holy Scriptures tell us and the common sense of manking cause, confirms it, that the man who has conquered his impure passions dur

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Trusts? Is it the "negro Problem."

God. The proper training of Catho-lic youth always fosters a special

The sub-committee appointed to se itable design that will commemorate the tercenten ary of Champlain, decided Tuesday to adopt a medallion showing the heads of Champlain and DeMonts, with the date 1604 and fileur de lis ornamenta tion on one side, and on the reverse the city coat of arms and motto with the commemoration date 1904. The design on the face of the medal is a very handsome one, and was submitted by Mr. Wm. Lawson, of the Globe job office, and met with unanimous proval from the committee.

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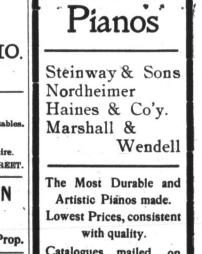
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people who have led clean lives through many generations are physas St. Paul speaks of "that treedom wherewith Christ has made us free." ically the fittest to win in any sort of a struggle. Consequently the Church The argument of the educated Cath olic is this: The Catholic Church is has always jealously guarded the purity of her children. She surrounds them the infallible expounder of the truth of Christ. Through the knowledge with all imaginable safe-guards esthus acquired and the obedience vol specially in the Sacrament of Penance rendered, the Catholic man untarily or Confession and she forever keeps is the only man who can be free in before their eyes the supereminent excellence of this virtue by teaching the fullest and truest sense; free from all possible slavery, mental or moral, them to reverence all purity in man and woman through the worship they tree even when in physical or political are taught to pay to the ever pu spotless spouse of the Holy Ghost, the Virgin Mary the Mother of

This is the freedom the poet sings This is the freedom the poet sings. "Stone walls do not a prison make Nor iron bars a cage. Minds innocent and quiet take That for their hermitage. If I have freedom in my love, And in my soul am free, Angels alone that soar above, Enjoy such Liberty."

lic youth always fosters a special spirit of cleanly life in speech and act, of modesty and decency. No Catholic young fellow, unless wilfully blinded, is fool enough to think it a manly thing to talk dirt, to boast of his own filthiness, to ex-hibit himself as a blackguard, or to "But what saith the Scripture Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall permit any body else such a liberty in not be beir with the son of the free his presence. It is unfortunately only ' This is the sole and sim his presence. It is unfortunately only too true that evil communications fre-quently undermine modesty and pro-per self-respect, but the Catholic young man who gives himself to such indulgence will always, because of his training, carry share and the gully sense of fear in his heat. woman." This is the sole and sim-ple explanation of the rise and fall of the great nations of the earth. Mr. Lecky professes to be unable to find adequate explanation in some in-stances. It not only demonstrates the decline and fall of ancient peoples, but also of modern, and still further, it

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BUSINESS REMOVAL.

Mr. J. B. Hamm, who has been in the livery business on Union street for many years, is moving to 20 Germain street, and his office will be the premises formerly occupied by Mrs. jones, florist. He will have splendi odations for fifteen hos anyone wishing a spin out the road will find Mr. Hamm can furnish him with as good a piece of horse flesh as can be found. He will also carry on can be found. The win also carry on the coach business and will take care of his boarding horses as usual. The sale on Tuesday realized \$1,000, so that his stock is reduced that much. On the whole fair prices were realized.

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