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THE NECESSITY OF HEARING THE

In today's gospel our Divine Saviour compares the preaching of Christianity and the word of God with the sowing of seed. Just as the seed is multiplied in the cornfield and produces an abundant crop, supplying food for men's bodies, so ought the word of God, when planted in our hearts, to bring forth much fruit for the nourishment of our souls. But in order that this may be accomplished, men must be attentive to the teaching of Christianity, and be diligent in hearing God's word. This is true of all without exception, of learned as well as of unlearned

comes into the world devoid of all knowledge, and is obliged laboriously to acquire the skill and dexterity that he requires, in order to make his way in the world. For this purpose he goes to school, and is instructed by others in the various this is the case with secular things, that we can, in many instances, see with our own eyes and touch with our hands, and which become in con- set that all the really first-hand sequence much more easy for us to authorities for the belief in the bull much more necessary is it then for us to receive information from others regarding the supernatural truths of be no doubt that in a very ancient our holy religion! This information production of his pen it is written is offered us in sermons and catechism instruction, which teach us Ireland to Henry, and that the Pope the most indispensable of all knowl graciously acquiesced. But there is to live a holy Christian life, and how to die a happy death. Far too many people are absolutely ignorant concerning these. The book is a defense of the study of most important things; and there are many Christians, whom the world concludes happily at the close of the this, that land, so fruitful in virgins esteems wise, who have a very imperfect knowledge of things affecting the welfare of their souls and their eternal happiness. They live per-haps a good life according to their ordinary nature of the petition, the position and occupation in this peculiar style of the chapter, and the world, but it does not fit them for location of the story in this dissertaheaven. They call themselves Christians, but they do not understand more appropriate writings of John, the duties imposed upon them by this profession, nor how to make it of interpolation. If their way of life is judged by the that Adrian's successor, Pope Alex prove full of faults and sine.

It behooves us therefore to go to the place whither the Church sum-mons her children on Sundays and festivals, and to learn, from the serand die a happy death. Yes, it is in is the complete and sole authority rich and poor, employers and employed, learned and unlearned; they verdict as to his standing as an all are equal, and all hear of the historian: "Truth was not his main things necessary to salvation, and object. He (de Barry) says he com learn how to think, speak, act and plied his works for the purpose of live as Christians. Whatever is sounding the praises of Henry II." the teacher who here imparts instruction. He speaks by the mouth of the obscure work of John of Salisbury priest, and makes use of his tongue in order to proclaim to you His holy Adrian and Alexander has rested

able it is to hear the word of God in information is readily traced to election and coronation was momentsermons and instructions. It is Gerald de Barry. The most sorutinizous, was of transcendent importance. necessary for those who are ignorant | ing delving into Roman archives was of things pertaining to everlasting unable to bring to light one line of Cardinal O'Connell never before presalvation, but it is necessary also for such as are apt to forget the truths of religion, or do not think about them, because they are busy all week larly when taken in connection with them, because they are busy all week with temporal concerns. Perhaps there is no one who does not require to be stirred up from time to time, and remit ded of the truths and duties of religion, to prevent him from giving way to indifference and lukewammess. Those who by their care from the state of the bull. But the search in Rome was not altogether fruitless. A bull of Adrian's was found which own fault never hear a sermon or a at first sight promised to be the religious instruction, incur a very long-lost document. Line after line grave responsibility, although they the newly found parchment proved may not acknowledge it now. Jesus to be identical with Adrian's bull as once wept over Jerusalem, exclaiming: "How often would I have gathered together thy children

and thou wouldst not!" and He will some day speak as our Judge, saying: "Woe to thee, O sinner; I would have spoken to thee in sermons, and impelled thee to have recourse to penance and to amend thy life, and thou wouldst not. Wos to thee, who art lukewarm; I desired to urge thee to be zealous in good works, and thou wouldst not. Woe to thee, O thou wouldst not. Woe to thee, O rich man; I would fain have taught that the H stood for Hibernia, and thee how to use thy wealth aright. Wee to thee, O poor man; I would have taught thee to make thy poverty a means of salvation, and thou wouldst not. Woe to all who despise the word of God, they are already condemned." "He that is of God, heareth the words of God; therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God." May these words be applicable to none of us; may we be always joyful hearers and doers of God's hely word! Amen.

Four things are required of a woman—that virtue should dwell in that modesty should shine upon her brow; that sweetness labor should employ her hands.

THAT BULL OF ADRIAN

Up to fifty years ago, so completely did the enemies of the Holy See hold the field in English literature that it would be almost impossible to find a writer, even an Irish writer of Irish history, who could venture to deny the authenticity of the bull in which Pope Adrian IV., the English Pope, was supposed to have granted to King Henry II. of England the right to take possession of Ireland and, in the words of the bull, "to form that people in good morals. The subject apparently offered no inducement to special students on the Continent, and everywhere the British opinion prevailed unquestioned. It remained for the Bishop of Ossory, better known as Cardinal Moran, urged on by his loyalty to the honor of the Holy See, to call for an investigation of the documents on which the story rested. The movement he set on foot, and in which he led the way, has gone on further and further until today history may be said to have quite reversed her sentence. For now the common opinion is expressed in the concluding lines of the article on Adrian IV. in the latest edition of the "Britanthings that he has to learn. Now rica" where it is stated without this is the case with secular things. cussed bull is not genuine.

Cardinal Moran found at the outp with our understanding. How were in England, and that they were that he asked Pope Adrian to grant no one who will deny that this asser tion fits in very awkwardly with the logic and metaphysics; the treatise forty-first chapter, then another chapter follows where we encounter the story of the author's remarkable give good grounds for the suspicion

a reality. They are probably able to The other contemporary authority instruct others in worldly matters, in England was Gerald de Barry but they are ignorant of the most (Giraldus Cambrensis). He gave us elementary principles of the knowl not merely the text of Adrian's bill edge that is necessary for salvation. but is the father of the statement of the commandments of ander III., confirmed the gift of Ire God and the rules of our faith, it will land to Henry. In the writings of old historians, great weight used to be attached to this additional bull mons and instructions given in the that it was obtained, others deny house of God, how to lead a good life | that it was ever granted." Here then the house of God that all meet to for Alexander's confirmatory bull. learn, high and low, old and young, The editor of de Barry's works in the Rolls Series sums up the universal aught here is based upon the infal. It was upon the testimony of Gerald lible word of God, and God Himself is de Barry and of a misplaced and incredible phrase hidden in an

that the whole indictment of Popes

unassailed for so many years. given us by de Barry, but an essential divergence was soon disclosed.

This unquestioned bull of Adrian's showed that Louis VII. of France and Henry II. of England had sought Adrian's consent to their undertaking a Christianizing invasion of a land. which in the document is designated by the letter H. Adrian refuses con sent unless the people and the clergy of the land desire the invasion. The finder of this bull, writing in the that here was Adrian's real bull in which he not only does not encourage an invasion, but refuses to consent to it unless the people and the clergy of the land in question desire it. The suggestion that H means Hibernia has not won acceptance on the part of careful historians, but the bull has been a very valuable contribution to the question at issue as showing the position of the mind of Adrian IV. when acted upon by a petition from two powerful sovereigns.

Here the case rests. The obstinate may yet hold what opinion he will. The facts do not drive home conviction. In the final stage one's judg-ment is formed by the choice whether should flow from her lips, and that he is willing to think evil of the labor should employ her hands.

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ment is formed by the choice whether he is willing to think evil of the bombardment of the historic

sengers who were made to appear to have come from Rome. That was "Instinctively the Cardinals of the Canterbury, to crown his son, York group. received a fabricated letter purportone in Henry's career. English Mercier, à Becket, continued his struggle for the liberty of the Church and the people, his brains were spattered over the altar steps Henry's instigation. When

Henry's supposed wife and supposedly legitimate children—he had a numer ous progeny of illegitimate children rose in rebellion against him, his last public act in this world as he saw them victorious and his native town in flames, was one of blasphemy against God. The gentle St. Bernard, a contemporary, said of Henry's line that " They came from hell and to

hell they would go." history, until fifty years ago, told us was commissioned by the Pope "to form that [frish] people in good morals;" and that at a time when the whole Irish nation had risen up against an Irish king and driven him out, for one act of adultery; at a time when there lived in Ireland St. Malachy, St. Celsus, and St. Lawrence O'Toole. The last was Archbishop of Dublin. He opposed the invasion of his country in prayer and in speeches, and even, we are told, sword in hand. Through more than seven centuries, from that day to and martyrs, has not produced one by the Holy Spirit to impress the seal of her canonization. Enchained spirits cannot grow to the full heights of sanctity. Perhaps the Church and Ireland alike are awaiting another Saint like the last .- L. J

### AN HISTORIC MOMENT

CARDINAL O'CONNELL TELLS INTERESTING STORY OF 1914 CONCLAVE

From out the columns of press reports detailing the warmth and enthusiasm of America's reception of Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, the report of his reception by the League of Catholic Women of Massachusetts at the Fenway Academy of Notre Dame, is by far the one which gives to the world an inside view of an historical episode, intimately associating this Belgian churchman and national hero, with an impressive and critical moment in the great affairs of the Church.

We may all remember how engrossed was the world in war news and European affairs in the September days of 1914. The death of the corners of the world, seemed indeed the day and the hour of Benedict's

Hence the intimate revelation by sented for public reading adds new interest and estimation of the Belgium Primate.

Addressing the Cardinal guests, his Eminence said :

'As I look over the scene before me—the Primate of Belgium receiving in his hall the welcome of the League of Catholic Women—my memory carries me back swiftly to another scene far different, but not less historic.

"It was the morning of Sept 6 1914, just five years ago—five terrible tragic years. The Cardinals were gathered in the great hall of vesting, awaiting the entrance of the new Pope on his way to the coronation in

the Sistine Chapel.
"There were electors from all parts of Europe, then entirely aflame with war. The look upon the face of each was one of keen anxiety. Christian courtesy to each and all of that great company was the most

conspicuous note. Cardinals of Germany stood near one another, and each wondered in his heart what would be the conditions and the divisions of the world when

we met again.
"Instinctively, but without the slightest aloofness towards others, the Cardinals of the allied nations gradually clustered in a little group and seemed to gather from this mutual sympathy, consolation and courage. In subdued tones one con-veyed to the other the sentiments of impending anxiety, yet of calm and

certain confidence.

"The Cardinal of Paris had passed many sleepless nights and looked utterly worn, save for the flash of pluck which gleamed from his dark

"The venerable Cardinal of Rheims, in charitable work.

opposed the tyrannies of Henry, his in divine resignation, wondering opposition was broken down by mes- what of all that he loved most would

very like forgery. And, again, when allied power grouped together and Henry wanted the Archbishop of instinctively the American Cardinals York, to the exclusion of a Becket of found their way silently to this same

ing to be from Rome, and he crowned the prince. This was forgery. In fact, this crime, forgery, is a minor one in Henry's carear. 'In the midst of it, towering high ing with emotion, of the order just received by him from the German military authorities refusing him sate conduct back to Belgium

'We listened with mingled sentiments of surprise and consternation. All the governments had guaranteed safe conduct to all Cardinals to and from the conclave-friend or enemy. 'Cardinal Mercier had just been informed that for him that privilege was revoked. 'Come with me London, said Cardinal Bourne to him; we have room and a hearty welcome for you at Westminster. Come and rest awhile in England.'

With a look of tenderest yearning This is the man that English in his eyes, which seemed to gaze afar, out through the great palace beyond the Alps to his own little country, in a voice quivering with an overpowering emotion, Cardinal Mercier said: 'You are very, very kind, your Eminence, but I want to go home at once, as soon as my duty is done-I must go back to Belgium, back to my people who are suffering, and I must go and suffer with them. I must go back to my flock, my Belgium, my people.

'A door opened quietly; the Pontiff had instantly entered. and went silently to the Sistine Chapel for the coronation.

But all through the day I could other confessor of the Faith on see the tall figure of Belgium's whom the Church has been guided Primate, with the yearning look in see the tall figure of Belgium's his eyes, saying in a voice which moved to tears, 'I must go back to Belgium, to my suffering people, to my little flock.

And he went back to Belgium, and he saved Belgium. How, all world knows. He stood for justice and right; he stood for principle, for his country, for his people, for the flock-and that is why today Boston, Mass., America, stands by him. Long live the Primate of Belgium— Cardinal Mercier."-The Guardian.

#### THE SCANDAL-MONGER

Of all the insects that crawl, there is none to compare with the human crawler who lives and thrives on It is a brutal habit that should be tabooed among decent The Witchita Advance has people an editorial on the subject from which this is taken :

"She said, and they said, and somebody told, and semebody else repeated, and then it was common talk. And what was it? She said, "I wonder if the young Blanks are blissfully happy?" They said she said, "The Blanks are not blissfully happy." Somebody told that they said, "The beloved Pontiff. Pius X., and the Blanks are having trouble." Some-election of his successor, Benedict body repeated, "The Blanks have XV., by the conclave of Cardinals separated." Then it was common assembled at Rome from the four talk that the Blanks were to be divorced. One said it was a case of will, to deter you from evil and stimulate you to good. "He that heareth you," said our Divine Saviour, that the great Baronius had had is not you that speak, but the Spirit is not you that speak, but the Spirit is not you that speak that speaketh in learned Annals. Moran was fortunded the story of the bull in his learned Annals. Moran was fortunded the story of the bull in his electors, to the School of Cardinals appalling reports of invasion, devastation and carnage coming out of Belgium and northern France. But to that assemblage of Catholic electors, to the School of Cardinals appalling reports of invasion, devastation and carnage coming out of Belgium and northern France. But to that assemblage of Catholic electors, to the School of Cardinals and in them, the Church Universal, which is not you that speaketh in learned Annals. Moran was fortunded the story of the bull in his electors, to the School of Cardinals and in them, the Church Universal, which is not you that speaketh in learned Annals. Moran was fortunded the story of the bull in his electors, to the School of Cardinals and in them, the Church Universal, which is not you that speaketh in learned Annals. Moran was fortunded the story of the bull in his electors, to the School of Cardinals and in them, the Church Universal, which is not you that speaketh in learned Annals. Moran was fortunded the story of the bull in his electors, to the School of Cardinals and in them. whisper of her blighted life.

How true is that verse of Byron's in Don Juan : "The circle smiled, then whisper'd

then eneer d The misses bridled and the matrons Some hoped things might not turn

out as they fear'd: Some would not deem such women could be found :

Some ne'er believed one half of what they heard : Some look'd perplexed, and others

look'd profound : And several pitied, with sincere re gret, Poor Lord Augustus Fitz-Plantagenet -Catholic Sun.

### CHARITY

One of the most beautiful pass ages in the writings of St. Paul is chapter xiii of the first epistle to the Corinthians in which he speaks in such glowing words of the nature and value of Christian charity. In The Cardinals of France and the dinals of Germany stood near one we are real Christians in proportion as we have this virtue. To be a Christian is to be Christ-like, and to be Christ-like is to be char ble.

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