THE LESSONS OF PALM SUNDAY

To-day's gospel contains many note-worthy points, from which I will select two for this morning's contemplation. The first of these is that Christ, shortly before He was crucified, rode through the city of Jerusalem in a gracious and friendly way mingling with the people, even though He knew that the homage and honor given Him that day would presently change into ridicule and hatred, and that though that day He was regarded as the Son of David, He would in a few days be cast out of the city as a great criminal. The second point is the modesty of Christ in choos-ing not stately horses, but an humble ass on which to ride through Jerusalem. ass on which to ride through Jerusalem.
(1) The question why Christ shortly before His death went into Jerusalem is before His death went into Jerusalem is answered by St. Bernard saying that this was done so that our Saviour's sufferings would be even more severe, for the same people that now acclaimed Him would, in a few days, turn on Him and condemn Him to death on the Cross. How different the words which greeted Our Lord on Palm Sunday and on Good Friday, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord," on the one day. Friday, "Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord," on the one day, and "Cracify Him, crucify Him," on the other! How different the thorns from palm branches! Oh! may the children of this world learn from the sudden transformation that everything on this earth is valu and perishable, that soon wardly, pleasures, change, into sorrow earth is vain and perishable, that soon worldy pleasures change into sorrow and misery! We often think our happiness complete, when suddenly it vanishes and misfortune takes its place. We read in Holy Scripture of a rich man who said: "I will pull down my barns, and will build greater; and into them will I gather all things that are grown to me, and my goods. And I will say to my soul: soul, thou hast much good laid up for many vears, take thy rest; my soul; soul, thou hast much good laid up for many years, take thy rest; eat, drink, and make good cheer. But God said to that soul: "Thou fool, this night do they require thy soul of thee; and whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?" (Luke xii, 18-20.)

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And this happens every day. The world offers sweet honey in its pleasures, but soon it is found that this honey is diluted with gall; pleasures are followed by sorrows and misery. To-day we may be happy, and to-morrow even we may be weeping at the death-bed of some dear relative. And yet there are many who toil from early morning until late at night to accomplish worldly things, and allow themselves to become negligent in caring for the salvation of their poor souls. Oh, think of our Saviour, how He was acclaimed in Jerusalem, and only a few days afterwards was driven out as a criminal, ridiculed and disgraced, put to criminal, ridiculed and disgraced, put to

oriminal, ridiouled and disgraced, put to death. Think of the perishableness of earthly things and do not cling to them. Strive for the kingdom of God and the salvation of your immortal soul, so that you may repent before it is too late to redeem what you have lost.

(2) The second point is the humility of Christin entering Jerusalem. It was to show us that it is not wealth or position that find favor with Him, but rather humility and a contrite spirit. Therefore during this paschal time He sends His servants, the priests, to preach humility of spirit and penance, and they call out to us: "Now is the time to work for the salvation of your immortal soul. Do not delay, for suddenly God may call you, and if you die in your sins we will be lest for all clearly in the salvation." may call you, and if you die in your sins you will be lost for all eternity."

You have often heard these words, my dear Christians, but of what avail? dear Christians, but of what avail? Have you after receiving the sacrament of penance really freed your heart from the bonds of sin? Alas, no. There are many that are tied with the bonds of sin and are slaves to sinful habits. Oh, when do you intend to release yourself from this bondage? Remember that Jesus Christ sacrificed His precious blood for your souls, and do not make Jesus Christ sacrifleed His precious blood for your souls, and do not make them slaves of the devil. Have mercy on your poor souls. The day is approaching when we shall celebrate the memory of the Sacred Passion. Let not this time pass without an effort to release your souls from the bonds of sin. Loosen the chain by a contrite confession. Remember the consoling words: God does not desire the death of the sinner, but that he repent and live.

The article to which we refer deals with Archbishop Ryan before his death. He singles out Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ireland and Archbishop Ryan as typical representatives of Apostles Peter, Paul and John. To this it might be added that they have done for the Church in America what Cardinals Wiseman, Mauning and Newman gained in England, namely, a respectful hearing and many converts. We here give what the learned critic says of the three distinguished prelates:

"There are three living churchmen to whom chiefly the Church in the United States owes the glory of its present position—Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ireland and Archbishop Ryan. Three men more unlike in disposition and mental make-up it would be hard to find. Each seems the complement of the other two. In the first days of Christianity they had Peter and John and Paul. Peter was a man of courage and persistent purpose and a genius for organization. He was the courage and persistent purpose and a genius for organization. He was the courage and persistent purpose and a genius for organization. He was the man selected by our Lord to command the infant Church. Cardinal Gibbons has been the Rock on which the splen-did superstructure of the American Church in our day is bult. He is the strongest, the most far-seeing, the grandest bishop in the Church of the Hotted States. He occupies a place in Jaited States. He occupies a place in bublic esteem and confidence never held by a Catholic bishop before. To him he Catholics of this country owe the coial and religious eminence they occupied the commence of the commence

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MEANING OF LENT

INTERVIEW WITH FATHER VAUGHAN-MORE FUEL OF PRAYER

A representative of the Pall Mall Gazette has interviewed Father Ber-nard Vaughan with regard to the obser-vance of Lent. "You tell me," said Father Vaughan to the interviewer, "that even to day the snarter society fortivities are held even till the V

made of it in the early Christian centuries as a spiritual lever lifting men's lives to thoughts above the things of time and the sense of this uplifting

scene.
"In Catholic times," he said, giving illustrations from the days when observance was also performance, "Lent was a sacred season, when the Church reconciled sinners, when Emperors released PETER, PAUL AND JOHN

Father Phelan gives a pen picture of three great churchmen in the United States. His description, by comparison with early apostles, is forcible and proves that the reputation of the editor of the Watchman of ability, learning and criticism is well deserved.

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"In memory of Our Lords own fasting during forty days, they, too, fasted with Him. In gratitude for His weals and woes, on their behalf, they felt lovedriven to suffer with Him; and because of their lively loyalty they vied with one another in deeds of piety and self-denial during 'the hallowed and gracious time.'

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Do Catholics ever think that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is being offered in some part of the world every bour of their lives? When it is midnight in New York, Masses are beginning in the churches of Italy. There ancient attars, at which saints have knelt, are lit up with tapers, and the Vicar of Christ and thousands of priests are lifting holy hands up to heaven. A little later and the bells of a thousand towers of France begin to sprinkle the air with holy

display the properties of prices are lifting holy hands up to heaven. A little later and the price of Lent. 'You tell me,' said a Father Vaughan to the interviewer, with a veen to-day the smarter society festivities are held over till after Lent. No doubt they are—but not because their hearts are so warm in sympathy the with Christ, but because the weather is too cold for their chiffon and lace, to be sides, it is not easy to break away altogether from a long-standing tradition. We are still living in the afterglow of a the glory of Christianity.

"For those who do not any longer note is no reason why they should observe Lent, or why it should in any sense change their customary mode of life. But I do think that it is mean and shabby in Christians not to make much of the penitential season.

"They will tell you that the wear and tear of life is undermining their consitution, so that, instead of fasting, it must be feasting; that instead of sating, at home and following sermons in the church they must go abroad and worship the sun on the seashore. I may say to these would-be Christians who have not a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop have mot a tear or a sigh for Christian shop the should be charted the shop and the s

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generous souls laboring for our dear Lord. And so the bells are ringing on, Lord. And so the bells are ringing on, on over the waters, and one taper after another catches the light of faith, making glad all the isles of the sea. At two the zealous missionaries of Australia are murmuring with haste, eager for the coming of our Lord, Introibo ad altare Dei." And all the spicy islands of the East catch the sweet sounds one alture Dei." And all the spicy islands
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after another, till at four in the afternoon China proves there are many souls
who are worthy of the name of celestial
by their rapt devotion at the early rite.
Then in Thibet there is many a modest
chapel where the missionary distributes
the Bread of Life to a crowd of hungry
souls.

At six the altars of Hindostan, where At six the altars of Hindostan, where St. Francis ministered, are arrayed with their flowers and lamps and the sacred vessels, and unwearied priests are hastening to fortify their souls before Him Who is their life and their strength. At nine in Siberia, many a poor Catholic exile from Poland seeks a solace from his woes at the foot of the altar and in the Bread of Heaven. During the hour when New York is gay with parties and balls and theatrical During the hour when New York is gay with parties and balls and theatrical amusements, the holiest of rites is going on in the Indian Ocean and among the sable tribes of Africa, whose souls are so dear to the Saviour Who once died for all. At eleven in Jerusalem, the Holy City over which Jesus wept, where He wrought so many miracles, where He suffered and offered Himself a sacrifice for the whole world, beholds the unbloody Sacrifice of the Mass.

When Midnight sounds again in New York, the silver bells are tinkling again in every chancel in Rome. And so it goes on; the divine Host is constantly rising like the sun in its course around

goes or, the divine from is course around rising like the sun in its course around the earth. Thus are fulfilled the words of the prophet Malachias: "From the rising of the sun until the going down thereof, My name is great among the

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AN OLD LETTER

REVEALS FACT THAT CHINESE EMPRESS WAS A CATHOLIC

Students of the Vatican Archives were considerably astonished recently by the unusual presence in their midst of a mandarin, who it appears stands high in the Chinese diplomatic service.

He has come to consult various documents bearing on the history of his country, among the rest one of great importance which was brought to light recently by the investigations of Mgr. Ugolini, Vice-Archivist of the Library. It is a letter written on yellow silk by no less a personage than a former Empress of China. In it she informs the then Pope, Innocence X., of her conversion, as well as that of her three children, and she asks his Holiness to send as many Jesuits as possible to evangelize her native country. She adds that in baptism she took the name of Helena and that her children took adds that in baptism she took the name of Helena and that her children took the names of Anna, Mary and Constantine. The letter, which bears the sea

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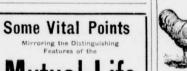
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