

FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON. Fourth Sunday in Advent.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST. One of the lessons taught by history is that the coming of every great and important event is announced in some way before it actually happens.

Accordingly we find that mankind was prepared by a long series of instruction for his worthy reception. This instruction began with our first parents, after the Fall.

This little story from the Young Catholic Messenger conveys its own moral: HOW HE WON SUCCESS. A wealthy business man paid a short visit to his native town, a thriving little place, and while there was asked to address a school on the general subject of success in life.

Now, our blessed Lord has warned us that the Day of Judgment will steal on us suddenly, when we least expect it. The only hint given will be the blast of the angel's trumpet, telling us of the arrival of the glorious Judge.

But though we may not know the hour which determines its destiny for ever. Then He will appear in power and dazzling glory, attended by the holy angels, and will summon all men to His awful tribunal.

A Deserved Rebuke. "Christ's Idea of Christianity" is the title of a book published a few months ago, and the current issue of the Biblical World has a study of "Jesus as a Thinker."

Ask Your Doctor. He will tell you that Scott's Emulsion cures poverty of the blood and debility of the nerves. He will say that it is the best remedy in the world for delicate children.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. Faunteroy Corrected.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett has been giving an interview to a representative of the Journal of Education. Her son Lionel, it is said, was the original of her famous "Little Lord Faunteroy."

"He looked up into my face a moment, a flash of intelligence came into his eyes, and with a smile of mingled amusement and shame he said, 'O mamma!' and he buried his head in my lap."

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"But I don't know that I have anything to say, except that industry and honesty win the race," he answered. "Your very example would be inspiring if you would tell the story of your life," said the superintendent.

"So I did, so I did; but my mother got me the place; and while I was there she did all my washing and mending, saw that I had something to eat, and when I got discouraged she told me to cheer up, and remember tears were for babies."

"Well, it was certainly true, wasn't it, that as soon as you had saved a little money you bought some fruit and began to sell it at the railway station?"

"Yes," he said slowly; "and I should like to tell you a story connected with that time. The second lot of apples that I bought for sale was speckled and wormy. I had been cheated by the man of whom I brought them, and I could not afford the loss.

From Glop to the page humorist, philosopher and wit have labeled the ass as the most stupid of animals. Yet the New Orleans Picayune says that in reality to be called an ass is a great compliment.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

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In Violation of Their Mother. The Catholic young men in every city ought to get up a course of a dozen lectures explanatory of the Church's aid to civilization, liberty, education, progress, law, art and learning.

Men of business are accustomed to quote the maxim that "Time is money," but it is much more; the proper improvement of it is self-culture, self-improvement, and growth of character.

Genius is really only the power of making continuous efforts. The line between failure and success is so fine that we scarcely know when we pass it—so fine that we are often on the line and do not know it.

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Simply, touchingly as he had received it from Cardinal Vaughan a few days before, Cardinal Perraud told the story of the little girl, daughter of an English Protestant clergyman, who, by her infantine remarks, was to become unconsciously in the hands of others an apostle in preaching the doctrine of the Real Presence.

The man with capital is constantly on the lookout for opportunities for its profitable investment. It is his care, first, to see that the security is beyond question, and then that the returns on the capital invested shall be as great as possible.

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THE PECULIARITIES OF THIS WORD.

No Name on Earth so Famous — No Name More Widely Imitated.

No name on earth, perhaps is so well known, more peculiarly constructed or more widely imitated than the word DODD. It possesses a peculiarity that makes it stand out prominently and fastens it in the memory.

No imitator has ever succeeded in constructing a name possessing a peculiarity of DODD, though they nearly all adopt names as similar as possible in sound and construction.

No medicine was ever named kidney pills till years of medical research gave Dodd's Kidney Pills to the world. No medicine ever cured Bright's disease except Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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THE PICTORIAL LIVES OF THE SAINTS contains Reflections for Every Day in the Year. The book is compiled from "Lives of the Saints" and other approved sources, to which are added Lives of the American Saints, recently placed on the Calendar for the United States by Special petition of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore.

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This is the complaint of thousands at this season. They have no appetite; food does not relish. They need the toning up of the stomach and digestive organs, which a course of Hood's Sarsaparilla will give them.

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In the best — in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills purify, aid digestion.

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Our Boys' and Girls' Annual For 5 cents we will send to any of our youth full readers a new story for boys, from the pen of the popular Rev. Father John...

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Bro. D. J. O'Connor, chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years past, who has resigned his position as such owing to the pressure of business...

Election of Officers. Branch 175, Kinkora. Chaplain, Rev. Father O'Neil, chan., Jas. Stock, pres., Wm. Harrigan; first vice-pres., Wm. Mallow; second vice-pres., Tobias Hill...

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