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THE GOSPELS.

GOSPEL: St. Matthew xiii, 15-21.

At that time: "The Pharisees going, consulted among themselves how to ensnare Jesus in His speech. And they sent to him their disciples with the Herodians, saying: Master, we know that Thou art a true speaker, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest Thou for any man: for Thou dost not regard the person of men. Tell us therefore what dost Thou think, is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar or not? But Jesus, knowing their wickedness, said: Why do you tempt Me, ye hypocrites? Show me the coin of the tribute. And they offered Him a penny. And Jesus saith to them; Whose image and inscription is this? They say to Him, Caesar's. Then he saith to them: Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

EXPLANATION: For what purpose did the Pharisees and Herodians present themselves before our Divine Teacher? They approached Him with the perfidious design of catching Him in His words, and of finding in His reply to their question an excuse to condemn Him, and make Him odious to one or the other of the opposing parties.

What was their question, and what did the Jews think of the point involved? The question was this: "Is it lawful for the Jews to pay tribute to Caesar? To this the Hebrews were very much opposed, because a great part of them submitted unwillingly to the law imposing the tribute, and still more, following the teachings of a certain Galileite, were of the opinion that it was not lawful for the Hebrew nation to pay tribute to the Gentiles, and that to do so was for them a sin."

What are we to think of the great praise the Jews and Herodians bestowed on our Divine Master? The praise was due to Jesus Christ, who, in the strictest and highest sense of the term, but on the part of those perfidious hypocrites it was a stroke of the most refined malice and an insidious trap to cause Him to fall.

We are sorry that our good natured remark of two weeks ago concerning a western newspaper has caused the journal in question to become somewhat violent. We have always believed it to be the highest form of Christianity to wish not the death of a sinner; but rather that he be converted and live.

The price of the book in flexible cloth is 50 cents.

ENCYCLICAL ON THE ROSARY.

Last week we gave the opening sentences of our Holy Father's encyclical on the Rosary. The concluding portion follows:

We are in presence of the holy House of Nazareth, the dwelling of Divine and earthly sanctity. What perfection of the common life! What a finished model of domestic society! Therein reigns candor and simplicity, perpetual peace, ever perfect order, mutual respect and reciprocal love, not false and deceptive love, but real and active, which by the assiduity of its good offices enraptures the gaze of simple spectators. A provident zeal there provides for all the needs of life, but that, in endure vultus, "by the sweat of the brow," like those who, knowing how to be content with little, strive less to multiply what they have than to lessen their poverty.

Now these great examples of modesty and humility, of good towards their neighbors, of the perfect fulfillment of all the duties of private life and all the virtues, cannot be meditated upon nor thus fixed little by little in the memory without their insensibly resulting in a salutary transformation in the thoughts and habits of life. Then the obligations of each one will cease to press upon him, and inspire him with disgust; he will like them and will find in their fulfillment a joy which will be a new stimulus to good.

A second extremely lamentable evil, and which we can never sufficiently deplore, because it continually increases from day to day, to the great detriment of souls, is the deliberate desire to shirk pain and employ every means to avoid suffering and repel adversity.

Here, again, it is permissible to hope that by force of example, the devotion of the Holy Rosary will give souls more strength and energy; and why should it be otherwise when the Christian from his tenderest childhood, and constantly since, has applied his mind with silence and recollection to the sweet contemplation of the mysteries called sorrowful.

In these mysteries we learn that Jesus Christ, "the Author and Finisher of our Faith," began simultaneously to work and preach, in order that we should find in Him, reduced to practice, what he had to teach us: touching patience and courage in sorrow and suffering to the extent of being willing Himself to endure all that could be most crucifying and painful to bear.

To all that, we add meditations on the sorrows of His Most Holy Mother, whose heart a sharp sword has not only wounded but transpierced through and through, so that she became, and merited to be called, the Mother of Sorrows.

attributes of the Christian—for who ever wishes to have a right to that name cannot do without following Jesus in patience.

But when we speak of patience we by no means mean that vain ostentation of a soul hardened against sorrow, which was the characteristic of certain philosophers of antiquity, but that patience modelled upon Him Who, "having joy set before Him, endured the Cross, despising the shame"—proposito sibi quadio sustinuit crucem confusione contempta (Hebrew xii, 2). We mean that patience which, after having asked of God the succour of His grace, rejects no suffering but rejoices at it, and, whatever it may be, considers it as a gain.

Men of our days, on the contrary, although nurtured in Christianity, pursue the perishable goods of the present life in such a way that they would like not only to forget, but through an access of abasement, even efface the memory of a better land in eternal happiness, as if St. Paul had warned us in vain that we had not here a lasting dwelling-place, but that we seek one to come—non habentis hincmanentem civitatem sed futuram inquiturum (Hebrews, xii, 14).

If we examine into the causes of this aberration, the first which presents itself is the persuasion of a great number that the pre-occupation of future things extinguishes the love of the earthly fatherland and is detrimental to the prosperity of the state.

As a matter of fact, the goods we hope for are not of a nature to absorb men's thoughts to the extent of diverting them from the care of present things. Jesus Christ Himself in recommending us to seek first the Kingdom of God, has thereby intimated that it should not make us neglect the rest. In fact the use of present things and the honest enjoyment they afford when virtue finds a stimulus or a reward therein, as also the adornment and embellishment of the terrestrial city, when we see therein an image of the splendor and magnificence of the heavenly city, presents nothing contrary to human reason or the Divine counsel: for God is the author at once of a nature and of grace and has not willed that one should injure the other nor should be mutually antagonistic, but that united by a fraternal alliance they should both lead us easily to that immortal beatitude for which we mortal men have come into this world.

God could not inflict a more terrible punishment on man than letting him forget superior things to pass his life in the enjoyment of lower pleasures. Now, the Christian, who, the pious Rosary in hand, will often meditate on the glorious mysteries, can certainly never be exposed to such a danger. From these mysteries in fact, comes a light which reveals to us those heavenly treasures and beauties which our corporeal eye cannot perceive but which we know by faith to be prepared for those who love God. We there learn that death is not a distraction which leaves nothing behind it, but the passage of one life to another, and that the way to heaven is open to all.

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