

**THE FIRST LENTEN SERMON**

Delivered at St. Peter's Cathedral by Rev. J. A. McHugh.

**EMPHASIZES GOOD EXAMPLE**

**The Only Evil in the World is When Man Turns His Back on God for the Vanities of This World—Fasting and Prayer Necessary for Salvation.**

Rev. J. A. McHugh preached the first sermon of the Lenten devotions at the cathedral last evening. The church was crowded and the large congregation was highly edified by the impressive and eloquent discourse of the speaker. The text was from the Lamentation of Jeremiah, and was: "Be astonished, O ye heavens! for my people have done two evils. They have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and have digged to themselves broken cisterns which shall hold no water."

Father McHugh gave a very scholarly sermon on this subject. He held that the only evil is the one deplored by the prophet, where people turn their back on the Lord and forsake Him to busy themselves with the vanities of the world. We are all sinners and must do penance or shut all likelihoods out. There is no getting around this fact. God placed us in the world; He thought of us from all eternity and has created us for a purpose. He has given us life by coming down from heaven and dying on the cross of Calvary.

The glories of the world are like a skyrocket. It goes up in the air and breaks forth into many beautiful colors, but it returns to the earth in nothingness.

The object of our creation is to reach the end that God has destined us for and every means is given that we may reach that end; what does it profit a man to gain every thing but the object of his creation?

**SEASON OF PENANCE**

Therefore, to overcome the temptations of the world, in this season of penance, we must fast and pray. By fasting we are committed to a crucifixion over again of the divine Savior; we turn our back upon Him and we are cruel and ungrateful as the Jews have been.

We do not realize it nor can we realize it until we depart from this world and come to meet our Father. What have we done here? Have we gone on for the purpose of acquiring riches and wealth? Is that the end for which we were created? If so, well and good, go on; but if we are here to save our souls we must feed the soul with prayer and with the good works that are necessary to reach it.

The speaker dwelt upon the idea that some people have of the way they think God will be satisfied. Some think that it is all right if they say a few prayers in the morning and go to mass every Sunday and in an outward way appear as good Catholics.

"This is not the way that God is jealous and wants the first fruits of the day, but even when we turn our back upon Him the mercy He extends invites us to turn back to Him and to be in the act of offending Him."

St. Augustine says that we were created without our consent, but we are as full as an egg without our consent. To be saved we must adopt the means furnished to us, and the most efficacious is prayer.

**ON GOOD EXAMPLE**

The speaker laid stress on the necessity of being of good life not only for our own good, but also for the example shown to others. The person who leads a bad life has an awful responsibility on his soul; he is not only sending his own immortal soul to eternal punishment, but a number of others who have been misled by his example.

Life has been made for us in construction and there will be an accounting for every moment of our life.

The judge will not then appear as He does in robes of forgiveness. Father McHugh exhorted his hearers to hasten to the Savior in the present time, not to delay it until too late.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS.**

"Delmonico's at 6," by Glen MacDonough will be the attraction at the Prothman Friday and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon. This attraction has been recently secured by J. M. Ward from C. B. Jefferson, Newark, N. J.

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We have convincing proofs that one of the very best sensational plays on the road this season will be "The (New) Captain's Mate," by the Dittmar Bros.

James B. Mackie, the clever young comedian who has scored such a great success as "Billy Grimes" in "Grimes' Cellar Door" for the past five seasons, will give a performance of the musical farce comedy at the Academy on Monday evening.

Waiter's famous comedy company will open a two weeks' engagement at the Prothman next Monday evening. The company is one of the strongest organizations of its kind now before the public.

All who appreciate original and legitimate comedy should not fail to visit Davis' theater during the next three days and see Sam T. Jack's comedy produce the bright, spicy and highly amusing burlesque entitled "My Uncle from New York."

But we cannot give you a \$6.00 shoe for \$3.00, nor can any other correct dealing merchant.

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**HOME FOR AGED MEMBERS.**

Scheme is Occupying the Attention of Knights of Pythias of this city and vicinity.

**WILL BE A VAST THROG**

Thousands to Attend the Grand Commandery Conclave in May.

The fact that the grand commandery of Knights Templar of the state will meet here May 26 and 27 does not really suggest the peculiar importance attached to the event. It is said of these grand commandery meetings that they are attended by a braimer and more influential class of men than does any other state gathering of a secret order.

Together with the foregoing should be observed the fact that the occasion will bring to the city vast throngs of strangers whose number is pre-estimated at from 7,000 to 12,000 persons.

Anticipated visitors will approach 9,000. The strife of the different visiting commanderies to obtain hotel accommodations is illustrated in their action on the day that last year's conclave in Reading selected Scranton for this year's gathering.

That meeting was no sooner adjourned than many telegrams were sent to Scranton directed to certain number of rooms for certain commanderies. The Wyoming house was engaged for top hotel, within three days after the decision at Reading and the same is almost true of the Lackawanna Valley House, the St. Charles hotel.

Although Tuesday and Wednesday, the 26th and 27th of May, are the two formal days of the conclave, Monday and Thursday of that week will also witness the presence of many strangers, as on the former day, especially in the afternoon and evening, many hundreds of Sir Knights will reach here, and during Thursday there will remain a large number who will be housed only in the rooms of their relatives.

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The Mt. Pleasant Mine Trouble Has Been Exaggerated.

**RUFFS FOR HER NECK.**

Very Full and Framing Her Fair Young Face—It is Sometimes Made of Flowers and is Like a Cocker's Ruff.

The report that sixty miners in the Mt. Pleasant mine, owned by W. T. Smith, had struck for higher wages, is not correct. A Hozen workman employed in the new shaft to the upper vein stopped work Monday morning.

The men, it is understood, have no grievance against their employer, who has not been fully considered by Mr. Smith, who was in New York until Tuesday.

The new vein is not in absolutely dry condition and the men at work in it were being employed at an actual loss to the owner. Under these circumstances it is probably that work will be at once resumed.

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