

LENT OPENS TOMORROW; ITS ORIGIN TERSELY EXPLAINED

(By Rev. Upton H. Gibbs.)
Apropos of Lent which commences tomorrow.

The fast of Lent, (Anglo-Saxon, Lencen, meaning Spring), as a preparation for the solemn festival of Easter, is of primitive observance, though not of Apostolical institution. The original duration of the fast appears to have been forty hours, in commemoration of the time that elapsed from the noon of Friday, when our Saviour began to yield to the power of death, until His resurrection. But in the time of Irenaeus (A. D. 175-200) and Tertullian (A. D. 200-240) other days were added to these varying in different churches; until, in the 5th century, the usual fast was kept for thirty-six days, or six weeks, deducting the Sundays, (Sunday being the weekly memorial of the resurrection, is never a fast day). In the 8th century, in the pontificate of Gregory II, Ash Wednesday and the other three days were added to Lent, and the Quadragesimal fast was observed during forty days. The number forty was adopted in commemoration of Our Lord's fast of forty days in the wilderness; besides the number forty is a mystical one in regard to a season of sorrow and abstinence; Moses having twice fasted for forty days and Elijah once; also the space allowed to the Ninevites to repent was forty days. Its employment originally, was to prepare the catechumens for Baptism, and penitents for Absolution, and the whole body of Christians for a worthy participation of the Communion at Easter.

The first day of Lent is commonly called Ash Wednesday from the ceremony as used towards those who were admitted to penance. In an old book Decretum Gratiani, written in the 12th century, we read concerning this "The bishop gave them, i. e., the penitents, imposition of hands, sprinkles them with holy water, puts ashes on their heads, and then covers their heads with sackcloth, declaring that, as Adam was cast out of paradise, so they for their sins are cast out of the Church."

The fourth Sunday in Lent is known as Midlent Sunday or "the Sunday of refreshment," probably because the Gospel of the day relates to the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, and also the rigor of fasting was relaxed for a day or two then. In England, it goes by the name of "Mothering Sunday" because in former years it was customary for apprentices away from home, to be given a holiday that they might visit their mothers, and if able to do so, to send them a gift. This is interesting to recall owing to the designation of a Sunday, by the non liturgical churches, recently to be known as "Mothers' day."

The most solemn portion of Lent is its final week, known as Holy Week. This is erroneously confused with "Passion Week," which week is the week preceding Holy Week. Passion Sunday is the fifth Sunday in Lent, and so-called because the Epistle refers to Christ's Passion and the Gospel that fearful rejection of Him by the Jews. Holy Week begins with what is popularly known as Palm Sunday, which commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the multitude scattered palm branches before Him. Thursday in Holy Week is called Maundy, Thursday probably being a corruption of Mandati (Dies Mandati—the day of the commandment), in allusion to our Lord's new commandment—to love one another. On this day the penitents who were cast out on Ash Wednesday were solemnly restored to church privileges. It commemorates also the institution

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of the Lord's supper. Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion, received its name from the blessed effects of our Saviour's sufferings on this day, "for us men and our salvation." Saturday is known as Easter Eve, and kept holy in memory of Christ's resting in the grave and of His descent into Hades. Its afternoon was one of the principal times for baptism and with this day the Lenten fast closes.

COLD SNAP EXPERIENCED

LOCAL BANKER HOME FROM CANADIAN TRIP.

Montreal Visited by 25 Degrees Below While He Was There.

After being called to Montreal, Canada, by the serious illness of his mother, F. L. Meyers is back at his desk in the La Grande National bank today. He left his mother, aged 81, slightly improved, but suffering with heart trouble and, in the opinion of physicians, liable to succumb at any moment.

Twenty-five degrees below zero was the nature of weather which Mr. Meyers got into part of the time. However, at times and at places, he found the weather very pleasant. On the way to Chicago, going, he met cold weather, but on his return to the states from Canada found much moderation throughout the middle-west and the west.

While he had little time to meet and discuss money matters with the Canadian bankers, he heard no complaint against the times, but found on the other hand that the big cities of Canada are growing rapidly. Montreal, the metropolis, claims 650,000 people and much commerce, the exclusive fur stores striking Mr. Meyers' attention particularly. The climate there necessitates the extreme attention to fur goods.

While on Canadian soil Mr. Meyers went to Ottawa and had the pleasure of seeing both the upper and lower houses in session, and of enjoying the tourist practice of sitting in Premier Borden's chair.

COVE PROBE HASTY

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fammed full of people, and the streets likewise blocked.

Few Conferences Held.

Miss Hobbs didn't get far from the city hall. She held several private conferences while there but so far as known Mrs. Amy Valentine was not one of them. A portion of her conference at the hall was public and in some instances private, depending on the nature of the interview desired. She hurried away to catch a train that had been held an hour for her special benefit.

CO-OPERATORS TO MEET

Final Consolidation of Plans to Make Co-Operation More Effective.

E. S. Norris, president of the co-operative association, leaves tonight for Seattle to attend a meeting of officers of various co-operative associations on the 26th and 27th. It will be a meeting of these associations in the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon, and has as its purpose co-operation within co-operation. In fact it is sought to make the system more compact and more efficient, through the factors of better marketing and purchasing. They will make an endeavor to arrive at some understanding as to the work that is to be carried on on a large scale and thus assist each other and the purchasing public in making closer deals for the necessities of life.

From Seattle Mr. Norris will also go to Portland for a like purpose, and will be gone a week or ten days.

Knights Templars Attention.

There will be work in the black cross degree tonight. All Sir Knights attend. By order of

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LEAGUE INTEREST KEEN

BILLIKINS NOW LEAD BOWLING CLUBS OF CITY.

Game Tonight to Further Cement or Reduce Lead of That Club.

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Billikins	3	0	1000
Alley Rats	2	2	667
Pets	2	4	333
Webfoots	2	4	333

In an interesting match on the Club alleys last night Williams' Webfoots defeated Crowe's Pets two games out of three. The boys all bowled in fairly good form, and some new ones are beginning to show much improvement.

DeKalb of the Webfoots had the high average for the evening, while Van Fleet of the same team made high individual score with 207. Zurbic also had 201 and Williams, DeKalb and Barnes went over the 190 mark.

Tonight the Alley Rats will meet Scott's Billikins. Both these teams have won their first series and will battle for the leadership of the local league.

No Meeting Held.

There was no meeting of the Wing, Fin & Fleetfoot club last evening, as had been planned for. The purpose of the meeting was to take action on the proposed state-wide organization of a sportsmen's association.

Cove Marshal Here.

Marvin McDaniels, marshal of Cove arrived in the city last evening on business matters, coming over on the same train with Miss Fern Hobbs.

Ash Wednesday Services.

Tomorrow being Ash Wednesday, there will be service in St. Peter's church at 10 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 in the evening.

Pony Express Riders.

In the days of the pony express many wonderful, long rides were made by those engaged in carrying the mails through dangerous country. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) made a round trip of 384 miles without stops, except to change horses and to partake of one meal. It is recorded that Robert H. Haslam (Pony Bob) rode 380 miles at one stretch. When the pony express ceased to exist Haslam became a Wells Fargo messenger, riding 100 miles every twenty-four hours, being ten hours on the road. Jack Keetley, a pony express rider, is credited with 340 miles in thirty-one hours, and Jim Moore, another rider, is said to have covered 280 miles in fourteen hours and forty-six minutes. — New York Sun.

Easy to Identify.

"I was going down the street the other day," the fellow said, "and I met a little boy crying. He was a miserable object and seemed to be suffering keenly. So I stopped and spoke to him."

"What's the matter, son?" says I.

"A big boy hit me," he sobbed.

"Well, that's a shame. You tell me who the big boy was and I'll give him a talking to that he won't forget."

"It was the Simpkins boy," answered the abused youngster with a show of interest. "He's down there with all these other kids."

"Which one of that crowd is he?"

"You kin tell easy enough. He's the one with the black eye an' the bloody nose, an' he's cryin' too!" — Chicago News.

Will End the Mystery.

"Have the police yet found any explanation for the mysterious disappearance of Mr. Jenkins?"

"No. They're going to get a pack of bloodhounds on his trail tomorrow."

"Gracious! Won't there be danger that if the bloodhounds find him they'll eat him?"

"What if they do? His disappearance will no longer be a mystery." — Buffalo Express.

A Rich Man's Views.

"So you are opposed to grand opera at popular prices?"

"Yes. Next they'll be having terra pin at popular prices and orchids at bargain rates, and then what interest will a rich man have in life?" — Kansas City Journal.

Confused the Witness.

Connel to cautious witness—Where are you so slow in giving your answers, madam? Are you afraid of telling an untruth? Witness (promptly)—Oh, no, sir!

What one has that one ought to use and whatever we take in hand we ought to do with all our might. — Cicero

CANING THE CULPRIT.

The Marks It Leaves Look Worse Than the Whaling Feels.

In a London police court recently a teacher in a public school was prosecuted for assaulting a pupil by caning him. The magistrate decided that he had not used undue violence and therefore discharged the master.

In this case the father of the boy who had been caned took him to a physician on the evening of the day of his castigation and this doctor found about fifteen wheals on the lad's back. This was evidence of severe punishment, but the magistrate considered it was not too severe for the offense which had caused it, and said that parents had formed an exaggerated opinion of the amount of force that had been used.

Commenting on this the London Lancet says:

"A blow from a cane causes at the time an appreciable amount of pain (which, by the way, is what it is intended to do), but it leaves behind a mark quite out of proportion in its formidable character to the amount of suffering which it causes after the first sting has been endured. If any one doubts this, having perhaps avoided the opportunity to observe it in the course of an exemplary boyhood, the experiment is easily made. Any small boy will be willing to do his share by inflicting upon the seeker after truth a sharp cut or two, the results of which will no doubt be distinctly felt for a time, but only for about an hour, while there will be visible on the well protected and tender skin of the back for some days wheals which would harrow the heart of any mother."

In other words, a boy's back after a caning looks far worse than it feels.

HARDY TUSCAN WOMEN.

One Vigorous Old Dame Who Acted as a Mountain Guide.

Illustrative of the hardness of women in Tuscany, Sir Francis Vane relates in "Walks and People in Tuscany" the experiences of two Englishmen who were traveling in Italy and who appealed to a village innkeeper for a trustworthy guide to conduct them over the pass between the mountains of Rondinajo and Tre Potenze. To their surprise an old woman appeared and announced that she had come to make arrangements for the journey. They concluded she must be the mother of their guide.

"What was our amazement to learn that this elderly dame was our destined leader, and indeed she was got up for the fray in long boots and short skirts."

"On we tramped, she always ahead, walking with a fine military swing which a life-guardsmen might have envied. The path was difficult and could not be used by vehicles. Our guide led us up the steep way which follows a small and rushing stream issuing from out the side of Rondinajo, and up it we ascended for an hour or more until the pass was reached."

"We here had the merciful intention of sending the old woman back, an intention, however, she very strongly opposed. It was only by allowing her to come some few miles further on that we could induce her to leave us before she had seen us safely to the end of the journey."

Father and His Daughters.

The habits of a lifetime which began a generation or more ago, the habit of being a source of maintenance and the need of keeping in hand the means of maintenance, the habit of power and of keeping hold of the source of power, may make a man less than fair perhaps in dividing his acquisitions with his wife, but when it comes to the daughters whom he is going to leave in the world when he quits it he is all for securing to them as far as he can a full share of all that is worth having. Hardly can sex selfishness squeeze in between him and his girls. As between them and all males, he is for them. He wants them to lose no good thing that may lawfully be coming to them. He wants no man to bully them, no man to impose upon their generosity, no man to bring them to want, to sorrow or a hungry heart.—Edward S. Martin in Atlantic.

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