

FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON.

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

What shall I do with my child next year? To what school shall I send him? These are important questions that are being asked by the anxious parent during these days when the school term is about to begin, and they must soon get a practical answer.

Of course it is the ardent wish of every good parent to give his child a thorough education, so that he might not only be fitted to cope with others in the race of life, but also to secure his eternal salvation. Both these objects must be secured by any education that is worth the name. A school that does not either teach the child to read, write, and reckon well, or does not carefully train the child's soul, is no school at all, and should never be patronized by a parent who is sincerely anxious for his child's welfare. Both these aims are essential to a good education. Neither the one nor the other can be omitted without detriment to the child and culpable neglect on the part of the parent. The child's mind must be filled with knowledge, so that the child can earn a living for himself, and also, and even more particularly, its heart must be trained to virtue, so that it can do God's will in all things. Virtue will not grow spontaneously in the child's heart. The heart is like a field where, if we want to have a crop, we must sow the seed and let it germinate and grow to maturity. It is then only that we can reap a harvest. So in the child's heart the seeds of virtue must be sown and tenderly nourished and cared for. Only after this has been done can we expect a harvest of Christian virtues in the child's soul.

This kind of an education that trains both heart and mind is only given nowadays in the Christian school.

There are other schools that may train the child to read and write well, but they overlook the most important duty the child has—that is, the duty towards his God. They never instill into the child's heart sound principles of Christian morality. They teach him to be smart, but not honest. They teach him to be clever, but not dutiful. They teach him external respectability, but say nothing of what is vastly more important before Almighty God—internal cleanliness of heart. "Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God."

Knowing these things well, a good parent cannot long hesitate where to send his child. If he is within reach of a Christian school, he falls in his duty to Almighty God if he does not send his child to that school. Home training is very good, but in the peculiar state of affairs in this great city the home-life seldom supplies an adequate amount of religious training to a child. Practically, it is in the school where it must be done, if done at all; for there the child spends the best part of the day; there the child's mind is being developed, and the education of his heart ought to go hand-in-hand with the development of his mind; there the child spends the best years of his youth, the time that is particularly set apart for learning. So that it is during this time, while the child is at school, that he must be taught his religion.

Hence, dear parents, do you wish your children to grow up to be an honor to you?—do you wish them to be good men and good women?—do you wish them to be a strong staff on which you might lean when your own step will grow unsteady? Train them, then, to virtue where they are young; let the knowledge of their religion be thoroughly instilled into their minds; let their hearts be solidly anchored to the eternal principles of morality. This best done nowadays by sending them to the Christian school. A wise parent will not long hesitate, then, in deciding the question for himself where his child will go to school.

If you would be happy, try to be cheerful, even when misfortunes assail you. You will soon find that there is another aspect to nearly all circumstances to even the ordinary trials of life. When the hour of misfortune comes—whether it appears in the form of disease or pecuniary loss—face it manfully, and make the best of it. Do not nurse your troubles to keep them warm, and avoid that useless and senseless habit of constantly referring to them in your conversation.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

My dear girls, since your looks count for so much more than it means, you should certainly be extremely careful to look—not your prettiest, but your best. In the most trifling particular you should be on your guard in public places and among strangers. Among those you know and whom you know—your surroundings, your connections—you may be less rigid in your watchfulness over yourself, but wherever there is a stranger you should practice a certain reserve and reticence. You should not lay bare your mind, your likes and dislikes, your views and intentions to the traveling public.

Well Done is Half Done

is a proverb that strikes home to everyone of us, as applying to every action of our lives, and since all our days are composed of small duties it is of the greatest importance for us to take it to heart. When some duty is required of us, being the call of God, we either rise up to do it well or else shrink away, leaving it undone. We can apply this proverb, not only to unimportant actions, but in a general way to arts, sciences, and even to a man's whole life. Everyone who has plodded wearily through the first dry rudiments of any branch of knowledge, will know that if one's whole mind has been set to it from the first, the path becomes gradually smoother, and the difficulties seem to vanish of themselves, and we take a delight in the pleasure with which we advance. That which we find to be true in the case of sciences, can be very well illustrated in the life of every man. "As the twig is bent, so the tree will grow." Having learnt from our earlier years to be strong with ourselves in little things, we do not shrink even from the harder duties of later life, and with every well spent day our passions become weaker, because the first step that cost an effort was well taken. —The Child of Mary's Own Journal.

A Hint to Young Women.

As a rule grown-up girls have more spare time than is good for them. Many of the occupations they are accustomed to look upon as the toils of their lives—fancy work, paying visits, practising, etc.—are, as many married women and not a few girls could tell them, little more than healthful and pleasant recreations, says the *Cleveland Leader*. If many a girl would keep an account of her time for a week she would be startled to find out how much of it, if not absolutely lost, is frittered away. She would discover that one or two hours' reading would hardly interfere, if properly arranged as to time, with any of her amusements and occupations, and would be simply invaluable in giving ballast to her mind, as would an hour a day devoted to the conquest of a modern language, or to the study of mathematics.

Let a girl, even if she cannot find time for self-improvement, give up novel reading for a time. She will find the deprivation will be far less than she would have imagined, and may console herself by reflecting that the taste for novel reading is easily regained, while the appetite for graver study cannot be found if once really lost. Girls who love good poetry will be astonished at how much they can get by heart by learning one or two verses every morning while dressing, and to find how infinite a treasure through their whole lives will be these "jewels which, on the stretched finger of all time, sparkle forever," and which they have made their own by committing to memory.

The Passion Flower.

The passion flower has long been associated with Easter, and Good Friday also, both in song and story. This is a most interesting flower. The Spanish missionaries who were sent to teach the story of Calvary first discovered this strange blossom. The passion flower has a calyx of five sepals and a corolla of five petals all being joined together to form a shallow cup, just inside of which grows a curious fringe, unlike any other flower. From the bottom of the flower's chalice rises a little stalk from a tiny shelf or pedestal. On this erect stalk are five stamens, with the ovary in the centre, and from this rise three styles bearing the stigma. In the Spanish missionaries' view the ten divisions represented the ten apostles—not counting Peter, who denied his Lord, nor Judas the betrayer. The curious fringe they thought to resemble the crown of thorns; the spreading, five-fingered leaves, the outstretched hands of scorers; the central stalk, or gynophore the pillar to which Christ was bound by the Roman scourgers; the five anthers the five wounds; and the divisions of the triple pistil the three nails by which He was fastened to the cross. Even the colors they considered symbolic, some of them being red like the blood which flowed on Calvary, and others purple, like the robe of scorn. Although the familiar green house passion flower is a native of Brazil, there are several varieties in the United States, being common in several Southern States, and one even (*Passiflora lutea*) north of the Ohio river in damp thickets and in late summer.

Deeds of Great Valor.

There are so many kinds of courage that to enumerate the variety in detail would fill a number of the *Youth's Companion*, writes Archibald Forbes to that paper. Personally I do not rank particularly high heady valor in the battle or the forlorn hope. Then the blood is hot and the ardor of the fray is throbbing in every fibre. Unless a man is an utter coward at heart, it seems to me that perforce he must in the nature of things be brave in the turmoil of battle. Of course, there, as elsewhere, degrees of conduct present themselves, and the true man will stem a sudden panic or greatly dare to save the life of a comrade. But it is in cold blood that the higher courage exhibits itself, and the comparative rarity of that virtue proves its exceptional and more elevated stamp. Rarest of all kinds of courage is perhaps that variety which the Duke of Wellington used to call "two o'clock in the morning courage."

There was the spirit of the finest courage in the conduct of Captain George Napier, who, being struck in the breast at Ciudad Rodrigo, at the head of the storming party, his arm shattered by a cannon ball, kept cheering and directing his men as he lay bleeding and helpless, trodden on, buffeted by the charging soldiers. He would not have been removed until he heard the place was won, and then, with his hand binding his arm, he walked quietly to the amputating place, waited his turn, and had to listen to the discussion of a point of etiquette between two surgeons as to which of them was entitled to perform on him.

That was cool daring on the part of a rough Irish private in the Peninsula war, who, when a thirteen inch shell fell in the crowded work, knocked out the burning fuse with a blow of his spade, picked up the shell and carried it to his officer, with the quaint remark: "There she is now, your honor. She'll do nobody any harm now, for its meelf has knocked the life out of the creature!"

Who does not remember that noble, stoic courage and discipline of those recruits who stood in their ranks on the deck of the Birkenhead troop ship, waiting for the inevitable death that was imminent, while the women and children were being saved?

A Briton myself, I have ties with the great republic, and for that reason I cherish the knowledge of some acts of courage of the stamp I specially admire, performed by Americans—acts which probably are not widely known among the countrymen of those brave men.

It was in the late Admiral John Rodgers' first action in the Galena that a shell crashed into the turret in which he was with the gunners, and half smothered him with the blood and brains of an adjacent sailor. Others were struck down by the explosion, and panic was setting in. His progress Rodgers stayed, not, however, by angry voice and loud obligations, but by the quiet, ruminative, half-complaining remark, as he wiped his bespattered face, "And they told me these things were shell-proof!" The utterance and the manner thereof appealed to the ever-alert American sense of humor. The gunners rallied and renewed the fight.

On another occasion, I think when his ship, the *Wachawken*, was in action with the Confederate ironclad *Atlanta*, Rodgers having gone below for a moment, found a man of the turret gun crew wandering about between decks. When challenged to answer for cowardice in deserting his post, the man made no reply, and was put in irons by Captain Rodgers' orders.

The fight over and the *Atlanta* a prize, one of his officers, entering his cabin, represented to him that the man was no skulker, but, on the contrary, one of the best men on the ship, who had been dazed and stunned by the impact of a hostile missile which he had been leaning; that when challenged below, and that when challenged by the commanding officer he had not yet recovered from the shock.

Rodgers ordered that the man should be immediately unironed, and at quarters next day, when officers and ship's company were mustered, he thus curtly but pointedly addressed the sailor:

"My man, I called you a coward yesterday. I find I was mistaken, and," lifting his cap, "I beg your pardon."

Surely than this no commanding officer ever did a nobler and more gallant act, and one can well believe that for a chief so loyal in his manhood to his fellow citizens, so generous and whole-souled in owning his error, the *Wachawken's* crew would have died to a man.

All Run Down.

This is the condition of thousands. Squanders have they been of sleep, rest and finality of health. The mad pursuit of place, power, and pelf leaves them broken in spirit, weak in body, shattered in nerve. In the world, but no longer of it, their days are spent in desire, impotent and purposeless, for they have bankrupted health. Thousands are on the road. They heed not the warning that nature gives.

Slothfulness, inertia, despondency, and fatigue add their mournful notes to the "still sad music of humanity." Tired! Tired! Tired! You need aid! Your system requires a staff upon which to lean, and your brain rest for increasing vigils! Health and strength are the alternatives from decay and death.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The Genuine Man.

Men, our life's success is not measured by dollars, position or titles, but by real genuine manhood that ripens with years in struggles and temptations, cares, joys, sorrows; whatever comes to us as our daily experience of life—call it good or ill—may be all beneficial and prove strong factors in the development of the genuine man with heart and soul and mind. The big soul is better than the big bank account and may just as well go with it. A broad sympathy is better than broad acres, and a clean memory of past life, a conscience that is void of offense towards God and man, will bring greater satisfaction than the never can be forgotten acts of over-reaching measures, fraud or not to be named "pleasures." Don't make a mistake at the beginning by false standards of success. Like as not you will have to live with yourself a good many years. Be fit company for a good man.

How to Rise.

In 1850 a young clerk at a small railroad station refused to alter the rates of the company to accommodate a village magnate and an extensive shipper. The great man went away vowing vengeance on the young man who refused to break the rules of the company whose servant he was. The company appreciated the fidelity and advanced him to more and more responsible stations till Tom Scott became president of the great Pennsylvania Railroad. After the death of Mr. Scott I said to one of the vice presidents of the road: "You must miss the president very much." He answered, "No; the man is not great who cannot organize his work so that it will go on without him." Mr. Scott so simplified and organized his work that it would go on successfully when his guiding hand was withdrawn.

Nearly all the men in very high and responsible positions have risen from humble places in lowly life. This same great company is all the time seeking for larger men than it can find. In trying to train them up for its extending departments it takes graduates from college and puts them through every department of wood and iron work, car and engine making, practice on the road and in the offices, etc., hoping that out of many some will be able to take positions that are worth \$50,000 a year. They would gladly pay this to men who would grow to the greatness of their needs.

There are several roads east of Chicago that haul a ton of freight a mile for seven tenths of one cent. It takes the whole value of a load of wheat to haul it a hundred miles over a common road. On the railroad it is hauled for seventy cents. The price of carrying passengers and freight in this country is constantly decreasing. Passengers are carried first-class for less than one half of what they are in the United Kingdom of Great Britain. To bring about such a result has required the genius of thousands of men. A third of the invested wealth of this country is in railroads. In this large field of thought and endeavor there is plenty of room to rise by thought and endeavor. The world is willing to pay for efficiency, not for ornament.

So of every department of life: thought and efficiency tell, and large-ly determine the place a man is to hold. Munger, in his little book called "On the Threshold," says a boy at work in a railway office came to his pastor and asked for the names of the best books on the great imperial nations of Rome and the English people. He could read only in the evenings, but he wanted to read the best. Some after, another boy came from the same office, begging to know if it was wrong to go to the theatre and dancing school. Munger said it was easy to tell which of these boys at forty years of age would be president of the road and which would be dropped to a brakeman.—Catholic Columbian.

The Occasion of Sin.

The rage for speculation in this era reaches all classes, and from the millionaire to the office boy there is a desire to acquire money by some lucky turn of fortune. The young man is influenced by wild stories of suddenly acquired wealth, and he thinks, poor fool that with his little earnings as a clerk, he may in time be ranked among the Vanderbilts and the Goulds.

But he does not usually stop with his own earnings after he has once entered upon the path of speculation, for if he had the handling of any of his employer's money it is often abstracted in part in a vain endeavor to recover losses, and the theft is concealed by cleverly manipulated entries. Discovery is inevitable after a clerk has taken this first step in crime, for he takes many more steps in the same way until concealment is no longer possible. Then he attempts to escape from the penalty of his misdeeds, either by flight or by suicide. In the latter case, he is guilty of even a blacker sin than he has already committed, and goes to render his account to a greater Judge than he could have faced in any earthly tribunal. He has left a name behind him stained with dishonor, and he has brought untold grief to relatives and friends, who believed in his integrity up to the time of his acknowledgment of his guilt, for Daniel Webster says, "Suicide is confession."

We are taught by the Church to avoid even the occasion of sin, and certainly the young man who makes himself familiar with the workings of "bucket shops" and "policy" offices, by putting money into them, is not following this wise injunction. Speculation, looked at from the best

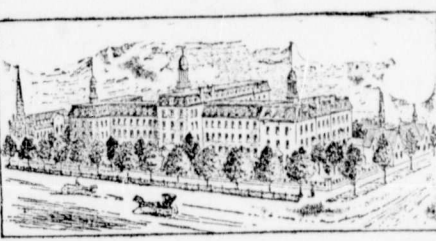


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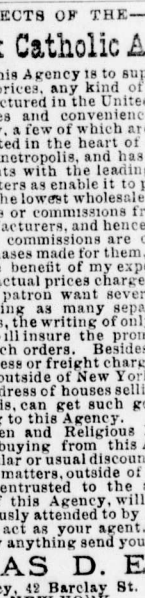
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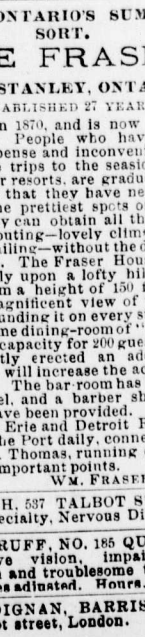
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