FIVE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. M. BOSSAERT

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JESUS AT THE MARRIAGE FEAST IN CANA

In today's Gospel we read of our Divine Saviour as a guest at a wedding feast, a place where perhaps we should not expect to find Him. He was more than a mere, ordinary guest, however, for He always revealed Himself as the Teacher of mankind; He was always working at the task of our redemption, whether He was in the Temple at Jerusalem, or in a synagogue, or at the marriage in Cana. Let us see what lessons cur Saviour taught us as He sat at the feast with the wedding party.

1. First of all He teaches us by His example that true piety does not consist of being gloomy and depressed. He teaches us that there are lawful and innocent pleasures, in which even the most pious person may take part. In this way He proves the falsehood of that old, mischievous prejudice which prevents so many people, and especially the young, from being especially the young, from being pious and leading God-fearing lives, because they suppose piety to involve the abandonment of every kind of pleasure. Many a one says for this reason: "When I am old, I will pray and begin to be good," or "It I were to live as the priests would have us do, I should have no amusement at all in life." These are mere prejudices and mischievous phrases, which rob people of all wish to be good, and lead them to live in a frivolous and sinful feshion. Such phrases contain no truth at all, but are altogether false and misleading. True piety and true fear of God do not make us mel ancholy, but happy, cheerful and contented. They do not preclude real pleasures but only sinful amusements, that are not real pleasures at all, and that will sooner or later end in bitter suffering. Whilst a man is under the dominion of sin, he can not be happy and cheerful, for his conscience torments him and gives him no peace. But as soon as he begins to lead a good and blameless life, he will be able to rejoice in the depths of his heart. There can be no doubt that, of all the guests at the marriage feast at Cana, Jesus was the most cheerful, because He was the most innocent and most pious.

2. By His presence at the wedding our Lord shows His esteem for the newly married couple. They must have been good, honest, pious young people, for otherwise Jesus would not have honored them with His company. Would that all young men and women, as long as they are single, lived such pure, chaste, pious and honest lives that, when they marry, they may be as good as the bridal couple in Cana! Would that every bride and bridegroom could say with Of life everlasting. Sweet Angelus confidence to one another on their wedding day: "We see many welcome guests around us, but there is another, greater than all the rest, though unseen—our dear Lord, Jesus Christ." This would indeed be a comforting thought; and married life, begun in such a spirit, could hardly fail to turn out well. We see many unmarried people, who live as if there were no God of justice, who never pray, but heap up sin upon sin, and then in this state enter holy matrimony. Is it any wonder that no blessing rests upon such a union, and that there is neither peace nor happiness in the homes of such people?
3. From our Lord's presence at the

joyful marriage feast we ought to learn to be careful that all our amuse ments and recreations are such that Jesus could be present at them. Therefore you children, who are so fond of play, be good and honest at your games, and ask yourselves whether Jesus could watch you with pleasure; if you can answer "Yes quite sincerely, you are doing right, and may go on with your play. You, young men and women, have your own amusements that may easily be sources of danger, unless you think human nature. The worldly ideal is of our Lord's presence. If there is earthly happiness, the Christian ideal anything that He ought not to see, it is eternal happiness. All history is is wrong and sinful. This is particular the working out of these two ideals. larly true of dancing. Ask your-selves: "Are our dances and enterthem up. He sees all that you do, Whatever your pleasures may be, ask yourselves always: "Could Jesus take part in them?" If you have to say: "No," they are not lawful, but girll a mysement.

Let us always live and act so that our Lord can be with us constantly, both in joy and in sorrow, and so that He may be willing to come and be our guest, as He was once at Cana. Then we shall feel in our hearts and in our family life the happiness resulting from His presence, and He these ideals of happiness. The world will bless us, as He blessed the happy couple in Cana. Amen.

THROW UP THE WINDOWS!

days; but we must breathe in four

costs you nothing and this fact old pagan ideal of material happishould cause a general rush for it. Many persons are fitted by nature to fresh air. Fresh air is now coming in with early vegetables and is the cheaper of the two. Throw up the windows, and let the luxury in!

—Catholic Columbian.

THE ANGELUS

In the year 1262, St. Bonaventure, at that time General of the Franciscans, commanded his friars, at the general chapter of his order in Pisa, to promulgate the following devotion among the people: That at the sound of the evening bell, which in Rome and throughout Italy is rung half an hour after sunset, they should recite three "Ave Marias" in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation. The The same was afterwards ordered also for morning and noon. This was the origin of the Angelus, which now peals forth from every church and convent tower.

THE ANGELUS BELL

Softly the sound of the angelus bell Falls from the tower, o'er village and dell, Gently it touches a something within And offers a refuge from sorrow and

Appealing to hearts that are tepid or

cold. Calling the stray ones again to the

Telling to all that an hour is here Pleading with sinners in tones sweet and clear.

Prompting the heart in the hour of Soothing the life that is weary with Sounds floating over me seem to

Bow in submission, to God's holy

Ringing to all, to the lonely, the Ringing to all, to the happy, the Soundings of sorrow and soundings

alloy. Falls from the tower o'er village and

Hushed in its music, its music divine A soul going home at the angelus time

Ringing o'er mountains, o'er valley Ringing to weary and fettered and

Softest of music, awake me, to tell

-KATHERINE MURRAY Kensington, Conn., May 25, 1910.

SELLING A MASTERPIECE

Millet, who was a farmer's son, having in mind his boyhood, tenderly painted his wonderful "Angelus." enemy to the took it to Paris and hawked it religion?" about, but no one would have it. At last the Belgian minister gave him \$360 for it. Six years after Millet's death the picture sold for \$32,000, and in 1889 James F. Sutton, president of the American Art association. bought it for \$116,000.-New York Telegram.

RESTORING ALL THINGS IN CHRIST

Beneath the surface of the present unrest lies a very old problem. That harmless doctrine. They are of school now has an enrollment of 500 problem is simply to reconcile the suffering in this world with man's kind are neither so obstinately inmate desire for happiness. It is wicked as to deserve everlasting the old conflict between the material and the spiritual tendencies in

When the material ideal predominates the world is in stress and turtainments such that Jesus could moil, when the spiritual idea is in the ascendant peace and content. the ascendant peace and content-ment prevail. This general proposition finds its vindication when

> pagan ideal of earthly happiness controlled the minds of men. The cultured Greek saw the highest happi ness in the pursuit of ethical culture, the Roman in the attainment of world to be there and they adore Him." dominion, the Oriental in sensuality, the barbarian in brute conquest. Plate, Cæsar, Omar Kayham, and of pagan antiquity was in constant

known. do without water for thirty days, and that we can go without food for sixty days; but we must breathe in the sixty was taught. The spiritual ideal the minutes or we are gone goslings. world but in the next was gradually We need wholesome food. We need forced upon the nations of the world.

The authority of the church, the give a "grand opening" for fresh air, divine institution of the Sagraments, but neglect it every day. No person heaven, hell, were all cast aside by was ever known to catch consumption the omniscient reformers. Religion when living in the open air. Many are cured of this deadly malady by civilization was removed, and the the keystone of the arch of the convert from Popery to reconvert from Popery from Poper for so many centuries was banished from the lives of many.

The dawn of present unrest was back in the times of the "reformers." riches, for power, for pleasure is the working out of the pagan material ideal of life. Bolshevism is merely a modern manifestation of a very old disorder.

It is the creed of men who are not content to have their heaven hereafter. They want it now. We have inherited from our first parents aspirations and cravings that cannot be satisfied in this life. The attempt to seek material satisfaction for desires that are spiritual has been the folly of the worldling in all ages. It the mistake of the Bolshevist today

This is the reason why no remedy for Bolshevism can be found except in the teachings of religion. lative legerdemain, socialistic dreams, and academic theories of life can never solve a problem that is rooted

must assert itself again. The old supremacy of the spiritual over the material must be enthroned if modern unrest is to disappear from the face of the earth. In this we are consoled and heartened by the words of One who knew the world and knew the human heart, for He made them both. And He has said, "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you shall have distress; but have confidence, I have overcom the world."-The Pilot.

DR. JOHNSON'S VIEWS ON THE CHURCH

Dr. Samuel Johnson, the great English lexicographer, stood for a certain massiveness of common sense, and, non-Catholic though he of joy
Telling that much of the world is generous, truthful and sincere notions respecting the Church and As softly the sound of the angelus its teaching. It may be interesting to turn to Boswell for a few moments and refresh our memories as to what Dr. Johnson said to his faithful follower on several occasions, says the London Catholic

In the six-volume edition published by Messre. Constable and edited by Mr. Augustine Bircell, the second volume, page 249, we find the follow-

I had hired a Bohemian as my servant while I remained in London, and being much pleased with him I asked Dr. Johnson whether his being a Roman Catholic should prevent my taking him with me to Scotland. Johnson-" Why no, sir. If he has

no objection you can have none." Boswell—"So, sir, you are no great enemy to the Roman Catholic

Johnson-"No more, sir, than to the Presbyterian religion. Boswell—"You are joking."
Johnson—"No, sir, I really think

so. Nay, sir, of the two, I prefer the Popish. And later (page 251) in the same

conversation there are a number of questions concerning many Catholic doctrines to which the doctor gives owing a of the rightness of Catholic belief.

I proceeded, "What do you think,

I proceeded, "What do you think, successful an evening school, designed sir, of Purgatory as believed by the Roman Catholics?

opinion that the generality of manpunishment, nor so good as to merit being admitted into the society of the blessed spirits; and therefore that God is graciously pleased to allow of a middle state where they may be purified by certain degrees of suffering. You see, sir, there is nothing unreasonable in this."

Boswell—"But then. sir. their

Masses for the dead?" Johnson—"Why, sir, if it be once established that there are souls in Purgatory, it is as proper to pray for them as for our brethren of mankind who are yet in this life.' Boswell-" The idolatry of the

Mass?" Johnson-"Sir, there is no idol-

Boswell—"The worship of saints?"
Johnson—"Sir, they do not wor Attila are types of the working out of only ask their prayers.

mown.

The coming of Christ changed all vectorized notions of the meaning of the considered that their absolution is and in the rough mingling of life, to consider the meaning of the considered that their absolution is and in the rough mingling of life, to consider the meaning of the considered that their absolution is and in the rough mingling of life, to consider the meaning of the considered that their absolution is and in the rough mingling of the considered that their absolution is and in the rough mingling of the considered that their absolution is and in the rough mingling of the considered that their absolution is and in the rough mingling of the considered that their absolution is and in the rough mingling of the considered that the rough mingling of the considered that their absolution is and in the rough mingling of the considered that the rough mingling of th only upon repentance and often upon keep their lives untarnished. Save penance also. You think your sins them from the terrors of utter want.

reformation in some particulars. love and sovereign freedom of their sir William Scott informs me that own home, grant in due time the little daughters who must soon go he heard Johnson say: "A man fulfillment of their sweet desires. who is converted from Protestantism to Popery may be sincere; he parts world's redemption in her bosom; by with nothing; he is only superadding the memory of our own dear mothers women.

of mind in such a conversion, that it can hardly be sincere and lasting.'
The truth of this reflection may be The full moontide has been reached in our own day. Today the quest for instances, some of which will occur

ONLY HOPE FOR OUR TROUBLES

(By E. S. Martin, in New York Life)

The best hope that the present troublesome situation will work out into anything better than has been and is, lies in the presence in the world of that sentiment and dis-position that we call the Christmas Spirit. In the War we had a great deal of it. There was a big job to do, and everyone that was any good put himself into the doing of it. They put aside selfishness; they forgot money, except as a means to help; they thought of life itself as something secondary in importance in the very soul of man. Religion to the saving of civilization from a great peril. People got declassified. They suspended polite life, and the polits people threw themselves into all sorts of homely tasks and drudgeries to make life go better for the men who were in the War. It was a great time and a wonderful consecration, and it did people lots of good.

But now we all seem to be drifting back into everyone-for-himself, and yet that seems to be more the fault of habit and fixed methods than of any wide defect of disposition. People would like to go on with that great co-operation of hand and heart that raised five million soldiers and sent two million to France, but they don't know how. A great many try to keep it up, but the vitalizing motive is gone, and most people fall back—they have to—on that old and compelling interest, the making of a living.

But even that cannot yet be as engrossing as it once was. People have to make a living, but millions of them have tasted something better and have not forgotten it Labor, Capital, the Church and Society all worked for the War, and worked together. Together again they will have to work to remake the world, and presently they will discover it, and take hold. And when they do, that will meanathe triumph of the Christmas Spirit.

For the only thing that can bring the world right, or ever could, is religion, and the Christmas Spirit is applied religion. Rightly applied it puts spiritual things material things in the secondary relation, where they belong. In so far as the world learns how to do that, it will be happy, and meanwhile individual people who can learn to do it can be happy and useful without waiting for laggers to discover that for men and nations runs the same law of conduct and of peace: "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

K. OF C. SCHOOL

C. P. A. Cablegram

Washington, D. C., Dec. 25.-The have successfully demonstrated how to meet current needs can be made by the establishment of such an students of whom 325 are former service men. The tuition of all men discharged from the Army, Navy and Marine Corps is paid by the Knights. Courses are now given in bookkeep ing, accounting, stenography, business law, business mathematics, English Spanish and American history When the second term opens or January 5, the following courses will be added: American government, business economics. sociology French, Latin, Algebra, direct cur rent machinery, alternating current machinery, and engines and boilers, including gas, steam and oil engines.

> THE PRAYER FOR WOMEN WHO TOIL

O God, we pray Thee for our sisters who are leaving the ancient shelter of the home to earn their wage in the factory and the store and the press of modern life. them from the strain of unremitting Attila are types of the working out of these ideals of happiness. The world of pagan antiquity was in constant turmoil; unrest was general, justice was disregarded and charity un.

The scripture was disregarded and charity un.

The scripture says 'Confess your faults one to cherish, under another to confess.' was taught. The spiritual ideal that may be forgiven without penance, happiness is to be sought not in this upon repentance alone." upon repentance alone."

Boswell claims to have recorded may better their common lot. It it occurately what his great hero said, must be so that our women toil like health in the face and lights the spark of animation in the eye.

Lacking fresh air, the sickly shades health in the face and lights the spark of animation in the eye.
Lacking fresh air, the sickly shades of sallow cheeks and broken tints of green and yellow at the corners of the mouth show that life's artist is out of madder and vermilion. Air is free and there is no reason why we should not have it. Remember, it greatest era of peace and content.

But the great structure reared upon religion was destined to be described to the women of our nation be not described to the women of a few of entired to shield have reasoned differently. There is no reason to think so. Indeed, the women of our nation be not described to the women of a few of the mouth that the world has known.

But the great structure reared upon religion was destribed to be described to the women of our nation be not described to the women of our nation be not described to the women of our nation be not described to the women of our nation be not described to the women of our nation be not described to the women of our nation be not described to the women of our nation be not described to the women of our nation be not described to the women of our natio

own home, grant in due time the fulfillment of their sweet desires.

By Mary, the beloved, who bore the fashioning for others, we beseech

Peerless cooker

Will reduce your food bills by making your food more nourishing and easier digestedrequiring less food. The Peerless Cooker will cook meat, fish, vegetables-bake bread, cakes or pudding, and do all at once.

Write for free booklet telling how. ONWARD MFG. CO., Kitchener, Ont. AGENTS WANTED—Splendid proposition for live agents—easy sales—big money. Write for particulars.





CUT YOUR OWN HAIR EASIER THAN SHAVING



You do not need any experience or practice to use the DUPLEX AUTOMATIC HAIR CUTTER omes to you ready for instant use, and five minutes after you receive it you can have your hair cu to you ready for instant see, and han it was ever cut before.

DUPLEX will cut as closely or trim as long as you wish it to be. No clippers or scissors are both the DUPLEX; it finishes the work completely. It cuts the front hair long and the back with the DUPLEX; it finishes the work completely. with the DUPLEX; it finishes the work completely. It cuts the front hair long and the back nort. Trims around the ears, etc. side of a very short time you will have to pay \$2.00 for the DUPLEX. The price today is \$2.00 hile the present stock lasts we will accept this advertisement the same as \$1.00 Cash Cut if d send it with ONLY \$1.00 and we will send you the DUPLEX AUTOMATIC HAIR CUTTER for instant use, postage paid, to any address. Send today.

IF YOU SEND TODAY FREE New Duplex Stropping Attachment
Duplex Hair Cutter and Stropper
Complete Outfit for Only

ntal work we now have a perfect stro can put all four cutting edges in snape in a minute.

I hair cuts can be obtained by using this stropper Cut out this ad, and send it to us with only TODAY and we will send you the stropper ABSOLUTELY FREE. Both DUPLEX HAIR ER AND STROPPER, the big \$20 outfit, for ONLY \$1.00. This wonderful half price offer the repeated. Send TODAY. AGENTS WANTED.

DUPLEX MANUFACTURING CO., DEPT. 53, BARRIE, ONT.



A New Novel By Isabel C. Clarke

THE **ELSTONES**

Looked down upon, almost hated by, Lady Elstone, Magali Arnold, the heroine, nevertheless soon has the noblewoman's sons madly in love with her.

Magali is a distinctly new type in fiction and is one of the finest characters Miss Clarke has given us.

"This brilliant writer has been acclaimed the greatest Catholic novelist of the present time."

8vo, cloth, net, \$1.75 Sent postage paid on receipt of \$1.90

The Catholic Record LONDON, CANADA



Mail the coupon below for a trial bottle of D. D. D. It is FREE. If you have eczema, psoriasis, ringworm, pimples, scales, rashes, or any ment, mild or violent, do not fail to send for a trial bottle of D. D. D. It is a scientific compound of oil of wintergreen, glycerin, and other ingredients. This prescription is known to skin spe-cialists to be uniquely successful in the treatment of skin diseases.

D. D. is the logical remedy. It is a penetrating liquid. It works its way right into the tiny pores where the disease germs are lodged, and cleanses them of impurities. The relief is instant. As econ as you apply D. D. D. to that burning, bitch, it will bring cool comfort and rest. Now you can get D. D. D. in a simal trial bottle. Mail the coupon today. Hundreds of grateful people all over the World are recommending it to their friends. Prove to yourself what others easy is true, but don't wait. Get instant relief. Send the coupon today sure.

The Standard Skin Remedy

Read Amazing Indorsements from Grateful People:

I was a great sufferer with eczema, the weeping kind, about two years ago. Was laid up all winter. Tried all the doctors in reach and got no help. Saw an ad. of D.D.D. g. The first bottle helped me, but I was so bad one bottle did not last long. Both hands, arms, and legs to my knees were a sight to see. I used several bottles of course, but it was cheap after doctors. I am well of the terrible disease now but I keep D.D.D. close at hand. PETER MERCER, Pt. Burwell, Ontario.

Would my few lines help some sufferer from skin disease. A year ago I was a fright, you could not put a pin on my whole body. I was tormented beyond words. I could not sleep, I tried several dectors. As the said, it is scrofula. Then Mrs. R,der of throokvale said, 'try D.D.D.' it helped me and I think it will help you. I used two sample bottles and three dollar bottles and I think I am cured as I have seen no sores or pinples for five months, thanks to your wonderful D.D.D.

D.D.D. COMPANY

27 Lyall Street Dept. R 59 TORONTO, Ont.

JOHN M. CLARK.

I had been troubled with eczema off and on for over 40 years and four years ago it broke out on me again. I was a complete wreck. One leg was raw from my toes to my body and the other was raw from my toes to my knee.

No living man could ever believe what I had to suffer for over a year. I have been doctored with 3 good doctors here in my own town. I believe they did all they could for me, but yet they are not to be compared with D.D.D. 4 years ago when the eczema broke out on me I saw your ad, and I sent for a dollar bottle and found it was doing me good so continued using until I was completely circl.

me good so continued using that a viceompletely cured.

It took only 13 bottles and for three years I haven't had a sign of eczema. Some people ask me why it is that you don't advertise more and I tell them you don't need to advertise all the time for just to try

RUFUS GARRETT,

With our baby the rash started on his cheeks. Later on the leg, then it appeared on his wrists. We tried doctors and salves for more than a year. He became worse and worse. His wrists were awful to look at. His forehead was covered and from ear to ear he was unsightly.

and worse, and worse, and worse, and worse, at. His forehead was covered and from ear to ear he was unsightly.

I had to make little cotton slips to pull over his hands to keep him from scratching. I spent 50.00 in salves alone, rinally I got a bottle of D.D.D. and after reading the causes of eczema and the directions for using D.D.D. I commenced its use and soon saw a change, In about three weeks the sores were healed. He has been perfectly well now for a year. His face Mrs. W. H. SPENCE,

Mail the Coupon Today for Free Trial Bottle

Gentlemen: Please send me trial bottle of D. D. D. Prescription. I enclose 10 cents to cover cost of packing and mailing. Do this today. For a limited time only we will make this offer. We do it because we know that D. D. D, will do the same for you that it has done for others. Read above how this wonderful remedy has been of unspeakable benefit to others. See their signed letters and prove it to yourself before you turn this page. Send for D. D. and as soon as you apply it to that burning itch it will bring instant relief. Send today. Address D. D. D. COMPANY, 27 LYALL STREET ONT.