

FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON.

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost.

THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST.

"He hath done all things well." (St. Mark vii. 37.)

This was the verdict of those who knew our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh, of those who heard His words and witnessed His deeds. And this too has been the verdict of the civilized world for eighteen hundred years.

For that Jesus Christ "hath done all things well" is admitted even by those who refuse to accept His doctrines or submit to His law.

And Jesus Christ is the only being that ever lived on this earth in whose character men have not been able to discover some flaw, in whose actions they have not been able to find some fault.

And this fact is in itself a sufficient proof of the Christian religion. For it is universally recognized that error, in a greater or less degree, is an essential characteristic of everything human.

That there is nothing mortal that is more or less imperfect, so that we are accustomed to associate imperfection in some shape or other with every man and with every work of man.

We certainly know of nothing human that is absolutely perfect, and we have yet to hear of any mere man in the whole history of the race of whom it can be said with absolute truth—"He hath done all things well."

The noblest in intellect we read of were astray on a thousand points, the noblest hearts had a thousand failings, men of the most exalted natures have always had their little weaknesses, and the highest sanctity their little imperfections.

There is only one character that stands out on the vast shifting scene of human life that is faultless, and concerning whom it can be said with absolute truth—"He hath done all things well"—Jesus Christ!

And as it is simply impossible for human nature ever to transcend itself or escape the consequences of its innate imperfection, that unique and solitary being, the sum of all perfection, Jesus Christ, must be more than human and hence divine.

The Son of God is equal to the Father no less in the pages of human history than in the Gospel of St. John.

No man or work of man has ever stood the supreme test of perfection, but Jesus of Nazareth has stood this test. His own immediate disciples and followers, who were with Him day by day, and the multitudes that constantly gathered round Him, could detect no weakness in Him.

His very enemies, who dogged His steps and tried to ensnare Him in His speech and action, could find in Him no shadow of contradiction. Perfect candor, perfect consistency, divine strength and harmony, marked every phase of his life and conduct.

The civilized and advanced races of mankind have for eighteen centuries made Jesus Christ the subject of their profoundest thoughts and investigations, and they have found nothing but perfection in Him. Infidelity itself pays homage to His perfection; for while it refuses to submit to His yoke, it acknowledges with Pontius Pilate that it can find nothing to condemn in Him, and even the lips of unbelievers hesitate not to proclaim Him the perfect sage, the perfect moralist, who "hath done all things well."

In view of all this, what guilty pride, what blind perversity can lead men to reject Christ and His teachings? Does the world present any other such model and guide? Can human life have any higher aim than the imitation of Jesus of Nazareth?

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Boys and girls, and grown-up people, too, would be much happier if they would only remember that the right key to a happy life is patience with little annoyances, whether they pertain to self or others.

Richardson and Boys. That celebrated physician, the late Sir Benjamin Richardson, believed that boys as well as girls should be taught to sew.

More depends on the manner in which a boy or a girl spends school days than on almost anything else in life. The mind is formed during this time, and the environments are of the utmost importance.

For my own part I was fortunately well favored in regard to school days. The practice of teaching boys to sew, not uncommon sixty years ago and a part of my dame's plan of education, was a good practice and to me proved uncommonly useful.

A mother should teach her boy not to be afraid to be called sissy, because he can do something usually classified as women's work. Any useful art is worth learning, as Sir Benjamin testified. The most famous dressmakers and milliners are men, and there is no reason why a boy should not for his own sake be able to use a needle and thread.

Choice of Companions. The following advice which Judge Daly, of New York, gave to the graduates of Fordham College is a good rule of conduct for our boys and girls: "When you have a choice of society always choose that in which you will feel yourself under restraint."

Essential Trifles. It is said that little things play an important role in human affairs, but we seldom stop to apply this truism in every day life, and consequently we are not infrequently confronted with the fact that some trifling though ill-timed word has cost us endless trouble.

So it is with our actions; the smallest of them are tiny stones that make up the edifice of life. How often has what seemed to be a simple deed of kindness, proved the means of changing for the better the whole plan of the structure; and in like manner, a duty slighted because of its apparent insignificance, has been found, too late, to be the important corner-stone.

People are wont to look upon a priest's first Mass as having some peculiar spiritual advantage or efficacy. They do not know precisely what, but they associate with it some particular boon.

Wise Men Know. It is folly to build upon a poor foundation, either in architecture or in health. A foundation of sand is insecure, and to depend upon symptoms by narcotics or nerve compounds is equally dangerous and deceptive.

Hoop's Pills act easily and promptly on the liver and bowels. Cure sick headache.

CHATTS WITH YOUNG MEN.

It would be well to remember that any word may be our last. Any farewell, even amid merriment, may be forever.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn how to tell a story. A good story is as well come as a sunbeam in a sickroom.

Young men get the idea that when they are older they will have less temptation and find it easy to "settle down" and break away from habits formed in youth.

Keep Steadily at It. The quality that tells in the rough and tumble struggle for success in anything, if it be running a grocery store or doing literary work, is patience—plodding, persistent patience.

Self-Help. Fight your own battles, hoe your own row, ask no favors of any one, and you will succeed a thousand times better than those who are always beseeching some one's patronage.

Makes Them Better or Drives Them Out. If Christ were to descend among us, He could not give us better evidence of the difficulty of confession than we have.

Liquor is Not a Tonic. Alcoholic stimulants are not at all necessary, but, on the contrary, are injurious and a detriment to those undergoing great exposure or strain.

With him. His testimony is that "stimulants, with the exception of chocolate, which is mild in its effect and at the same time nourishing, bring practically no nutritive substance into the body, and the energy which one obtains in anticipation by their use at one moment must be paid for by a corresponding exhaustion at the next."

Fervor Among Men of the World. In an earnest exhortation at the High Mass in St. Lawrence church, on a recent Sunday, Father Cotter, of Ironton, made a special appeal to the young men for greater religious devotion.

Devotion to the Sacred Heart promises great benefits to his parish, as the League, you know, has now nearly three hundred members. The young men, however, are most wanted in the society. Through devotion to the Sacred Heart of our Lord the young man's heart will be regulated, so that all his religious obligations will be properly met.

Men of the world say—and young men in the church, unfortunately, confirm the saying—that religion is a sad thing; its mind a cheerless waste of frozen logic, cold in itself and icy in its influence; its manners sombre and repulsive as the laughless face of age, shadowed by misfortune.

Christ's religion, like the Christ Himself, has in it heart as well as head. In its history there is the truest poetry as well as the grandest philosophy; in its dogmas there is kindly sense as well as certain knowledge; in its rites there are acts of love as well as acts of faith.

There is nothing cold in this. General warmth is indeed here. Young men, be generous in your devotion to your religion by being devoted to Religion's sacred heart, Christ's Sacred Heart; for Christ and His Religion are one, even as He and His Father are one.

Young men, be devoted to the Sacred Heart; for nature, as well as grace, invites you, as the Heart of Christ Himself is forever and forever the heart of a young man.

I bought a box of Dr. Cassa's Catarrh Cure at the Drug Store of Mr. Boyle here. I am thankful to say it has proved most effective. I have also tried your Kidney-Liver Pills and found them excellent. Henry R. Nichols, rectory, London.

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Mass in a Stable. "My son," said Archbishop Corrigan, a month ago, to young Father Boyle, "there is room for a new parish in North New York. Go build one up. I'll give you from Brook avenue to the Sound, and from One Hundred and Forty ninth street to the river."

Father Boyle had no private means; his life since his ordination, spent mainly as assistant rector of St. Monica's church, in East Seventy-ninth street, had put no riches in his purse but he had good friends. The first to whom he turned was Mr. James F. Sadtler, who lives on the fine estate built by his father, the late Dennis Sadtler, on One Hundred and Thirty-sixth and One Hundred and Thirty-seventh streets, west of St. Ann's avenue.

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