

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WHITE LIES.

Wherefore, putting away lying, speak ye the truth every man with his neighbor.

There is perhaps no sin, my brethren, for which people seem to have so little real sorrow, or for which they so seldom make a practical purpose of amendment...

But the liar will say: "I am sorry; I have contrition for these lies." Let me ask, however, what kind of sorrow have you?

Let us, then, my friends, look into our consciences about this matter, and get them straightened out properly. I do not want to be too harsh about it; for after all there are some expressions which people call lies, which are not really so...

But when you cannot see any way to make out that what you say really is not a lie, then do not fall back on the idea that, if it does not injure anybody, there is no harm in it.

And what is the harm? The harm in a lie is simply that it is a lie, and therefore an offence against God, who is the truth.

Stop, then, deliberate lying for a purpose, which is but too common. But also be careful in what you say; try not even to fall into falsehood thoughtlessly.

Call Him Father.

Boys, when you speak of your father don't call him "the old man." Of course you are older now than when you learned to call him "father."

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THE CHURCH AND BIBLE.

Interesting Dissertation by the Learned Father Pardon, S. J., at the Catholic Summer School.

Father Pardon began by stating that it was impossible, in four lectures, to treat fully of any of the deep questions connected with the study of the Bible...

There are, at the present time, many earnest people who have loved it all their lives, who, perhaps, have read it on their knees, into whose souls, moved by this higher criticism...

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HOW WE MAY SIN AGAINST REASON. Our Lord tells us things that we cannot prove and that He will not prove to us. For example, the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, which we cannot grasp.

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tion which our Lord came on earth to found, and which was to teach truth to the end of time. What should they have done? They should have said: "Show us your credentials; show us by what right you say the spouse of Christ is not true, that Christ has failed to keep His appointment and has taught error."

What is reason's attitude to the Bible? Reason acts sometimes as though it would say, if the Bible proves its right to teach, I will admit it.

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Some one has said, "I have been surrounded by troubles all my life long, but there is a curious thing about them—nine-tenths of them never happened."

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Luther should have made the distinction between the reformation of morals and the reformation of doctrine. Can there be a reformation of morals in the Church? Yes.

How the Bible grew. Now, as the Bible is a teacher, we must ask for its authority. The authenticity of the Bible must be investigated.

gated. What is the Bible? It is a book made up of many books, the book that grew. Few have thought how it grew. Adam had no Bible, but he had the truth direct from God.

How did the Epistles grow? The Epistles were letters—letters from Paul to the Romans, to the Corinthians, to Timothy. Were these letters inspired? Who says they were inspired? Who says I must do what they say?

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Tired, Weak, Nervous. Means impure blood, and overwork or too much strain on brain and body. The only way to cure is to feed the nerves on pure blood.

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MARY AS A PROPHETESS.

"All Generations Shall Call Me Blessed."

Did the Blessed Virgin think, when she uttered those prophetic words, that she was then placing upon record one of the most reliable evidences by which the Church of Christ could be distinguished from among the multiplicity of beliefs of the present age?

Sufficient time has elapsed since the birth of the Child Jesus, and so widespread and continuously from generation to generation has been the Christian devotion to the Mother of the regenerated world, that the most sceptical must readily admit that her prophecy has been abundantly fulfilled.

Had the Catholic Church been unable to survive the relentless fury of Paganism in her infancy, or the deadly and insidious attacks upon her unsullied purity by teachers of false doctrine in later times, how could the prophecy of Mary have ever been realized? Would the numerous dissenting bodies, satisfied with the disruption, if it were possible, of Christ's divine establishment, have spread abroad among all nations, and perpetuated from one generation to another, that prophetic declaration which is now so familiar and dear to Catholics throughout the four quarters of the earth?

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Did the Church wish to keep the Bible from the people? Who preserved it, copied it, translated it? These Catholic translations exist now. Luther said he had unearthed the Bible, and yet there were sixteen editions of the Bible in German before Luther printed his. How in the face of this could Luther say he had not seen the Bible?

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the redeemed shall have gathered around the throne on high, at the last day, to lift up their voices as the sound of many waters and great thunders, in unceasing alleluias to the Lord our God, Who reigneth for ever and ever; then, and not till then, will the joy of the Queen-Mother be proportioned to the bitter anguish of spirit that she endured at the Passion of her Son.

By the above evidence we see that, in addition to the many other endearing titles with which we as Catholics are familiar, the Mother of our Divine Saviour is also entitled to those of "Prophetess" and "Revealer of the Truth." And since as such she has conferred inestimable benefits upon us, we should take advantage of the privilege, during the month of May, that the Church has wisely and lovingly set apart for special devotion to Mary, to express our gratitude to her for her fostering care of our holy religion, and the irrefutable argument of her prophecy to sustain the claims of the Church against those of her opponents.

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