

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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THE FORGOTTEN DEAD

For us, my dear brethren, realize the power we possess doing good one to another by our prayers...

But if charity demands that we pray for those who, if they wished, could pray for themselves...

To pray for the dead is a duty. Charity demands it, justice demands it, the glory and honour of God demand it...

Whereas "remembrance of them in our prayers without ceasing" is a blessed thing indeed...

Moreover, these prayers are pleasing indeed to God, for they bring about that for which He is longing...

This life and this world to most of us is almost a continuous series of disappointments. And why? To teach us that this is not a lasting home...

Let us do our utmost to acquire this holy habit. "Making a remembrance of you all without ceasing."

FREQUENT COMMUNION

Pope Pius X. encouraged the laity to receive Holy Communion frequently. "This is the treasure that makes us rich."

Happy are they who, in the state of grace and with good will, receive Christ every day.

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OLD FAITH REVIVES

Much is being said and written about France today and both speakers and writers are unanimous in asserting that there is a spiritual regeneration among the French people.

But where most of them err is in failing to recognize what they should know from history, that France is especially has been intensely Catholic at heart.

Now that the frightfulness of War has brought grief to many a happy home and covered the fields with the dead and dying, naturally the spirit of France is asserting itself.

The faith of the French is an inexhaustible well out of which the world has drawn its inspiration for centuries, and it is this very profundity of faith coupled with French chivalry that has won for France the fair title of the "Eldiest Daughter of the Church."

Throughout all America, from the farthest north to the southern bound, the faith of the French is being spread by the light of the Gospel among those not yet illumined with the truths of Christianity.

It is the indomitable Catholic spirit that is the external expression of belief, in a merciful God, and in the doctrine of Purgatory that is thrilling itself under the notice of the world.

A nation, like an individual, may stray for a while from the straight path, but in one day it finds itself. And surely France of all the world has found itself, and is giving to all men a most sacred lesson of the nobility of the Catholic religion.

THE LAYMAN'S OPPORTUNITY

A letter from a Protestant correspondent makes a rather unusual request. "I am a member of a reading circle composed entirely of Protestants but we feel that it would be interesting to make our next meeting a Catholic one."

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THE ALBERT MADONNA

All the world knows the story of the Madonna which was dislodged by German shell fire from its perch on the tower of the parish church at Albert during the first mad rush of the German Army through France in 1914.

Those were the days of great hope. France was fighting with skill and determination. Britain was steadily increasing her small but wonderful army, and the Russians were advancing almost at a gallop through East Prussia.

But the War did not end, nor did the status fall, and the opposing armies settled down to nearly four years of trench warfare, with the odds greatly in favor of the invader and success constantly attending his efforts and those of his ill-omened helpers, the Turks.

At last during those black days of last March and April, the seemingly impossible happened. The British

line bent before the fury of a German assault, and, as it was, by long-continued fog, and the enemy was once again in Albert. When the British retired the statue was still intact, but, whether, by accident or design is not yet known, the Germans brought down the tower, and with it fell the Virgin and Child.

And here comes the strange part of the story, to which latest developments have attracted the attention of the world for the first time. Hardly a yard farther did the German advance progress. From that day to this the gray-green hordes have been pressed back, slowly at first, but with an ever-increasing celerity which now threatens to develop into a rout.

After travelling 6,600 miles to offer his services as chaplain to the United States, the Rev. Robert Luis MacNeely has arrived in New York from Santiago, Chile. He was formerly well known in New York and Brooklyn and has still many friends there.

Father MacNeely, who is hale and strong despite his fifty-five years has received a year's leave of absence from the ecclesiastical authorities of Santiago for the patriotic purpose of offering his services to the United States. He has been appointed as a K. of C. chaplain at one of the cantonments and hopes that the desire of his heart, to be permitted to serve his country, will be gratified.

ERIN'S FUTURE

IRELAND TO HAVE FULL SUPPORT OF ENGLISH CATHOLICS SAYS BISHOP KEATING

Bishop Keating of Northampton was one of the speakers at the notable assembly of the Catholic Union, Thursday, Oct. 31st when, beside the English and French ecclesiastical delegation, noted American churchmen and statesmen were present. On this occasion the Bishop gave the solemn word that in the future the Catholics of Ireland could look to the British Catholics for co-operation in the just aspirations of their country.

"No such scheme of co-operation among English speaking Catholics can be complete or satisfactory which does not include the ancient, glorious and ever faithful Church of St. Patrick. For, strange as it sounds, it is the Church of St. Patrick that has been the foremost evangelist in the English tongue and that has planted or replanted the faith in every land where that tongue is spoken."

"English Catholics today are no less warm in their affection or less eager for co-operation. For the moment, indeed, the horizon is overclouded by menacing political intrigues which have put Ireland in a false position before the world. With these political intrigues the Irish hierarchy considers itself bound to deal, because the Irish people are accustomed to look for guidance to their clergy in temporal as well as spiritual matters. But the English hierarchy, like the American hierarchy are very differently situated. We have nothing to do with party politics anywhere. But still I can say that the British public in general, and British Catholics in particular are determined that the findings of the Irish convention shall not remain a dead letter, and we shall give our support 'en masse' to the Government when it incorporates those findings in a new and final Home Rule measure. The red hand of Ulster cannot be allowed to wreck any more schemes. A secondary must end in Ireland as it must end in Prussia and elsewhere. No British party, certainly no British government, will ever again be willing to play Ulster's hand or seek to perpetuate the intolerable situation which has wrought misery to so many generations."

"Gentlemen, in spite of present appearances, a new day is dawning for our Sister Isle—a day of political freedom, material prosperity, and of striking intellectual development. It is to the new Ireland that our eyes

are turned in hope, for when the Irish problem is solved, then the problem of co-operation among English speaking Catholics will be solved with it to the enormous advantage both of the Church and of human society. For the world of English thought and speech is waiting for its soul. Even moulded in material clay, it is a thing of beauty, with its fine natural organism, its love of democratic government, its sense of justice and honor, its loathing for falsehood, double dealing, selfish ambition and all the other vices of the super-man. Let but the Spirit of God be breathed upon it, let it but be quickened by the touch of the supernatural, then shall we see a marvelous creation, and the face of the earth will be renewed."—Chicago New World.

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