

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

CHRIST—THE ARGUMENT OF OUR FAITH, THE FOUNDATION OF OUR HOPE AND THE MOTIVE OF OUR LOVE

St. Paul, in this epistle, calls Christ the rock from which the Jews derived spiritual power and refreshment. What Christ was to the Jews before His coming He is in a more emphatic manner to Christians. He is not only the divine rock from which our Church receives strength and solidity...

Now Jesus Christ was God for He proved His divinity and strengthened His mission by means of miracles, and a miracle is what God only can do, although He may use others as instruments in other words...

A CHEERFUL FACE

Carry the radiance of your soul in your face. Let the world have the benefit of it. Let your cheerfulness be felt for good wherever you are, and let your smiles be scattered like the sunbeams, "on the just as on the unjust."

TEMPERANCE

The genial Father Fitzgerald, O. F. M., relates, in the Catholic Bulletin, Dublin, an instance of the Irish priest's resourcefulness and patience in combating the drink evil. It is characteristic of the narrator to see a glint of humor in the situation which he thus describes:

One, Jack Crowley, was a mason and he was building a steeple in his native city, Cork. It was half way up. One morning the parish priest—a Kerry man—went up the scaffold to see the progress of the work. Jack had a bottle of whisky in his pocket, and when he heard the footsteps, he shoved it into the wall...

based upon sound argument. We quote one paragraph: "When practically all railroads prohibit their employees connected with the operation of trains not only from drinking, but even from frequenting places where alcoholic liquor is sold under other control, it is most inconsistent to compel these same trainmen to go through and collect fares and secure their own meals in a perambulating liquor dispensing place controlled by the railroad itself."

It is a significant fact that temperance sentiment is rapidly growing at this point owing to the embarrasment of making themselves liable for illegal sales in dry territory. It is simply impossible to keep tabs on the sort of a section through which a train is passing. Such service is extremely distasteful, and they are only too glad for an excuse—and a good one at that—to throw the whole thing overboard.

Makes Delightful Porridge

Many women who have purchased a package of Dr. Jackson's Roman Meal disregarded instructions to make the porridge without stirring. They made a porridge instead of a delightful porridge. The flax oil in Roman Meal has been changed into a tasteless and odorless resin by driving oxygen out of it by electricity. If stirred while hot this resin again takes up oxygen from the air, becoming linseed oil, and making the porridge taste of linseed. The family will not eat it, and are deprived of the very best food on earth, and the most delicious if made properly.

THE EMPTY GROTTTO

For centuries, even before the Crusades, it had been the consolation of innumerable Christians, Orthodox and Catholic, to journey during Christmastide to the Holy Land. By thousands men have traveled far over land and sea to attend the Masses of the Nativity and Epiphany, close to the star that marks the place where Christ was born. Others who could not go in person to the church built by St. Helena, have gone in spirit; and as these latter knelt before the cheerless limestone grotto, which in imitation of what the gentle Francis of Assisi used to do, the Church has reproduced in all her Christmas chapels, they have thought of the straw and the manger, the shepherds and the Wise Men, Joseph and Mary and the Divine Child in Bethlehem of long ago.

RECENT CONVERTS

Compiled by Scannell O'Neil. The Rev. George Watts Diben, curate of the Church of the Holy Trinity, East Finchley, London; associate of King's College, London. The Rev. H. J. Proskitt, for the past four years curate of St. Hilda's, Leeds; graduate Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and afterwards went to Ely Theological College before entering the Anglican ministry. The Rev. C. F. Farrar, who has been second curate at St. Saviour's, Leeds, for the past three and a half years; graduated at University College, Durham, in 1911. Brother Anselm Marston, Superior of the Anglican Benedictines of Persepolis Abbey; now of Caldey. William H. Keyser, Youngstown, Ohio. Mrs. Fay Milburn Goughler, wife of Lieut. Roland L. Goughler, Fourth Cavalry, United States Army, baptized and received into the Church by Chaplain Fealy, of Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Mrs. Goughler is the daughter of Frank P. Milburn, of Washington. Miss Sarah Garretson, Denver. Miss Lavona M. Duddleston, Denver. Mr. Robert Guggenheim, son of the New York multi-millionaire, and nephew of Hon. Simon Guggenheim; formerly United States Senator from Colorado. Mrs. Cassanova Young, Milwaukee, born Miss Hannah Waurig. Mrs. Claude Bridges, born Miss Minerva Durham, of White Hall, Ill.; Mrs. Bridgen's sister, Mrs. Navan, is also a convert. Mrs. Bert Parsons, Mrs. Ceila Gavin, and Mrs. H. J. Wolsey (Mrs. Wolsey's stepfather was a Methodist minister), all of Pittsburg, Kan. Nineteen converts have been received at Pittsburg since July 4.

Mrs. Edward Stadtmiller, Mrs. H. L. Armistead and Miss Marie Lowe, Memphis, Tenn.

Charles Wanstler, Ernest Hantle and Hiram Baxter have been received at Seward, Kan.

Mrs. William Luteston, wife of the Assistant County Treasurer, Trinidad, Colo.

Mr. Francis Chapman Leets, Guilford, Conn., a member of this historic Leets family.

Captain W. J. Bethune, Mobile, Ala., officer in the Confederate Army. He was received into the Church by Father Brannon, of Dallas, who as a private in the Confederate Army served under the Captain.

Mrs. George Cottrell, wife of a prominent Denver clothier.

Ernest B. Murrin, Memphis, Tenn. George Rexford Hinman, Denver. Levi Morton Barber, Memphis.

Mr. J. R. Cox, secretary of the Ward of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor of "The Living Rosary of Our Lady and St. Dominic," London, and member of "The Catholic League," both Anglican societies.

According to an unbroken custom ever since his ordination, the Rev. Dr. Kemper, pastor of the church at Kerrville, Texas, observed his birthday one day during October by receiving into the Church two converts.

This year one of the converts was Mrs. J. E. Fain, wife of a radical Socialist while the other was the son of a prominent banker and secretary of the School Board. Dr. Kemper has under instruction about a dozen other non Catholics.

The following adults have been received into the Church at Stonega, Va.: Mr. George (Aust) Whitesell, of Stevens, Va.; Mr. Frederick Campbell, Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, Miss Francis Whitesell and Miss Maria Whitesell.

Rev. Bernard Moultrie, graduate of Kable College, Oxford, late Warden of the House of Mercy (Clever Sisters), Clever, England; author and hymn-writer. He is an able and gifted preacher, and has occupied the pulpits of various well-known London churches, such as St. Alban's, Holborn; All Saints', Margaret Street; St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and St. Peter's, London Docks.

Rev. S. F. F. Barrow, chaplain of St. Catherine's Home, Ventnor, Isle of Wight; graduate of Litchfield Theological Seminary.

Rev. John Ludlow Lopes secured the degree of B. A. (2nd Cl. Sacred Theology) at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1905, and his M. A. in 1908. He attended St. Stephen's House, Oxford, and Ely Theological College. He held Anglican curacies at Saltley, from 1906 to 1909, and at St. Basil's, Darlington, from 1909 to 1912, and was curate-in-charge at St. Francis', Saltley, from 1912 to 1914. Out of his income he founded St. Edmund's Hospital, Darlington; a Home, situated next to his own home at 187 High Street, Darlington, for orphans and the sons of working people with undesirable home surroundings.

The Rev. Arthur Ryland, who resides at the Camp, near Stroud, Gloucestershire, England. He was ordained by the Right Rev. Vernon Hertford, Bishop of the Syro-Chaldean Church at Oxford some years ago.

Mrs. Guy Darrell Berry, daughter of the late Edward Sanderson, Milwaukee, Wis., and sister of the Rev. Harry Sanderson (also a convert). Her brother was lately an Episcopal clergyman of the diocese of Fond du Lac, and is now studying for the priesthood in Maryland. Mr. Sanderson's daughter, Mrs. Alice Kane Sanderson Holden, became a Catholic two years ago. Mr. Sanderson and his sisters, Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Cushman, were the donors of the beautiful sedilia, credence-table, etc., to All Saints' Cathedral, Milwaukee, of which Mrs. Berry was a former parishioner.

Miss Mary Pickford, the famous moving picture celebrity.

Alonzo B. Ketchum, Oklahoma City, father of the Very Rev. Dr. Ketchum, of the Catholic Indian Bureau.

Miss Sara Delano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Delano, of Barrytown, N. Y., now Mrs. Roland Livingston Redmond, of New York.

Lady Holmes, widow of the late Sir Richard Holmes K. C. V. O. for thirty-five years librarian to Queen Victoria and King Edward at Windsor Castle; eldest daughter of the late Rev. Canon Richard Gee, D. D., for many years Vicar of Windsor and Canon of St. George's.

Admiral Sir George Canfield K. C. B.; veteran of the Crimean campaign.

Captain Cartwright, Conservative member of Parliament for Southwest Ham, England.

The Rev. C. L. Harbord, Kansas City, for fifteen years pastor of the Christian Church, Rich Hill, Mo. Mr. Harbord's wife and family are Catholics.

The Rev. Bernard Berlyn, curate at St. Alban's Church, Fulham, London, graduate of Oxford and late army chaplain and his wife.

Miss Lisa Liljenstolpe, daughter of Count Knut von Liljenstolpe, a Swedish nobleman, of Omaha. She is the great-great grand daughter of Archbishop Lindom, Protestant Archbishop of Upsala, Sweden; her aunt is the widow of a former Chamberlain to the late King Oscar; Lutheran.

The late John Powell, Memphis, Tenn.; electrician; received on his deathbed.

The late Mrs. Annie Purkett, St. Joseph, Mo.

Miss Mary Myrtle Cook, Memphis, Tenn.

The late Robert S. Elliott, Denver; son of Judge Victor Elliott, of the Supreme Court of Colorado.

Miss Laura Kallenbaum, St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. T. J. Pargin, Temple, Texas. George S. Baker, Alle Abilene, Texas.

Mrs. Collins, the eighty-two-year-old mother of Father Collins, Coronado Beach, San Diego, Cal.

Mr. Norman F. Eastman, son of Joseph Eastman, 4 East Seventieth Street, New York; Presbyterian.

Miss Grace Swinton Lewis, daughter of the late Alexander R. Lewis, of The Towers, Metuchen, N. J., and niece of Frank H. Spearman, the novelist; Episcopalian. Mrs. Lewis' mother became a Catholic two years since.

Miss Ella Capps Estes, Memphis; granddaughter of a Methodist minister.

Mrs. Anthony Olinger, Milwaukee; born Miss Elra Roehr, daughter of Julius Roehr.

Mrs. Stephen F. Tierney, of Weston, W. Va., formerly Miss Bertha Thompson, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, was received into the Church on June 5th.

Florence Mary Cohan, Chicago; a Jewess.

Rev. Dr. Pompeny, of Pittsburg Kan., received into the Church on July 4 the following adult Protestants; Edgar M. Conrad, William R. Troegle, Harvey J. Pierce, Albert Tye, J. J. Williamson, Bert Lance, George W. Ward, Julius Schechner, David Mitchell.

On June 20, Dr. Charles Davis, Douglas Davis, Lewis Herms, Frederick Hermes, Peter Sutherland and Clifford Dean were received into the Church at Annandale, Minn.

On Tuesday morning, Aug. 24, Lady Sibyl Fraser was received at the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succor, Hanstanton, Norfolk. Lady Sibyl is a daughter of the third Earl of Yarmouth and was married last year to Captain the Hon. Alastir Fraser, First Lovat Scouts, a brother of Brigadier General Lord Lovat.

FAMOUS BRETON SHRINE

MONT SAINT MICHAEL IN FRANCE HAS A NOTED HISTORY—A PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE

Mont Saint Michael in France has been justly called the "Wonder of the West." Nature, art, and history, all three combine to please the eye in this fair spot. In the midst of an immense bay, scarcely less charming than that of Naples, surrounded by the picturesque country of Avranches, and the rugged coast of Brittany, this granite rock rises into the air. High up, more than 400 feet above the sands, it is crowned by a group of stately buildings.

In the year 708, St. Michael the Archangel appeared on this mountain to St. Aubert, Bishop of Avranches, and ordered him to erect there a church in his honor. It was solemnly consecrated on October 16, 709. Ever since, Mont Saint Michael has been the goal of pilgrimages from all western Christendom. Nearly every King of France visited the sanctuary, and also the Kings of England and Scotland. But it was Ireland which showed such a special devotion to St. Michael, and from the middle of the tenth until the sixteenth century, one of the most treasured possessions of the abbey were a sword and buckle, specially brought from the Emerald Isle as a token of gratitude for a miraculous intervention of the Archangel.

The sanctuary of the Mont is the center of a world wide archconfraternity, wherein are inscribed the names of all those who specially recommend themselves to the protection of St. Michael, and in this church prayers are recited every day for the associates. The war has given a fresh impulse to this ancient devotion. In particular, a great number of soldiers have sent in their names to be inscribed on the roll, in order to receive the scapular of "the prince of the angelic armies." Every day the post brings the chains and countless letters of thanksgiving for extraordinary protection in dangers, which the soldiers believe to be due to the great Archangel.—Catholic Bulletin.

THE HEART OF A FRIEND

"Broken friendship, like china, may be repaired, but the break will always show," says an exchange. And it is a bit of real truth and wisdom. Friendship is a precious thing—too precious a treasure to be carelessly broken or thrown away. The world handles the word "friend" lightly; its real, true, deeper meaning is forgotten, and the acquaintance of an hour or the chance comer is designated by the term which in itself bears a wealth of meaning. Your friend is the one who appreciates you—your faults as well as your virtues—who understands and sympathizes with your defects and victories, your aims and ideals, your joys and temptations, your hopes and disappointments, as no one else does or can. It is your friend to whom you turn for counsel, for comfort, for praise; he may not be as learned as some or as wise as others, but it is as if he understood you, and even his quiet listening gives strength and renewed courage. Blessed is the man or woman into whose life has come the beauty and power of such a friend ship. Prize it well. Do all in your power to keep such friendship unbroken. Avoid the break, for when it comes it can not be easily mended, and the jarring note mars the harmony of the whole glorious symphony. It is not alone a question of forgiveness; that may be full and complete. It is the hurt in the heart that will not readily heal and the confidence that will not fully come back.—St. Paul Bulletin.



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