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FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

THE NEED OF A WELL-INFORMED LAITY

"But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Heelzebub, the prince of devils. And others te mpting, asked of Him a sign from heaven." (Luke xl. 16, 16.)

A wicked mind and wise utterances scarcely ever go together. An evil conscience always will practically prevent a man from speaking wise and true things. He often thinks that his words are convincing and even overpowering; but he learns differently when a wise and truthful critic exposes their real meaning. Truth never can come out in all its beauty and fulness, unless men's minds are properly directed. Passion will keep the truth back as much as possible; rash judgment will not allow its open and full manifestation. Minds open and full manifestation. Minds and hearts must be pure and noble, in order that the truth be made known. If these qualities are not found in them, we never can be sure that their words and their judg-

that their words and their judg-ments are laden with truth. In the Gospel of this Sunday we see these facts confirmed. Our Lord was performing wonderful works, and the people around were admiring them. Not all of these people, however, were free of malice. The yeary works they say There's a home in old Ireland I think of each day ; Not a mansion 'tis true, as you'll It's an old Irish cabin where ivy malice. The very works they saw did not seem to convince them. To does cling, And the roses bloom forth near its seek for an excuse, they went to extremes and said that the works of the great Master were performed through Beelzebub, the prince of devils. This assertion may have seemed strong to themselves; they probably thought that it would in-fluence the crowd against Jesus and His works. But their minds were too misdirected and their hearts too too misdirected and their hearts too poisoned to judge properly and feel rightly toward Jesus. However, Our Lord, in His infinite-wisdom, needed but little argument to show how foolish were their utterances. Why should Satan work against himself? Why should he undo the work that he and his follow wisked She's Her work that he and his fellow wicked spirits had accomplished? Satan was too wise ever to have done this. What he had accomplished was done through hatred for God. Now he would not, as it were, repent and undo his work, and depart from the place where he was able to continue success. To do so, he knew would tend to the utter destruction of many of his already accomplished designs. Christ made this truth clear to the crowd. He thus en-lightened the minds of those who were really ignorant, and prevented the effects that might have resulted from the unwise sayings of the evilminded. Catholics of today should learn a

wholesome lesson from this fact recorded in this Sunday's Gospel. They need much courage, and must always be ready to show their convictions. Arguments similar to the one used against the works of Jesus are continually being uttered against the Church. There is no truth in them, but they must be stripped, in order to be exposed. They are clothed in a language that appears convincing, and are con-firmed by facts that seem undeniable. The fervent, earnest Catholic nowever, can contest them and show

in what they are lacking. The facts that the Church daily exhibits are but another work of Jesus. He is in the Church, with the Church, guiding, enriching, and making her fruitful. The great work she has ever done, and con-tinues with the self-same energy and devotion to perform, is a proof of Christ's presence within her. Tet, how little of this truth does the non-Catholic world admit. It ascribes the Church's work to false motives. Consider what is so often said of our devotion to the saints, of the veneration of relics, and the of the veneration of relics, and the the Church, guiding, enriching, and or the veneration of relics, and the respect we show the crucifix and sacred images! It is all put down as superstition. How disrespect-fully many of our dissenting brethren speak of our Religious Orders! The world reaps innumer-able benefits from them. Their lives are an open book that all may read, yet what slanders and lies are read, yet what slanders and lies are spread broadcast about them? Holy men and women, blessed with vocations from God, are ridiculed and are accused of being unfit for the world, and hence forced to enter the cloister as a refuge. How up the cloister as a refuge. How un-wisely and maliciously they judge of the aims and intentions of these self-sacrificing individuals. They give every reason but the right one for the actions of these Religious. How disrespectfully are our sacraments spoken of and treated?

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

tactics. We must be ever faithful to Christ's teachings, as they are handed down to us by the apostles whom He chose and sent over the world to preach His doctrine. Their successors are our guides today, and those men who pose as innovators and ever are crying out that the world needs a new religion fitted to the times, should be sedulously avoided. What the modern world needs is a correct knowledge of the old religion—the only true one—the one founded by Christ on Peter—a rock. Let us as Catholics by our lives and our words continue to Carmelites of the Primitive Rule of St. Joseph at Avila. Other foundations followed in rapid succession in spite of violent opposi-tion. A fearful storm burst over the Saint which lasted four years and threatened to underwine her and threatened to undermine her work. Calm and serene, she con-tinued her loving colloquies with her Divine Lord, and success event-ually crowned all her undertakings. lives and our words continue to practise and teach this religion, and defend it on all occasions.

Her holy death occurred on Octocalendar October 15, which is the day on which the Church celebrates her Feast. Her incorrupt body is preserved at

Alba, whence it was removed from Avila. She was beatified in 1614 and canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV. St. Teresa holds a unique position among mystical writers because of

And the roses bloom forth near its windows in Spring. Many years have passed by since I left that dear spot, But the fair scenes of childhood I've her deep insight and analytical gifts of no unusual order. Probably there is no Saint in the entire Calendar who probed more skilfully the depths of human nature, or who never forgot. Father Time has made changes, my old friends are few, But I know there's one left, who is constant and true. understood from more varied experience the joys and sorrows of human heart.-The Pilot.

PRAYER AND THE

WRECK brow is deep furrowed, her

Although her voice trembles, yet I fancy I hear The throbs of her heart as the postman draws near, g, "My spirit is with you Saying, wherever you roam-

Don't forget your dear mother in her Irish home."

my dear Irish mother, with

hair white as snow.

footsteps are slow.

I am now going back to the land of my birth, To that humble old cot, dearest spot

MY DEAR IRISH MOTHER

find on Broadway.

never forgot.

on this earth. Where a light in the window does

constantly burn, In the hope that her loved one, some

night may return. know she'll forgive me for Yet

what I have done. On leaving my birthplace, and dear

mother alone.

I have learned a great lesson, no more shall I roam, From a dear widowed mother, and

my Irish home. -J. J. GALLAGHER

ST. TERESA

Active preparations have been inaugurated throughout Spain in preparation for the celebration of the tercentenary of the canonization of St. Teresa, the great mystic and reformer of the Carmelite Order.

Teresa was born at Avila in Old Castile, March 28, 1515, being the third child of Don Alonso Sanchez de Cepeda and Dona Beatrice Davila the physician, "Don't waste time with me, Doc. I'm done for. But there's a fellow pretty badly hurt over there;" or the self-forgetfula Alhumada. The Saint's mother died when she was in her fourteenth

in the rectitude of any man, and give him hope that the world is not give him hope that the world is not so bad as it seems to be. "W, L. Peters of Plattsburg, N. Y., a student at Georgetown University, while held fast in a mass of cement, led in prayer serv-ices in which all the entrapped sufferers within his hearing joined, including his churg Wilfred Pres means whereby she was induced to consider the religious life as a vocation. Reading the Letters of St. Jerome, she felt that in religion was a safe refuge from the many snares to which an ardent and deeply affectionate nature might expose her. Unable to obtain her father's consent to the step, she left home secretly on November 2, 1585 and entered the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation at Avila. including his chum, Wilfred Bros-seau, a student at the same school. Young Brosseau joined heartily in the prayer, although suffering intensely from a wound in his side. He died early this morning." He died early this morning." The ways of God are unsearch-able, but this we know, that no human heart has ever lifted a petition for mercy that was un-heard. "All around me the people began to pray," relates the young student, and the angels of God bore their prayers to Him whose care is not withheld even from the birds of the air. "Are you not of greater worth than they?" The prayers that went up from that scene of Convent of the Incarnation at Avila, then a community of 140 nuns. The pain of parting from her loved ones was so keen in the soul of Teresa that she ever afterward compared it with death. After a short time her father became fully reconciled to her vocation, and Teresa took the holy habit of a Teresa took the holy habit of a Carmelite. The year following her religious profession she became so ill that she was in grave danger, and being treated by unskilful physicians occasioned her to suffer more intensely. Through the intercession of St. Joseph she partially recovered, but her health remained recovered. worth than they?" The prayers that went up from that scene of suffering and death could not be left unheard, for they were the prayers of men in utter helplessness, turning to their Father in Heaven.-America. but her health remained permanent ly impaired.

words of men ignorant of true Cathoicicity, though learned in many other things. These latter perhaps, are among the most dangerous enemies Catholics can meet. Secu-lar learning, however, has little to do with faith. A man may be a Solomon in worldly sciences, and yet be totally ignorant of the true teachings of Christ. The world today abounds in this class and no doubt we are all familiar with their tactics. We must be ever faithful to Christ's teachings, as they are handed down to us by the apostles whom He chose and sent over the world to preach His doctrine. Their successors are our guides today, and those men who pose as innovators and ever are crying out that the world to adve to the those men who pose as innovators and ever are crying out that the to give us the wisdom to use every day and every opportunity of this holy season for our eternal profit.— The Missionary.

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We labor in the boisterous sea; Thou standest upon the shore and seest our dangers; give us grace to hold a middle course between Scylla and Charybois, that, both dangers escaped, we may arrive at the port secure.—St. Augustine.



Nervous Breakdown

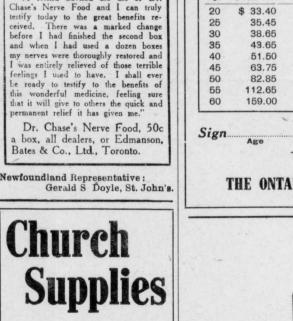
The extreme depression and discouragement which comes over one at times is the most alarming symptom of nervous exhaustion.

This letter is a message of hope to all who find themselves in this unfortunate condition.

Mrs. Geo. T. Tingley, Albert N.B., writes :---

"For years I was in a very nervous, run-down condition, was much depress-ed in spirits and suffered a great deal at times. The least noise would irri-tate me and at times I felt as though I certainly would go crazy. I con-sulted different doctors to no effect. "A friend advised the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food and I can truly testify today to the great benefits received. There was a marked change before I had finished the second box and when I had used a dozen boxes my nerves were thoroughly restored and I was entirely relieved of those terrible f was childry releved of mose termine feelings I used to have. I shall ever be ready to testify to the benefits of this wonderful medicine, feeling sure that it will give to others the quick and permanent relief it has given me."

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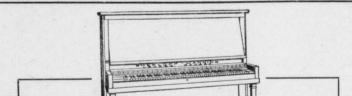
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The occasion does not make the man, as à Kempis teaches us, but only shows what manner of man he is. Out of the dreadful catastrophe at Washington comes the lesson that heroism marks the life of mary whom we pass unnoticing in the daily rush of life. "Three priests insisted on entering the building," reports a correspondent, 'although told that the walls might fall at any

moment." That is heroism, yet a manifestation which, thank God, we have learned to look for, and never in vain. For the priest of God knows that he has been given his sublime and stupendous powers, not for himself, but for his brethnot for himself, but for his breth-ren, the children of God, without exception. "I do not belong to your Church," faintly whispered a wounded soldier when Father William Doyle, S. J., crept out under the guns to rescue him. "No, but you belong to my God," replied this man who after bringing peace and our sweathers to many a duing

and even sweetness to many a dying soldier, laid down his life for his brethren on a bloody field. Before the heroism that is, as it were, professional, every Catholic says "Thank God" and prays that when his time comes, the priest of God may be at his side. But he does not wonder at it, nor should It is the heroism of the man in the street that thrills ; the heroism of the poor fellow caught in the ruins of that theater, who said to

sacraments spoken of and treated? Penance, especially, is made light of. Its true meaning seems never to have come home to its maligners. The tradition of the ages, since the pseudo-Reformation, has instilled into their minds and hearts a totally wrong conception of the meaning of this great sacrament and an in-veterate hatred of it. Men who are supposed to represent God stand in pulpits Sunday after Sunday, and aim untruthful and villifying words against this great institution of Christ.

Christ

Christ. Catholics know the truth, they are convinced of it, they have felt its results since they became con-scious of their state. Why should they allow the liar and the slanderer openly to assail their most sacred convictions? When prudence ad-vises it, they must raise their voice and use their logic in the defense of their holy religion. They never should be swayed by the false argu-ments of unbelievers and scoffers. They especially should not heed the

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