### FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SPIRITUAL DUMBNESS

'And they bring to him one deaf and dumb

Saviour restored speech to a dumb man. A far greater evil than physical dumb-ness is spiritual dumbness, and there ness is spiritual dumbness, and there are especially two classes of people who remain dumb when duty demands that they should speak; I would that God's grace would come to these souls and save them from serious sin. There are, firstly, those wao from shame or fear conceal mortal sins in Confession. Taey are ashamed of their state or afraid that the confessor will form a bad opinion of them, if they confess certain sins. When God called Adam and Eve to account neither would admit tain sins. When God called Adam and Eve to account neither would admit their sin. They tried to appear guittless by accusing others. Adam accused Eve and Eve accused the serpent. So it is with some Corristiaus. They conceal sins in Confession, and even the efforts on the part of the confessor, who suspects their guilt, does not lead them to accuse themselves. This is a great crime, and instead of gaining the desired forgiveness they willingly forfeit it by their blind foolishness. Such action is an insult to Almighty God. You know that he who wilfully conceals on know that he who wilfully conceals sin in Confession not only receives no solution but even adds another grave to the former ones, and makes himheart, my dear Christians! It is sacri-legious folly to remain wilfully silent in

neglectful?
This is likewise true of all whose position in life gives them the care of and authority over others, as teachers,

Let us turn, therefore, to God, and ask Him to touch our tongue with His grace, that the bond may be loosened, and that we may speak at the right time. Resolve to-day never to sin through silence. If one has concealed a sin in Confession, and thus made invalid Confessions, let him, as soon as valid Confessions, let him, as soon as possible, make amends by a sincere and contrite confession. If we have ever possible, make amends by a sincere and contrite confession. If we have ever committed sin by remaining silent when our Christian duty demanded us to speak, let us in future admonish and correct, when and where it is necessary; let us defend the honor of God, protect the good name of our neighbor and oppose slander. It is a great misfortune to be dumb and unable to speak.

By Dom A. Kentigern Milne, O. S. B.,

We have already dealt briefly with the life of Bishop Hay, whose centenary Scottish Catholics are about to commemorate. But it view of the important place occupied in the history of the Church in Scotland by the Bishop it would seem that a return to the subject may fittingly be made. For it is not too much to say that till latterly the name of this venerable prelate conveyed little to the minds of many outside Scotland. In view of the approaching contenary celebrations some may still feel disposed to ask what ground there is to justify the apotheosis of the prelate whom Scotamen have as suddenly dragged from the obscurity of their annals and are placing on a pedestal for their homage and admiration. This mental attitude of the outsider is due, no doubt, among other causes, to the fact that no adequate life of Bishop Hay was emphatically a man of action as well as a deeper thinker. His now excellent lives of the other pioneers of the Catholic revival, such as Chaloner. Milner, and Wiseman, but our northern prelate, who towers head and shoulders over most of his ecclesiastica contemporaries, remains less known out of Scotland for want of a competent biographer. This defect is not due to a lack of materials, for these are abundant, and it is therefore to be hoped that the interest aroused in the centenary celebrations may result in the production of a life worthy of the great Bishop and a great occasion.

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will never fade with time since it does not depend altogether on the evidence of written documents, and owes less to the enthustasm of his admirers than to the action of the Holy Spirit Himself, Whose-mission in the world it is to bear witness to Christ and His faithful servants, especially such as have been called to labor more strenuously in building up the Church. Thus the ebullition of enthusisms called forth by his centenary marks no passing phase of national sentiment, no vagary of modern here-worship: it is in truth the burstnational sentiment, no vagary of modern hero-worship: it is in truth the burst-ing forth of the divine power latent under a name which stands for the watchword of a great and sacred cause,

story of the Bisno,
Spirit chooses His own home
own way in witnessing to His elect, and
own way in witnessing to His elect, and
carrying the knowledge of their achievements beyond their borders into the
larger world. Thus our Sootch and
of this forefathers, who towards the end
of the eighteenth century left our shores
in their thousands for the far West,
driven from home by cruel oppression
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that at the day of judgment this sin, which you are now ashamed to confess secretly to the priest, will be publicly revealed to the world, and there will be no absolution given you. It will be the day not of mercy, but of justice.

Others, again, whose duty it is to censure, neglect to do so. For instance, parents, superiors, and all in authority, are obliged to admonish, warn and correct those subject to them when needed. If they fail to do this then they are co operators in the sins and vices which they might have prevented by timely warning. If nothing is done to extinguish free while it is yet small, it will soon assume large proportions, get beyond control, and do great damage. So, too, if parents do not correct children while their evil habits are in the period of formation, they will go from bad to worse, until at last they get beyond control. If, therefore, you detect wrong habits in your children, use all your strength to correct them. If you fail to do this, you are responsible before God for the evil resulting, and one day, when it is too late, you will in horror exclaim: Alas, why was I so neglectful?

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And yet with all this stern stuff about And yet with all this stern stuff about him, we must not imagine him a sort of Dr. Johnson, blunt, self-conscious and despotic. His outward appearance of severity was nothing more than the transparent cover of a gentle spirit and a tender heart. People who knew him only by his published writings could never have suspected that beneath those profound reasonings and icy depths there flowed an under-current of warm sympathy, which, mingling with the out-

compared by one of his episcopal brethren to "a country dance without the but it is a vastly more serious matter to be silent from indifference, when duty demands that we should speak. Amen.

BISHOP HAY'S PLACE IN
HISTORY

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Mark Silver Company of the artistic tempera ment in his tender solicitude lest any harm should befall his musical instru-

### Not a Deadly Disease

We cannot trace the following story to its source; but it is worth re-telling:

them fear, a menace to the supremacy of the Kirk. To those who know his history the figure of this doughly champion of our faith bulks largely also in the wider annals of the Catholic religion, where his position will be recognized as that of a prelate who not only sufered in its defence but who fought, for nearly half a century and almost single-handed, the battles of the Church in Scotland. He has stamped the impress of his strong personality on the Catholic mind of the country, and the ever-brightening halo which surrounds his memory will never fade with time since it does not depend altogether on the evidence of written deaverter and the surrounds his memory of written deaverter and the surrounds his memory of the country in motion, to obtain referes so not depend altogether on the evidence the country in motion, to obtain redress in Parliament for the losses in property he and others had sustained at the hands of the mob. During the debate that followed in the House of Commons, his friend Eimund Burke, the orator and leader of the Opposition in Lord North's Government, eloquently pleaded his cause, and he was all the time present in the lobby, holding consultations and interviews with Government Ministers. As a result of his determined ers. As a result of his determined efforts he attained the object he chiefly contended for. He displayed the same masterful hand when dealing with his ecclesiastical meetings over which he presided at home. The younger generation of priests did not of course, always see eye to eve with him in matter. ation of priests did not of course, al-ways see eye to eye with him in matters of debate, but as often as they assembled for discussion, the meeting was sure to close with a unanimous vote of confi-dence in him, even if it had been con-voked with the very opposite sentiments and intentions.

heart, my dear combined to complete the legions folly to remain wilfully silent in Confession. You were not ashamed to comfess them, so that they as a precious heirloom of the land and the faith they loved so well, and their never reveal what he hears in the confessional; he is human like you, and has great sympathy for those who have fallen through human weakness. If you wilfully conceal a sin, remember that at the day of judgment this sin, which you are now ashamed to confess who once declared that if Scotland had ontributed no other names to the world's catalogue of great men but those secretly to the priest, will be publicly shall be brought to the broadest Doric, such as "Gang oot of the birn, ye muckle deevil!" In dealing with cases of demoniacal possession the Bishop's disposition led him easily into the commanding attitude required by the Church in her solemn rite of Exorcism. He had two such cases. On the standard of the priest will be world's catalogue of great men but those of Bishop Hay and Sir Walter Scott, it would have done enough to win impersishable renown. This epigrammatic reshable renown.

a Protestant, he and all his family joined the Catholic Church.

The other case was that of a woman who was also a Protestant. The Bishop having finished Mass, the exorcisms bergan, the woman kneeling before him. At first, says an eye witness, she was tolerably caim, though a little restless, it lilt he Bishop came to the words "Dic mini nomen" (Tell me thy name), when all of a sudden she started up in a paroxysm of fury. "With the most commanding and majestic mein I ever saw in man," continues the eye-witness of the scene, "the Bishop ordered her in the name of Jesus Christ to kneel down. The woman instantly obeyed, and several times when with similar fury she again attempted to rise, the same order, repeated, if possible, with more majestic energy and authority always brought the time the exoreisms were completed, as became quite calm. She also returned home perfectly cured.

These are the faintest outlines of some of the impressions one gathers from reading place beneath the clouds and the mother.

of the impressions one gathers from read-ing the life, imperfect as it is, of this remarkable man. Much praise was be-stowed upon him while he lived, but his stormy career, as he swept along his orbit, had naturally a distributing effect on the lesser-men around him. There was plenty of friction and opposition to overcome, plenty to suffer even at the hands of those from whom he had a right to expect better treatment. Please right to expect better treatment. But after all such is the penalty of greatness. Time is now about to do jus Time is now about to do justice to his memory. The adverse judgments passed upon him by some obscure critics of his day furnish the dark setting required to show him forth to the best advantage, and bring his strong personality into holder relief out of the shadows which envelop the early Catholic revival in Scotland,—London Tablet.

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She thinks again of Bethlehem, of Nazareth; but the hand is cold to the touch. Mother, that hand has been nailed to a cross! It was nailed for others! You cannot claim it now! You will never feel it to be in the beautiful to the same than the same transfer of the same transfer. will never feel its pulsings more on earth, for all that was human in your love for Him was nailed with it. The world must know that when yo Him on Calvary, you never took Him

inent. But back.

And so the dead Christ cannot be back.

And so the dead Christ cannot be left with His mother. No; men's hearts are too hard for that, and men's minds that the blood back on Easter morn. So they buried Jesus. We can think that Jesus.

Tablet.

We cannot trace the following story to its source; but it is worth re-teiling:
A poor sailor, almost ruined by drink, was induced to sign the pledge for a year. When the year was out, he went and renewed it for life. He had just received his wages, and had the mother that the tavern-keeper at whose house he used to drink.

"Well, old fellow," said the tavern-keeper, "how do you do?"
"Pretty well," said the sailor; "only I've got a hard lump here on my side."
"Ah!" said the other; "it's cold water does that; if you'd drink some good seems that if you'd drink some good seems that if you'd drink some good seems that it is said by those who have thought the deepest—hence have touched the blue bighest; whose lives have touched the mother with the Child, and the mother without the Child, whose very dreamings were visions from the spirit world, because their souls had touched the blue of heaven as swittly as the bird that wings above—well, in the writings of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come down on the night of these men we read that after the shadows had come the view of the without the Child, and the mother with the Child, whose very dreamings in thinking of the w It is said by those who have thought

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that as Mary knew the inner and mystical life of Jesus up to the last word on the cross, so after the resurrection, when His mysteries became deeper and more beautiful Mary must have been in some mysterious way, always in communion with Him, and learned the secrets of the skies. And of this the divinest part of the work of God the world knows little.

grim facts of the ecclesiastical situation nonestly in the face. The Scotland for which we are so largely responsible is in no vital sense a Christian country.

\* \* Over wide tracts of the country religious influences are sadly feeble. In the congested districts ungodlines and vice assume alarming dimensions. \* \* \* The Scotlish church to-day did not command by its spiritual effectiveness the Scotlish experience.

spiritual effectiveness the Scott, people, nor did it permeate and sanct the social, commercial and political if of the nation." So even as the blessed virgin had part in all the mysteries of Jesus, so each time that you approach the railing and receive Jesus these mysteries are of the nation."

For centuries, the branch that was looped off from the parent tree was given the appearance of life by the sap of supernatural faith that it took with it; but higher criticism and the free exercise of private judgment have at length done their work, and a dry rot has set in and dean is following significant. and receive Jesus these mysteries are renewed in your soul. The altar is Bethlehem! The Host lies helpless on the paton! When it reaches your heart the scene of Calvary is renewed, and it dies mystically in the agonies of love. Then commences a life union with the Eucharist which sleeps within you. From one communion to the next Christ's love should like in in. and decay is following with rapidity.

There is but one hope for those who From one communion to the next Christ's love should live in your soul There is but one hope for those who found shelter in those branches—return to the great tree which is Christ's Church.—Pilot. and move and act therein as He m and acted between the resurrection the ascension And there are glorious souls who go still fur orious sours wno go still idease.

His mysteries: and these ven follow in spirit the nailed feet as hey leave the stone of Olivet, and like To Catholics or more to he strong eagle they flew up to the brone of God. Thus did Mary.—The

### PROTESTANT FAILURE

Forty years ago a Catholic used to wonder when he heard a preacher de-clare that Protestantism had in it the seeds of disintegration, and that soon it must prove itself a failure. He was inclined to set it down to the fire of oratory, when he saw the great majority of Protestants and the small number

assertion became more and more evident. Of late it is so clear that even the Protestant clergy admit the failure of the so-called Reformation.

quick to detect and call attention to Protestant defection and failure is quite

This condition is not confined to our His disciples.

Now of the glorified life of Jesus after His resurrection and of His sleeping life in the tomb when the divinity was with the dead body and with the soul in limbo—of these mystical lives human ken knows little. But the same minds which have thought so deeply tell us

effectively without irritating the bowels

O ye sorrow-stricken souls, come kneel with Mary and clasp the cross for Mary's kiss imprinted there has made, that cross forever the home of the bleeding heart. During the following day, how slowly did the sun take its accustomed course! It seemed to take no pity on that mother who bade it hasten that the dawn of Easter might gleam. The Roman soldiers are dicing on the great white stone till weariness of slumber steals over their eyelids. They awake! The stone rolls away! But even while yet itdoes seal the door, Jesus Christ, the crucified comes forth! They flee! and when the Marys' reach the tomb they find only two beauteous spirits there. Clad in raiment white, these messengers of the skies announce ity of Protestants and the small number of Catholics. But as years went on, the truth of the

That Catholics should have been Christ remained forty days on earth and His life was stranger than before. He spoke little. The Scripture relate only twenty apparitions which he made to His disciples.

Protestant defection and failure is quite natural; but that the leaders of Protestant thought should admit it is proof that it can no longer be hidden.

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