

FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER.

"Brethren, we cease not to pray for you, that you may walk worthy of God."

These are St Paul's words taken from the Epistle to day. It is just what every devoted priest might truly say to the people over whom he is appointed the pastor.

It is surprising to non-Catholics that it is not so, for the Christian religion is evidently a system of intercessory prayer.

That both doctrine and practice were given up by that unlovely and unloving make believe Christianity called Protestantism.

This intercessory prayer for others is a spiritual, substantial bread given and taken by loving, charitable hearts.

What, indeed, would become of the people, exposed to all the strong temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, if the priests were not all the time lifting up their hands in supplication at the altar.

And be assured, dear brethren, that your priests need and count upon your prayers. Their life, at best, is a hard one, full of trial and hardship.

None know better than they how precious your loving prayers are held to be in the sight of our all merciful and compassionate God.

If they were deprived of the help of your prayers they would have good reason, indeed, to be in a state of despair.

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A Benedictine's Legacy. London, Oct. 1. — The will of the late Rev. Francis Now, an eminent London solicitor and convert, who, upon the death of his wife some few years since, took holy orders and entered the Catholic priesthood, has just been proved by his son (also a priest).

A Prominent Lawyer Says: "I have eight children, every one in good health, not one of whom has taken Scott's Emulsion, in which my wife has boundless confidence."

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Don't Be Lazy.

A gentleman who employed a large number of men in his business, and who had influence to secure positions elsewhere, received a letter from a boy asking him to find him an easy berth.

"You cannot be an editor; do not try the law; do not think of the ministry; let alone all ships, shops and merchandise; abhor politics; don't practice medicine; be not a farmer nor a mechanic; neither be a soldier nor a sailor. Don't work, don't study, don't think. None of these are easy. O, my son, you have come into a hard world. I know of only one easy place in it, and that is the grave."

The truth of the matter was that the boy was lazy. He was like a man we know of who is out of work. He has a family of little children, who need shoes, clothes and healthy food.

The wonderful blind girl. A wonderful pupil and a wonderful teacher are Helen Keller and Miss Sullivan, the intellect of one and the patient cleverness of the other having prepared for the world's admiration a young woman who, though blind and deaf, has successfully passed the examination for the Harvard annex.

Everyone has heard of this bright girl who has overcome so many obstacles in her education. When she was eighteen months old she lost through illness, the faculties of sight and hearing and her articulation, consequently, was very imperfect.

By patient effort she has mastered her afflictions so far as to be able now to enunciate perfectly and she speaks English, French and German fluently. At the Humason School in New York she learned lip-reading, for which she uses her sensitive fingers, placing her thumb on the larynx of the speaker, her forefinger upon the lips, and her middle finger at the side of the speaker's nose.

By the vibration she can understand perfectly what is being said, and her own enunciation in reply is as clear as the best speaker's. She is well read in history, mythology, biography and fiction of the best class, and her general education is of the very best, as is evidenced by the examination she has just passed.

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A Boy Who Became Famous.

A boy, only six years old, was sailing with his father down the Danube. All day long they had been sailing past crumbling ruins, frowning castles, cloisters hid away among the crags, towering cliffs, quiet villages nestled in sunny valleys, and here and there a deep gorge that opened back from the gliding river, its hollow distance blue with fathomless shadow, and its loneliness and stillness stirred the boy's heart like an old and vast cathedral.

"Father," said the boy, "let me play!" Well pleased, the father complied. Then Wolfgang pushed aside the stool, and when his father had filled the great bellows, the elfin organist stood upon the pedals. How the deep tones woke the sombre stillness of the old church! The organ seemed some great uncouth creature, roaring for very joy at the caresses of the marvelous child.

The monks eating their supper in the refectory, heard it and dropped their knives and fork in astonishment. The organist of the brotherhood was not among them, but he had never played with such power. They listened; some crossed themselves, till the prior rose up and hastened into the chapel. The others followed; but, when they looked up into the organ loft, lo! there was no organist to be seen, though the deep tones still massed themselves in new harmonies, and made the stone arches thrill with their power. "It is the devil," cried one of the monks, drawing closer to his companions, and giving a scared look over his shoulder at the darkness of the aisle.

"It is a miracle," said another. But when the boldest of them mounted the stairs to the organ loft, he stood as it perturbed with amazement. There was the tiny figure, treading from pedal to pedal, and at the same time clutching at the keys above with his little hands, gathering handfuls of those wonderful chords as if they were violets, and flinging them out into the solid gloom behind him. He heard nothing, his eyes beamed and his whole face lighted up with impassioned joy. Louder and fuller rose the harmonies, streaming forth in swelling billows, till at last they seemed to reach a sunny shore on which they

CHATTS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Lesson for Catholic Young Men.

Many a Catholic young man beginning life imagines that an open profession of his religion will be an impediment to a successful career, remarks the Catholic Union and Times.

How forcibly the brilliant career of Lord Russell, lately on a visit to this country, dispels such illusions. Sprung from an unpromising Catholic family, with brothers and sisters at the altar and in the cloister, Charles Russell began his public life with no apologies for his ancient faith and never a shame for the sign of the Cross.

Here is a lesson for weakling Catholics to ponder. Let us hope it may impress them with the fact that manliness and loyalty to conviction will always win; that if there be anything the American people despise it is cowardice; and that probity, ability and industry will assuredly, soon or late, reach the heights of the delectable mountains.

What Will You Make of Yourself? When some young men are asked this question, they answer: I intend to be a merchant, or a book-keeper, or a mechanic, or a farmer, or a teacher, or a salesman, or whatever other calling they may have selected.

But it has a higher meaning. When the late President Garfield was a young man, he was mowing grass during vacation from his studies for the purpose of earning money to pay his school bills.

When clear vision he sees that life is only worth living if he can make himself a man—a real man, having correct principles and a sturdy purpose, fulfilling the one great object of his creation. The true form, then, of life's great question is, not "What place do you mean to get, or in what 'stuff' do you mean to work, but what sort of a man do you mean to be?"

Get that question securely answered early in life. It saves time, prevents waste of power, utilizes all the forces and drawbacks of life, subdues impatience, inspires steadfast courage, and clothes monotonous duty with the transfiguring beauty of a glorious motive.

They Will Not Think. Many have no clear and strong opinions on public and private questions because they will never take the necessary amount of work to train their minds so that they will think correctly.

A Spur to Higher Endeavor. Emerson said: "The chief want in life is somebody who shall make us do the best we can."

The Victory of Life. In the course of his instruction Father Vaughan reminded his hearers that the earth was created for the service of man's soul, and the soul for the service of man's God.

Others have found health, vigor and vitality in Hood's Sarsaparilla, and it surely has power to help you also. Why not try it? No person should go from home without a bottle of Dr. J. C. Williams' Sarsaparilla in his pocket, as a change of weather, cooling, climate, etc., frequently brings on summer complaint, and there is nothing like being ready with a sure remedy at hand, which oftentimes saves great suffering and frequently valuable lives.

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privilege. He, the reputed son of a village workman, plied in the sweat of his brow at the carpenter's bench in order to keep the roof over the head of his Mother.

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During the Retreat from which they had just emerged (Father Vaughan) had set before them the one true type of true manliness worthy of their imitation; that type was furnished by the human character of our Divine Lord, Jesus Christ.

It is so easy to fall into the way of croaking, it is so not constantly on guard against this enemy of wholesome mentality? To listen to the tempter who beguiles our vanity with false assurance that our failures are due to the machinations of others, when in our secret hearts we know perfectly well that want of application and perseverance in industry is the real cause, is one of the commonest methods of deluding the ranks of wretched pessimists.

We know who is at fault when we do not succeed in attaining to a desired and desirable end. We know that no individual or no combination of persons is able to prevent our progress, if we earnestly and resolutely adopt the right means of making our way.

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DON'T BE A "CROAKER."

What the prophet of ill omen is to the public at large, says a writer in the Catholic Universe, the confirmed hypochondriac or constant croaker is to the little sphere in which he moves and has his being.

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that of a single croaker. The reason is obvious. He who habits to croak loses his place in the procession of progress. He wise therefore, do not forfeit your hopes for the future by hearkening to the siren song of moral cowardice.

HOLD FAST BY THE BOYS.

Spiritual and Aetnal Building up of the Churches.

One of the most difficult problems to solve in parochial work is how to save our boys—I say boys, and not young men. Our boys leaving school at the age of fourteen or fifteen and seeking employment are exposed to many temptations, and many of them very soon cease to practice their religion.

The Sacred Heart Messenger, in describing this laudable undertaking, says: "The projectors have acted prudently in keeping down expenses, and in providing only necessary articles. A reading-room with books, magazines and papers, is one of the features. Another is the gymnasium with the ordinary appliances. Before long drill will be instituted and a band formed. Moreover, in order to train the boys to save some part of their earnings or spending money, there will be an Extra Cents' Fund established, commonly known as the Penny Provident Fund.

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