

## FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**ECONOMY**  
"Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost." (St. John vi. 12.)

Here is a lesson, my brethren, in economy which it would be well for us all to consider this morning, for many of us will, I fear, have to answer to God for the waste of not only of spiritual goods but also of temporal blessings.

There is, I know, a false economy, better called stinginess, and which comes from a miserable spirit and this certainly very displeasing to God. There are some, and thank God they are few, who are foolish enough to starve themselves and live in meanness and wretchedness while their money is stored away in a bank. But the not uncommon fault which we have to meet and which with all the energy of our soul we deplore, is the wasteful, negligent, unthrifty spirit found among many of our people. People indeed, not lazy nor idle, but people who make hay while the sun shines, and then are unwise enough not to gather it in and lay it aside for a needy day.

"Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof," says the man who in the spring and winter months makes three or four dollars a day, lives like a prince, eats the best and drinks the worst—"Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof." "I know winter will come and with it no work for me, no bread for my children, and the cold shoulder from former friends; but no matter, 'Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof.' I have money now, and to-day I will eat, drink, and be merry."

Brothers, it is to such as these that our Blessed Lord would say this morning "Take care, be saving, gather up the fragments. Be more economical when the sun shines; lay aside a dollar now and then of the fragments, save those fragments you spend in the saloons on Saturday evenings; save those fragments you waste in gambling; save those fragments you squander in useless and needless amusements; gather them all up lest they be lost, and in the day of need you be found penniless."

And for those upon whom God has bestowed an abundance of temporal favors the lesson is as grave and important. For among such there is a wastefulness, an extravagance that is often disfiguring to the worthy poor, and deplorable in its results to their own spiritual good. People of means may smile or turn up their noses at the suggestion of being prudent and economical about the fragments that are theirs. For to them the fragments they are lost to the poor; that needless extravagance in dress, that willful and useless expense, those fragments of every whim and every selfish desire gratified, which might not be lost if properly gathered up and given to God's own, the poor.

Brothers, the lesson is the same for us all, whether we are rich or poor; all the blessings we receive come from God they are His and we are only His stewards, and the practical lesson He would have us learn from His Gospel to-day is this: In the day of our prosperity, whether that be great or small, we should avoid all willful, criminal waste, we should learn to gather up the fragments that remain after ordinary and necessary wants are supplied; gather them up carefully lest they be lost. Then, if we have lived honestly, and demands on our generosity are made, we shall be able to meet them out of the fragments we have gathered up; and if poverty through hard times overtake us, we shall have the consolation to know in our distress that we have not wasted or squandered the blessings God gave us in the day of our prosperity. Remember that lesson—gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost.

## THE REAL HUMOR OF THE IRISHMAN

AS DELIGHTFUL AS THE STREAMS THAT GUSH FROM ERIN'S GREEN HILLS

People who go to Ireland expecting to find the male inhabitants of the Emerald Isle arrayed like unto the Irishman of the vaudeville stage, mounting impossible bulls, sporting green whiskers, flourishing a shillelagh and making a loud hullabaloo generally, must receive the surprise of their lives when they encounter the real article, for what they behold in the Irishman on his native soil (at least, if the land in Queenstown) is a quiet, soft-voiced person, wearing the ordinary sober-colored garb of civilization and betraying no tendency whatever either to better one's brains out or do a song and dance, says Denis A. McCarthy in the Boston Herald.

The Irishman with whom the vaudeville artist and the so-called comic publicist have made us familiar, the "don't-tread-on-the-tail-of-my-coat" individual—I will not say that he is not to be found in Ireland, but he certainly is not the chief figure in Irish life. Neither is the blundering Handy Andy type very much in evidence, and the visitor from other lands listens in vain for those side-splitting "bolls" which he has fondly believed to be so common in the land of the shamrock.

But if the Irishman of the old-fashioned dramatist and novelist—to say nothing of the blithering idiot that misrepresents the Irishman on the vaudeville stage—does not meet the eye of the visitor to-day, the note of seriousness, not to call it sadness, seems to prevail in the old land, it must not be imagined that Irish humor is a myth—that it must be classed with those things that never were on sea or land. Not so. Irish humor is still as unfailing, fresh and delightful as the streams that gush from Ireland's green hills.

The real Irish humor is so human, so personal, so subtle—it depends so much on the one who utters it, on the way it is said, on the occasion, on the spirit in which it is taken, on the atmosphere in which it grew, that it loses nearly all, if not all, its point when it is set down in cold print. Besides, as the Irish joke native to the soil is rarely a bull, it would never go in America, for we have grown so accustomed here to expecting

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All Irish humor to consist of bulls that we find it difficult to arrange for a laugh at anything else.

Lady Randolph Churchill says in her memoirs that she never met a really dull Irishman in any walk of life. High or low, she says, the people she met in Ireland were always ready with an answer. This gift of repartee in the people the visitor to Ireland very soon notices. If he is given to analyze he will not be slow in coming to the conclusion that these spontaneous replies are not always or even often witty, but they are nearly always good natured, and good nature is the raw material of humor; for humor is a thing of the heart, while wit is of the intellect.

This all-pervading good nature, this widespread good humor, is what impressed me more than anything else in Ireland. It was there unfailingly under the apparent listlessness and sadness. Everybody answered your questions as to the location of streets and places as if he took a personal interest in seeing that you did not go astray. Everybody was ready to respond to your mood and to smile or sympathize with you according to the burden of your tale. Were you worried because your trunk went astray? "Ah, sure then, it is the pity of the world that your trunk should have gone off and left you without a thing, sir. Them railway lads are the devil's own boys, anyway, to be makin' mistakes. But sure the trunk'll turn up again, sir, never fear. You can't lose much in Ireland, sir. An' you're welcome to anything we have in the house till your trunk is found."

The ready responsiveness of the Irish to your mood, the desire to say the thing that will please rather than the thing that is literally true some misguided folk classify as insincerity. It is very far from that. It is founded on a sincere desire to please and serve you. In Queenstown a hotel runner handed me a card advertising a certain hotel in Cork. Being a follower of Father Matthew, I was interested to see the house advertised as a temperance hotel. "Temperance hotel?" I remarked, a question in my voice. Misconstruing my meaning, the man began at once and in a hurry to explain:—"Hould on till I tell you about that, sir. Sure 'tis a temperance hotel, sir, but I've told him over and over again not to put it on the cards. It's bad for the business, sir. The minute an American sees 'temperance hotel' he hands the card back to me, sir. And there's no need whatever for that, sir. For, to tell you the truth, sir, there's no need of anybody going dry in Cork, sir, no matter what hotel he stops at. And, with an expressive wink, 'if you come to us, sir, I'll see that you can have all the drink you want, sir.'"

This was too much for a companion, who was familiar with my views on the temperance question. He burst into a laugh and said:—"Why this man is interested in your hotel because it is a temperance hotel." Whereupon the runner looked from one of us to the other in momentary bewilderment, and then said:—"Well, that bates the devil! If you are a temperance man, sir, this is the house for you. You can be as dry there as a lime burner's wig."

And, apropos of temperance, I wish to say in passing that more is being done in Ireland to-day to this line of effort than has been attempted since the days of Father Matthew himself. And it is worth while remarking that Irish humor is not dependent on Irish whiskey. It is found just as fresh and bright among total abstaining Irishmen as among those who still hold to the traditional "glass of spirits."

A mighty change has been wrought in Ireland in this respect during the past decade or two, and one of the most hopeful incidents of my visit to the old land was to find a temperance society installed in what was once a soldiers' barracks. The building, deserted by the military, are now leased to this organization of workmen, who are endeavoring to help themselves and others to live cleaner and more useful lives.

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## FEAST OF ST. PATRICK

March 17th.—To-day from every Irish heart goes up the thrill of victory—the victory the marks of which have been shown by the loyalty and devotion of Erin's many sainted ones who have laid down their lives rather than betray the faith that was in them, rather than renounce the precious gift handed down to them through our glorious patron—St. Patrick: a victory won without bloodshed; a victory retained and cherished by the posterity of Ireland even when she was threatened with annihilation by solem and here; and by the poisoned swords of a heartless government.

To-day the offspring of the sainted Isle of the ocean send up hymns of thanksgiving for the faith once delivered to them, and over since shielded by the faith of their fathers and many times sealed in the blood of their martyrs.

In the pulpit and the home: in the stately cathedral and in the humble parish church will Ireland's history resound only to echo in patriotic hearts to make their warmth warmer and their zeal more zealous.

In every country of the globe have the works of her sons and daughters been felt, and in every country will her triumphs be recognized, as well as her tribulations of a later date.

Let us for a moment cast our minds on the lands of our forefathers or go in spirit to visit her green hills or her forsaken mansions. If we find not there the boast of earthly goods, if we find that her only material wealth is that which was unjustly snatched from her, we will find also that it was her happiness, not to have martyred the holy missionaries, who carried to her the light of heaven, who preached the Way and the Faith. In this she was unlike many of her continental sisters who after having shed the blood of God's chosen ones rejected their teaching and returned again to their practices of Druidism; Theism, or Paganism; unlike even our own fair Dominion whose soil has more than once been dipped in martyrs' blood.

Ireland indeed had been great and Patrick made her greater; she had been rich in earthly wealth and Patrick added to this the most coveted and well deserved title "Isle of Saints."

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the place of his birth is still a matter of great obscurity. By some France is credited with being his native home, while others say that in Scotland Patrick first saw the light of day. Perhaps it is better this question should be disputed so that our spiritual father may belong all the more to the land where he labored and struggled, the land of his adoption, the country he freed from the bondage of sin.

As a boy Patrick was subjected to misery and every trial of the land which he was afterwards to convert. This same aided in preparing him for his labors in Ireland, for while a slave he became acquainted with the spirit of the people, their manners and their belief. He understood very well the generosity and manly worth of her sons and the full-heartedness and purity of her daughters; qualities made stronger by Faith; qualities which we see exemplified, on behalf of Erin's sons and daughters as well as on the part of the long and wide-spreading line of her posterity which now inhabits every country of the globe, in the pulpit and the cloister, in the classroom and on the battlefield.

His uncle, St. Martin of Tours, educated Patrick and prepared him for the holy ministry which he afterwards so successfully fulfilled. In the fifth century he was commissioned by Pope Celestine to undertake the conversion of Ireland. He started from France with a few zealous followers and after passing through Rome where he received the Papal Benediction, he landed in Ireland our Blessed Mother stand by her Divine Son on the road to Calvary. Ireland's persecution seems to have been providential; for her sons and daughters being exiles spread the gospel from North to South and from East to West. In every division from the sunny southern shores to the frozen Arctic regions do we find Irish names and Irish hearts among the first enrolled as the standard bearers of Christ's mission on earth.

We will continue to pray that Ireland may be fully vindicated. Let us be missionaries by word and example in the land we have adopted as our home. Let us pardon all who have brought injury to us, for it is a trait of the noble—as we are—to forgive. Let us pray the faith that is in us, that, by holding to the hallowed precepts of our forefathers, we may be assured of receiving the promises of God to faithful and dutiful children.—P.V.M. in Annals of St. Anne.

Irishmen have been made aliens in their own land, aliens we say and this by a government, which having cast off the yoke of Christ tried to have fair Erin share its fate; but Ireland said by the faith of Patrick as firmly as did our Blessed Mother stand by her Divine Son on the road to Calvary. Ireland's persecution seems to have been providential; for her sons and daughters being exiles spread the gospel from North to South and from East to West. In every division from the sunny southern shores to the frozen Arctic regions do we find Irish names and Irish hearts among the first enrolled as the standard bearers of Christ's mission on earth.

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Lindsay, Sept. 15.—A more than ordinary electric storm, doing considerable damage, passed over this section this morning at about 1 o'clock in the rural districts. Several barns were destroyed by fire from lightning. Among others the following have been reported: The barn of Nicholas O'Keefe, containing the season's crop of wheat, was destroyed; also the barn, crop and horses of Wm. H. Skuce of Mount Pleasant.

Another Barn Burned.

St. Catharines, Sept. 15.—(Special.)—Lightning struck and set fire to the barn of John Bettram on a low ridge about a mile north of Vineland on Tuesday night. There was a big electrical storm in that vicinity. The barn was entirely destroyed, with contents, including two valuable horses, hay, grain and some live stock. Most of the implements were saved. The building was cleared away. The loss will be about \$2,000. The barn was insured for \$2,000. The owner, Mr. Bettram, had the fire from lightning. The loss was a great one for the farmer and his family.

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