

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD.

Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of iniquity...

My dear brethren, there will come to each one of us a day when all those earthly goods we now enjoy shall fall as, when we shall have to turn our backs on the world and all that it has to give us...

And it is only too likely, we may say it is indeed certain, that when that dread moment comes at which the charge will also be made against us, as against the steward in this parable, that we have wasted our Master's goods...

Fain would we then be able to say with St. Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course..."

What, then, shall be our hope? For hope we must have if we would not offend God even more than through life...

Where or in what but His mercy? He will take us, grievously deficient as we are, and make the little, miserable offerings which we have to present to Him, the remnant of what He gave us...

But what shall obtain for us at that last moment the faith, hope and charity which we need? Who will help us to persevere when the enemies of our salvation are making us their most of their last chance to snatch it from us?

These are the friends which our Lord, in to-day's Gospel, tells us to make, that they may help us at the hour when our eternal destiny hangs trembling in the balance...

TALKS ON RELIGION.

THE HOLY GHOST—THE GUEST OF THE SOUL.

Real guests are those who come on invitation. We may easily understand that the Holy Ghost will not come to us without our invitation...

The prayers which the Church addresses to the Holy Ghost are in the form of invitation. Just mark the fact. When the Church wishes solemnly to invoke the Holy Ghost she sings "Veni, Creator..."

Our invitation should be earnest and fervent. His coming will be somewhat in proportion to the eager warmth of our invitation...

The Holy Ghost is ready to go to every soul that truly invites Him. "God," says St. Peter, "will have all men to be saved..."

He stands, some time or other, at the door of every man's soul waiting for the invitation and the word of welcome which will give Him the right, as it were, to make His abode in that soul...

When the Holy Ghost comes as a Guest to the soul how long is He to remain? This blessed stay depends upon the goodwill and consent of those in whose hearts He has taken up His abode...

A guest in our home naturally expects more than a mere effort not to give him grave displeasure. Our duty to the Holy Ghost goes farther than the mere attempt to refrain from mortal sin...

When we receive an honored and beloved guest into our homes we remove from his sight anything that might cause him pain or displeasure. How much the more should we do this in the case of the Holy Ghost...

The Divine Guest who takes up His abode in our souls must not be slighted or forgotten. We should greet Him frequently in prayer and beseech Him to remain with us...

St. Philip Neri, who devoted his life to the sanctification of the young men of Rome, and whose testimony comes to us with the double weight of sanctity and exceptional experience, used to say that frequent Communion, together with devotion to the Blessed Virgin, were not only the best, but that they were the only means of preserving the faith and morals of young men and of helping them to rise again after their falls...

FREQUENT COMMUNION FOR YOUNG MEN.

HOW ST. PHILIP NERI MADE USE OF IT TO COMBAT AN EVIL HABIT.

In an article on "Frequent Communion," which was the general intention for June, the Canadian Messenger of the Sacred Heart tells the following story:

St. Philip Neri, who devoted his life to the sanctification of the young men of Rome, and whose testimony comes to us with the double weight of sanctity and exceptional experience, used to say that frequent Communion, together with devotion to the Blessed Virgin, were not only the best, but that they were the only means of preserving the faith and morals of young men and of helping them to rise again after their falls...

"A student came to him one day and begged his assistance in ridding himself of some evil habits to which he had long been a slave. The saint encouraged the young man, gave him good advice and after hearing his confession absolved him and sent him away happy, with the permission to receive Holy Communion on the morrow..."

Keep thyself innocent, O my soul! that, endowed with greater delicacy, thou mayest feel thyself at all times penetrated with the presence of God.



"What shall I feed my Baby?"

Nestle's Food completely takes the place of mother's milk.

Nestle's Food

contains nourishment that baby's fragile system can change into strength and muscle. Nestle's Food is instantly prepared with water—no milk required—Sample—enough for 8 meals—sent FREE to mothers.

THE LEEING, MILES CO., LIMITED, MONTREAL.

THE INDULGENCE OF THE PORTIUNULA.

The 2nd of August annually reminds the faithful and zealous soul of the Great St. Francis, who was not only similar to our Lord and Redeemer for being born in a stable, practicing extreme poverty, and being favored with the sacred five wounds...

In addition to the solemnity that always accompanies the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice for the first time by a priest newly ordained to offer up the sacred mysteries many circumstances tended to make especially impressive the first Mass of Rev. Stephen W. Wilson at St. Thomas Aquinas church, Cleveland, O., on Sunday, July 1st.

Until four years ago Father Wilson was pastor of the Episcopal church of the Redeemer, on the corner of Superior and Almiria streets, in the neighborhood of St. Thomas church. He was known as an earnest and zealous priest and his congregation received his resignation and learned that he had determined to embrace the Catholic faith.

For two hundred years this Indulgence was confined to that little chapel of the Portiunula, which was each 2nd of August the scene of a wondrous gathering of penitents. After this the Pope was moved to extend it to all the Franciscan churches of the world...

Although negro priests are numerous in the New World, Catholicity could claim, in our day, but a single colored Bishop—Monseigneur Silveira Gomez Pimenta Bishop of Marianna, Brazil, who died recently.

A NEGRO BISHOP.

The parents of this prelate were slaves. The youth was placed in a seminary where he soon gave signs of remarkable talent and quickly succeeded in winning the good will and sympathy of all his fellow students and teachers.

Three brothers celebrating Mass at the same time at different altars was the unusual sight witnessed in the mother house of the Gray Nuns at Ottawa, not long ago. The priests were Rev. Ozias Corbell, missionary for the new provinces of Alberta; Rev. Sylvio Corbell of the Archbishop's Palace, and Rev. Eugene Corbell, of L'Ascension.

Keep thyself innocent, O my soul! that, endowed with greater delicacy, thou mayest feel thyself at all times penetrated with the presence of God.

"MASTER, SAVE US!"

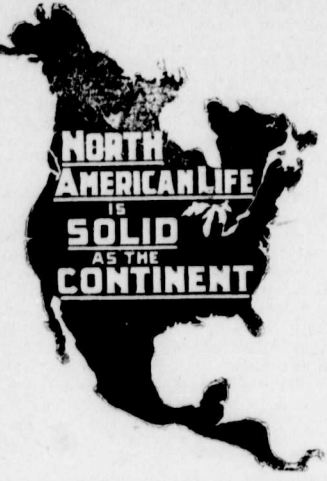
PRIMEVAL CRY OF A SUFFERING WORLD. Henry F. Cops.

It is the question of every soul in sorrow or testing: "Does God care anything about me?" It is more than a speculative enquiry then. Theologians may have drawn up their specifications of the Most High, and, in the peaceful ways of their lives, they may be satisfied with their handiwork...

Nothing could do more harm than to have the absolute assurance that an Almighty Friend would fly to our aid and protection in every time of danger or need. A friend whose power relieved us from the necessity of pride or courage or endeavor would be a foe indeed.

The furrowed faces and whitened heads of men may be the will of love as truly as the smooth ways of ease and complacency. There is One at the helm, but His concern is more for the making of strong sailors than for the securing of smooth sailing.

MASS OFFERED BY CONVERTS. In addition to the solemnity that always accompanies the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice for the first time by a priest newly ordained to offer up the sacred mysteries many circumstances tended to make especially impressive the first Mass of Rev. Stephen W. Wilson at St. Thomas Aquinas church, Cleveland, O., on Sunday, July 1st.



YOU CANNOT

Secure a lease of life, hence it is important that attention be given in time to matters of great consequence to your dependents. A most important business transaction which the prudent man attends to in time, that is while he is still in good health, is to secure a policy of life insurance in a strong company, such as the

North American Life Assurance Company?

It takes very little to leave dependents well provided for, by means of life insurance, but every day's delay adds doubt to your ability to procure a policy.

NORTH AMERICAN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

HOME OFFICE: TORONTO, ONT. L. GOLDMAN, A.I.A., F.C.A. Managing Director. JOHN L. BLAKIE, President. W. B. TAYLOR, B.A., LL.B., Secretary.

100 PER CENT.

The stability of a Company may be gauged by the class of securities in which its funds are invested. Those of

THE MUTUAL LIFE OF CANADA

are all gilt-edged, as may be seen from the following list:

Table with columns: LEDGER ASSETS, PERCENTAGE. Rows include Mortgages, Debentures and First Mortgage Bonds, Loans on Policies, Cash on hand and in Banks, Real Estate, Total Ledger Assets.

Advertisement for SHREDDED WHEAT. Text: 'Nothing so Clean, Pure and Nourishing as SHREDDED WHEAT'. Includes a small illustration of a wheat stalk.

A BIT OF CATHOLIC POLAND IN NEW ENGLAND.

PROTESTANT COLLEGE PROFESSOR GOES SIGHTSEEING AND FINDS A STRIKING OBJECT LESSON. Catholic Union and Times.

Professor Edward A. Steiner, of Iowa College has been making in New England what he calls "a social quest."

"He led me up and down the Polish settlement which is growing by leaps and bounds in the most slightly portion and at the edge of the town; studied faces and phases of social and religious life; we talked to the children, to the undertaker, to the baker and the "candystick-maker;" we went into the churches together, and I shall never forget that Catholic church, built by some 800 day laborers at a cost of \$150,000 and free from debt. It is built of white stone with towering steeples cornered by a spire to many a Protestant church wholly supported and depending upon the crumbs which fall from the rich parishioner's table.

A Hydra-Headed Evil.

The Presbyterian Witness seems to wonder whether the Catholic Register's strong language concerning race suicide in Ontario is justified by the facts. The latest thing we have seen on the subject is the following despatch to the Montreal Star:

"Toronto, July 5. — Dr. Charles Hodgkiss, in his report to the Provincial Board of Health, uses vigorous language in treating of infant mortality and declining birth rate. The former he attributes to ignorance, and the latter to criminal interference. He stigmatizes the whole subject as a hydra-headed evil more dire than all other social evils combined." — The Casket.

When a man is prepared to live and to die for some good cause that is all the world's and not alone his own, he has become a dweller in realms which lie beyond the reach of the mere intellect. — Bishop Spalding.

Note this well—whatever your exertions you cannot please at all times, and all persons. Fearlessness in doing one's duty comes closest to winning that happiness which many strive for. Duty begets admiration.

THE Blonde Lumber & Mfg. COMPANY, LIMITED

Lumber Dealers, Builders and Contractors. Church building and plans a specialty. Manufacturers of church seating, pulpits, confessionals and all interior church and house fittings.

CATALOGUE AND PRICES SENT ON APPLICATION. Correspondence solicited. CHATHAM, ONT.



Galt Klassik Ceilings

combine art and economy. Easy to place and they stay where they are placed. Neither fire nor water can warp or dislodge them. Ideal interiors for homes, offices, public buildings.

Write for catalogue and Classic Kids Booklet. This is the Sheet Metal Age. GALT ART METAL CO. LTD. GALT, ONT.