

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON. Second Sunday after Easter.

SUFFERING FALSE ACCUSATIONS. He delivered Himself to him that judged Him unjustly. (Epistle of the day).

I suppose, my dear brethren, that there is no grievance to which we are subjected more common, and certainly there are few more distressing, than that of being judged unfairly by others. As Catholics we are all specially liable to this; we all know how Protestants, even those who profess to be quite friendly to us personally, and who sometimes will say a good word or two for our religion, still calmly assume, as a matter of course, that we believe and practise many things which we and all intelligent and honest men detest and abhor. They say, for instance, that we worship images; that we pay money not only to have our sins forgiven, but even for permission in advance to commit new ones; that we believe the Pope to be Almighty God; that we maintain that the end justifies the means; and so on to any extent. It was only a few days ago that it was unblushingly stated in an assembly of one of their sects that the Catholic Church was more guilty in the matter of permitting divorce than other denominations. There seems hardly to be a falsehood about us so gross or so absurd that some of them will not be found to believe and asser: it.

And we of the clergy are more exposed to these slanders than any one else. They say, they take for granted that we are hypocrites and deceivers; that under a cloak of sanctity we practise all kinds of vice; that we do not believe a word of what we teach; that our only object in our profession is to exercise power or to make money; these things and many others pass current in the world about us, so we are looked upon by many as detestable wretches not fit to live. In us especially are our Lord's words fulfilled: "You shall be hated by all men for My Name's sake." But it is not only our outsiders, or in matters where religion is concerned, that we have to put up with false charges and unjust suspicions. In our own private character and actions we find our neighbors and acquaintances judging and even speaking unfairly about us. Priests suffer in this way, sometimes from their own parishioners; the laity perhaps from the priest, and often certainly from each other. How frequently we hear people complain of slander or belying from those whom they supposed to be their friends; one would think that it was not the exception, but the rule.

Now all this is certainly very hard to bear. And yet as we go through life we cannot expect to be free from it; and we must try to find a way of bearing it as well as we can. What is the best way?

One way, and a very good way, of putting up with this trouble is to make allowances for the unavoidable prejudice, ignorance, and imperfection of those who say about us what we know to be false, who do to us what we know to be unjust. They may not, they do not, know this as well as we do. "Father, forgive them," said our Lord on the cross, "for they know not what they do." We think others are slandering or injuring us through malice; ten to one they think they are in the right. Probably we ourselves should act just the same way in their place.

Make allowances, then; give our neighbors more credit for good intentions; that is one way to put up with this suffering which we cannot altogether avoid or put a stop to. But a better and perhaps an easier way is the one recommended by St. Peter in today's Epistle. "Dearly beloved," he says, "Christ suffered for us, leaving you an example that you should follow His steps. Who did no sin, neither was guilt found in His mouth. Who, when He was reviled, did not revile; when He suffered He threatened not, but delivered Himself to him that judged Him unjustly." He, the holy, the innocent one, was more wickedly and unjustly accused and judged than any of us sinners have been, or ever can be; shall we not then, bear, if need be, the same treatment for His sake? To be spoken evil of falsely is to be like Him; it is the mark, the badge of the Christian. This is the example He has left us that we should follow His steps; shall we refuse to profit by it?

A CATHOLIC SACRAMENT FROM A PRESBYTERIAN VIEWPOINT.

"Romanism and marriage is a theme discussed by the Cincinnati Herald and Presbyterian. The writer's troubled dreams remind us of the oath of apostasy, of which O'Connell declared, 'One part of it I know to be false; the other is not true.'

It would be consoling to feel that the author was simply mistaken, but when he shuts his eyes to the sacred scriptures, about whose light he brags, and ignores facts that look at him, then we believe that we are within our right when we say that he simply relishes false statements and is not in good faith. Heresy is the creature of a moment, it has neither perpetuity nor stability, and so a startling declaration ever suits its mercurial character. Correction or retraction never come for if either were evidenced, it would be the equivalent of an end to Protestantism and the beginning of conversion. Imaginary premises, from which illogically are deduced wide, rash, and false conclusions, are the general composition of assaults upon the faith of Christ. Before us, we have a most ignorant and arrogant tirade, given with all the usurpation of infallibility. Let us go to the nuton!

The Herald and Presbyterian declares, "the truths of the Christian religion as affecting marriage and divorce are not taught by the Catholic Church." Sure not; and yet, is it not said somewhere in Holy Writ, with which the Presbyterian is, of course, conversant, "Do men gather thistles?" It looks strange that such blessed matrimonial results would be gleaned from such cursed things as Catholic principles and morals. Would the Presbyterian show a

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Here is a sample of misrepresentation of our practices: "The Catholic Church teaches there is to be no divorce at all. This is contrary to the teaching of the New Testament;" and "it is inconceivable that a pure and good person must be bound for life to one who by his own villainous and impure and unfaithfulness has disregarded and dissolved the marriage covenant." Our fine philosopher opens "distinguish frequently," and, while carrying in his right hand a Bible, has its very necessary adjunct, a dictionary, in his left. (There is Mr. Presbyterian, a "separation" allowed by the Catholic Church in extreme cases between the married, which to all intents and purposes is a divorce from a union that proved to be a heartbreak; but this does not convey a permit to another marriage. Men cannot under the divine pact once entered. "The forbidding of marriage to the great army of priests and nuns" causes the Presbyterian to give sighs, substantially the weight of the poet's lines,

"O solitude! where are the charms That sagas have seen in thy face?"

Marriage was not forbidden to the priests and nuns prior to entrance to their new state. They forbid it to themselves, and since Protestantism is ever screaming "liberty!" why should these ladies and gentlemen be curtailed in their life's choice? Then he says, "Multitudes have broken their vows." Ah, you must have read this in some book, and have conveniently forgotten the name of its maker! "Multitude" is an elastic term; it may be relative and it can be absolute. Environment has much to do with its significance; for a multitude in a village would be only a few in a city. Strange that there should be such an utter absence of statistics in the case of broken vows, and such evidence regarding marriage outrages; and funny indeed, that our friend would attempt to cloud one certain issue with tears for an unknown quantity!

Poor Presbyterian! Protestantism never did believe in sacrifice, but was ever a preacher of indulgence, although the emblem of redemption is the Cross of Christ, and where Christ is found, there, too, is His cross. That men and women have fallen from the hard and lonely lot which our brother beams should not be considered too intensely, for our contemporary should rather rejoice than grieve, as he impugns the father of Protestantism when he gives a jeremiad over broken vows. If there were not smashed oaths and cracked vows, Protestantism itself, and Presbyterianism, perforce, would not be, nor would the editor of the Cincinnati Herald and Presbyterian have any chance to collect his tears and lament musically over apostacies from the ranks of religious.

And now for a "crowning grace" of this Christian, tender-hearted as a Jew at his wailing wall! Hear this, and see how easy it is for one who denies God's truth to distort human records: "Let the Roman Catholic Church amend its practices in countries where it has sway, where marriage is almost forbidden among the poor on account of the extortionate charges by the priests, and where illegitimacy reaches its highest mark." Let us take an example of the poorest Catholic land on earth—a land that has been robbed and impoverished, not by her own priests, but by alien Protestantism—Ireland. Is marriage forbidden there among the poor because of the excessive offerings demanded by the clergy, and has illegitimacy there reached its highest point? Who does not know of the purity of Irish womanhood, a purity untarnished by enforced poverty, a purity unsmiled by the lustful assaults of a pampered and powerful landlordism, a purity that is as brilliant as the waters of the Shannon on a May day, and has for its exemplar nothing less than the character of the mother of God herself? Is it possible that the editor of the Presbyterian has not read the oft-given English government reports that show Irish illegitimacy the minimum of every land under the sun, with the sole exception of Protestantism's stronghold in the north—Belfast?

Our pious friend calls the sacrament of marriage a "fiction." St. Paul to the contrary, who declares solemnly that it is "a great sacrament." This indifference to matrimony's sacred character accounts for the want of blessedness in the fountain source of heresy's children, and explains why so many marriages are "begotten in sin and die in shame."

Of the extortion practiced by the priests, we would ask, Who are these tyrannical priests? Are they not to the "manor born"—of the same flesh and blood of those whom Protestantism declares they rob? Are they not the beloved guides of a race who have them for their glories? Have not the people forced to give tithes until lately slain heresy they abominated, ever gladly

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FATHER VAUGHAN'S DREAM. HOW HE ENTERED PARADISE AS "LUGGAGE IN ADVANCE."—THE GOOD AND JUST DIVES. Speaking on an evening a fortnight ago in the East End, London, Father Bernard Vaughan told of a strange dream he had the previous night. He said he thought that after he had been in Purgatory a short while he received a visit from his guardian angel, who brought him the good news that the cleansing fires had done their work, and that now he might follow him, and pass out of the King's prison. Now there was nothing to keep him from the Golden Gate. Light-hearted and brimful of joy and expectation, he flew rather than walked up the steep incline till he found himself standing before the great Gate of Paradise. He rang the great silver bell, which was answered by blessed Peter himself. The key-bearer looked at him in the face, saying "I am very sorry, friend, but we cannot let you in to-day."

IN THE SHADOW OF HIS HAND. How sad and wretched is the life of the man who believes not in God's superintending providence! Like Cain he is a wanderer and an outcast on the face of the earth. There is no brightness above him, no sunshine on his path, no joy within his breast. Everywhere are chaos and desolation. How blessed, on the contrary, is the man who is always conscious of the overshadowing influence of Divine Providence! He never feels lonely, because he is never alone. He is ever basking in the sunlight of God's presence. No event disquiets or startles or alarms him, or shakes his faith, because he knows that everything that occurs, from the fall of an empire to the flight of a bird, is controlled by the Moral Governor of the world. With the Royal Prophet he can therefore say:

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