

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Palm Sunday.

THE WILLING VICTIM. "My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from me, let it be done."

Slowly the solemn hours of Lent have passed away, and we find ourselves once more with our Lord at the beginning of His Passion.

It is through no fault of His that He suffers thus. No; it is for love of us that He pays the price of sin.

What is before us are another Lenten season rolls around we know not, and well for us that it is so.

And as we go with our Saviour during the coming week over the rough road of His Passion, let us seek to realize as never before the greatness of His sufferings, the extent of His sacrifice.

"They will be done" — Christ's own prayer wrung from His breaking heart.

Month of St. Joseph.

The month of March is the month of St. Joseph. St. Joseph, like all the saints of God, had but little thought of acquiring an enduring name.

Like all the children of men he had his seasons of joy and sorrow, but the joy of living with Jesus and Mary and the assurance of salvation, through the merits of His Divine Son, gave to his life a certain foretaste of the joys of heaven.

And meek and lowly though his life was, the whole universe resounds with the concert of his praise, thus verifying the saying of our Lord: "He who humbles himself shall be exalted."

Help your children to grow strong and robust by counteracting anything that causes ill-health.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A Beautiful Swiss Custom.

The horn of the Alps is employed in the mountainous districts of Switzerland not solely to sound the cow call, but for another purpose, solemn and religious.

Because you are without money, friends and talents, it does not follow that you are of no account in the world.

Early one clear January morning, a few winters ago, a pleasing little incident happened in one of our Eastern cities.

Helen Mayer, on her way to her daily work, after many slips and slides, reached a street car in safety.

Why Latin? Why does the Church use the Latin language? For these reasons: 1. Because a universal community requires a universal language.

There were half a dozen or more men and boys in the car, but not one of them saw her — of course not, when they were all so deeply interested in the morning papers.

Several gentlemen arose and offered Helen their seats, but her quiet "No, thank you," caused them to resume their seats and their papers.

After riding several blocks the old lady wished to leave the car. Helen assisted her to rise, then said: "It is so very slippery that I am afraid you will fall."

There is a Sioux City butcher who holds out as an inducement to Catholics a "bargain counter" in boiling beef on Fridays.

The quivering voice of the aged lady went straight to Helen's heart. She hesitated only a moment, for every penny of the \$4 a week she received for clerking, counted in the small amount she and her mother could scrape for a living.

"Oh dear heart, if I had known it was so bad I never would have come out. But, now, I'm out, I must go on. Oh dear!" and as she slipped a little, she clutched more firmly the arm she held.

"How far have you to go?" asked Helen. "Just down this street. I forget whether it's two or three blocks."

"I will go with you," said Helen quietly.

In a little while Helen had her charge safely at her destination. "Now, child," said the little old woman, as she waited for admittance, "tell me your name and where you live. I never want to forget the blessed girl who saved poor old me from breaking my bones."

Helen told her and added, "I am only a clerk, trying to make my own living, and may be glad, when I am old like you, to have some one help me. But it's nothing at all, with a laugh, "for I should have had the blues all day, if I had suffered you to go alone."

She was late and was "docked," but that did not matter to Helen. She could not and would not regret her kindness to the poor, dependent old lady.

A year had passed and Helen had never once seen the old lady or heard from her, and thus had almost forgotten her. But one cold bitter day, Helen came home, and, with tears, told her mother that she, with several other clerks, had been discharged, as business was dull and they had no need for so many clerks.

Helen opened it, and had the stars fallen she could not have been more astonished as she read:

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DEPENDENCE ON GOD.

When God had created this most beautiful world, and when He had set man in the midst of it, and made him its tenant, what was to be the condition of his tenancy? Under what terms did He enter upon the possession of his dominion over it? Does the man reign as absolute master? The lower kingdom owes him obedience, no doubt; but is there nothing above him to which he must in turn be subject, and how his head in reverence?

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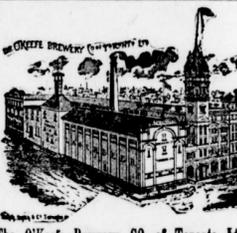
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