

FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON. Trinity Sunday.

THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH.

If any man has not made his Easter duty this morning, or before to day, he ought to think seriously on the frightful state of his soul.

But really it implies more terrible things than it expresses. For the authority which put forth that decree is the same as that which Christ said.

This is he excluded from the Church in heaven who is justly excluded from the Church on earth.

This grievous sin of not hearing the Church does not take away the obligation of performing the Easter duty until Easter comes round again.

As Moses said to the people of Israel in giving them the law of God, so might it be said to the sinner who scorns this most important obligation.

Be assured, dear brethren, that if these temporal curses do not come upon him who has neglected his Easter duty.

Would that all might be impressed with the importance of this duty, and the gravity of the sin of neglecting it!

Even if we did not have the explicit decree of the Church to bind us, we could not help inferring the obligation, from the strong words of Christ.

Nothing could impress upon us more forcibly the obligation of holy Communion than these words of our Blessed Saviour.

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THE NUPTIAL MASS.

The Church has appointed a manner, a form, in which all should receive the Sacrament of Matrimony.

See in what estimation she holds it. She would have the holy nuptials of her children with all religious pomp and ceremony.

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What would you think if the priest would simply baptize your children with plain water and omit the prayers, exorcisms and holy unctions appointed for the solemn administration of that sacrament?

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Broken Friendship.

They had been friends in youth. Their earliest joys and impulses formed part of each others lives; their happiness was shared; their tribulations participated; likewise their success in all undertakings.

Such were the relations existing between Jack and Will in their early days. Their friendship was great, rapidly extending into an intense love.

Will readily acquiesced with the project, suggesting different methods for the execution of his plans.

Soon a decided change for the better was seen in the course of their lives, due not entirely to Jack but in some extent to Will.

Time wore on. Their hearts, deprived even of a mother's love, ever constant, true and loyal, were drifting farther and farther apart.

Then came the shadow of death. In a distant land, wandering among the blackest strangers, seeking by times a means of sustenance in the foul air of mines.

Behold him now languishing in the jaws of death, breathing his last in the arms of his only friend on earth and passing to another world at peace with all, breathing a dying prayer for the companion of his youth.

Never put on any brass jewelry. said a mother once to her little daughter. False things are hateful.

Her little daughter opened wide eyes and promised obedience. Down in her heart of hearts she didn't see why very nice looking brass rings were not as good as gold ones.

At last she had to creep shamefacedly in and hear a long lecture on disobedience before mother would consent to tie the ring off the hot, aching hand.

Parents and teachers know what habits are likely to grow so fast to you that you can never slip them off! School rules are based on their knowledge, and if you insist on experimenting, through disobedience and evasions, you will find yourself held fast by links and chains of unexpected evil ways.

Use for the Useless.

The beautiful composition pavements in our cities are made from odds and ends ground up and cemented. Old shell, refuse from the manufacture of pearl buttons, etc., is now finely powdered and blended in the clay of certain kinds of china.

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tures, dare not be valueless in His sight; that we dare not allow His gift of life to be turned to waste.

Let it Die.

Pay no attention to slanderers and gossip-mongers. Keep straight on your course, and let their back biting use of lying awake at nights brooding over the remark of some false friend.

How to be Happy.

The best thing—among all good things that can be taught a child—is perhaps to teach them the art or develop in him the capability of being happy without the aid of external amusements.

The individual who is born to a speciality, and whose life has developed this particular talent, enabling him to use it for his own pleasures, and to the benefit of others, has the most valuable and the most permanent of inheritances.

St. Francis of Assisi and the Birds. There is in Louvre a charming little picture by Giotto, of St. Francis preaching to the birds.

My little sisters, the birds, you owe much to God, your creator, and ought to sing His praise at all times and in all places, because He has given you liberty and the air to fly about in.

His sermon over, St. Francis flew the sign of the cross, and the birds flew up into the air, singing sweetly their song of praise, and dispersed towards the four quarters of the world.

Piles Cured Without the Use of Knife, by Dr. Chase. I was troubled for years with Piles and tried everything I could buy without any benefit, until I tried Dr. Chase's Ointment.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Catholic Universe.

"Young Mechanic" writes that few young Catholics are so fortunate as Sims. Furthermore, charming creatures like the magnetic Mary, of W—are exceedingly rare, in his opinion.

The trouble with most of us, especially with the younger masculine element of these hard, prosaic times, is that we fail to recognize true worth and gentleness when we are confronted with it.

It is unknown, however, where Dods' Dyspepsia Tablets are used—There is No Other Cure for Dyspepsia, Indigestion, etc.

What is the use of suffering for hours after every meal? Why should you, or I, do so? It is not necessary.

Sleeplessness is due to nervous excitement. The delicately constituted, the financier, the business man, and those whose occupation necessitates great mental strain or worry.

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beyond their position and surroundings, and feel compelled to seek suitable social and matrimonial alliances among those of a different religious faith.

Human nature never yet gave up a struggle because of despair, nor ever deemed a hope attained worth a fraction of the unattainable.

Questions to the Point. Asks our esteemed contemporary, the Catholic Citizen, of Milwaukee, Wis.: Who is the little A. P. A. man cooking up yellow despatches for the Associated Press?

First he told us that the Pope had blessed the Spanish army. Then he had the Pope "prostrated" as a result of Dewey's victory.

Who is this little A. P. A. news cook? Why does the Associated Press employ him? Why do papers like the Chicago Tribune, the Inter-Ocean and the New York Sun, which have a righteous indignation for yellow journalism, take and print the stuff this little bigoted cur composes out of his alleged head?

Will the Associated Press offer an explanation? There are 12,000,000 American Catholics who will know the reason why.

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