FIVE MINUTE SERMON

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S COMING

'All flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Luke iii, 6. God wills the salvation of all. He wishes none to be lost. All flesh shall see the salvation of God because God wills not the death of a sinner but that he be converted and live. He came into the world and died for the salvation of all. But He gave us the salvation of all. But He gave us a free will. Consequently, it depends upon our own free choice to see, or not to see the salvation of God. Still we shall be obliged to see Him when He comes at the last day to judge the living and the dead. Another reason why all men shall see the salvation of God, and His holy Gospel, was to be made known to the whole world—to Jew and Gentile.

During the season of Advent the Church frequently exhorts us to pre-

Church frequently exhorts us to pre-pare for the feast of Christ's nativity Prepare ye the way of the Lord."
y these words the Church asks us to prepare for the reception of Jesus on the great feast of Christmas by cleansing our hearts from sin. For no one is fit to receive Him whose rt is not free from sin.

Our Saviour never went into any house without leaving His blessing. He visited the house of Mary and Martha. The result was, that beside raising their brother, Lazarus, to life, He bestowed such graces that Martha was admitted into heaven as a virgin and Mary as a penitent. He visited Matthew, who, ceasing to be an un-just publican, was converted and became an apostle, evangelist and martyr. He visited Zacchæus and conferred a great blessing, for He said, "This day is salvation come to this house." Zacchæus was a usurer and a lover of the world. He became follower of Christ.

So, too, when Christ comes to us on Christmas day, He will leave revenue from other sources. The His blessings. Those blessings will use of vodka in Russia is on the decorrespond to the disposition of each individual. If we prepare well beforehand, if we remove the hills of pride, if we make straight the paths of sin, if we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, we may hope, we may have the utmost con-fidence that He will confer such blessings upon us as will make us worthy to be exalted to the mansions

On the contrary, a curse follows those who close their hearts against His sweet presence. If we shut our arts as the people of Bethlehem

did their doors, we are certain to feel the consequences of it some day.

Are you proud and haughty? If so, God cannot find a dwelling place in your and feel the consequences. your soul, for He comes in meekness and humility. If you think too much of money, if you are greedy or avaricious, God cannot dwell in you, for He loves poverty. He is a lover of purity and consequently cannot dwell in the impure soul. Neither will He dwell in the heart that hates its neighbor for He is the Prince of peace who commands us to love even

Let us, my dear friends, remove everything that would be detrimental to our salvation though as dear to us as life itself. "For what will it profit a man to gain the whole world and lose his soul." Let us conquer our pride, mortify our evil desires and restrain our guilty passions.

He is coming to visit us and en-rich us with His blessings. He is already knocking at our hearts for admission. Can we be so insensible to our eternal welfare as to refuse Him admittance? No. We will give Him our whole hearts cleansed and We will follow the example of the nions shepherds of Be who sought Him until they had the unspeakable happiness of finding Him in the manger; or, like the three Kings of the East, we will give Him our best and richest offering, a pure

By so doing we will prepare the way of the Lord and make straight His paths, so that He may possess our s and souls here by His grace and that we may possess Him in the kingdom of His glory hereafter.

TEMPERANCE

CHANGE OF MIND IN OREGON

The State of Oregon has gone for The State of Oregon has gone for prohibition by many thousand votes. The women were a large factor, doubtless, for a majority of them were known to be "dry," but it is probably true that more men also voted "dry" than "wet" at the election. voted dry than wet at the elec-tion. In any event it is a remark-able reversal of the verdict of 1910, when the State declared against pro hibition by more than 20,000 in a, total vote of a little more than 100, 000. It is clear that the State has in four years decidedly changed its

The people of Oregon have rendered judgment against the saloon as an institution rather than against liquor. Possibly there can not be a general use of liquor without the saloon; but it is certain that there can be no saloon without liquor. saloon; but it is certain that there can be no saloon without liquor.

The effort in Oregon now, where the manufacture and sale of liquor is to the state of liquor is to the state of liquor is to wholly so. No doubt many saloon be prohibited after July 1, 1916, is primarily therefore to abolish the Just what will take its place, if anything, remains to be seen; but no one for a moment can possibly think that the war on the aloon or on liquor is over .- Portland Oregonian.

DID BOOZE EVER DO YOU ANY GOOD ?"

No other voice against the use of alcohol as a beverage is speaking

ANY DYSPEPTIC CAN GET WELI

By Taking "Fruit-a-tives" Says Capt. Swan

Life is very miserable to those who suffer with Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Sour Stomach and Biliousness. This letter from Captain Swan (one of the best known skippers on the Great Lakes) tells how to get quick reliaf from Stomach Trouble.

Port Burwell, Ont., May 8th, 1913.
"A man has a poor chance of living and enjoying life when he cannot eat. That was what was wrong with me. Loss of appetite and indigestion was brought on by Constipation. I have had trouble with these diseases for years. I lost a great deal of flesh and suffered constantly. For the last couple of years, I have taken "Fruitatives" and have been so pleased with the results that I have recommended them on many occasions to friends and acquaintances. I am sure that "Fruitatives" have helped me greatly. By following the diet rules and taking "Fruit-a-tives" according to directions, any person with Dyspepsia will get benefit".

"Bruita-tives" are sold by all dealers

"Fruit-a-tives" are sold by all dealers at 50c. a box 6 for \$2.50, or trial size 25c. or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

with the definiteness and certainty of that of the sanitarian. The inter-national congress on hygiene, meeting in Petrograd, spoke so strongly against the use of alcohol that the

Russian government took heed.

The government had enjoyed a for many years. The government and a lover of the world. He became tor many years. The government charitable to the poor, a lover and began a campaign against the use of yodka and at the same time readjust ed its revenues so as to provide for

cline.
The North Carolina Board Health passed a resolution condemning the use of alcoholic beverages on the ground that the use of alcohol was inimical to the public health.

I know that members of the sec-tion on preventive medicine of the American Medical Association plan to advoca e similar action by that body.

In the recent Safety First meeting in Chicago condemnation of the use of alcohol by reason of the dangers from accident and the impairment of efficiency caused by it was frequently heard. According to the public press the

Illinois Steel Company has put a ban on it. These are illustrations of the new force or group of forces that are en-listing themselves for the fight against intemperance. The reason for the interest of these groups is

not one of sentiment, or even of morality. They have been taught by experience that alcohol produces inefficiency, increases hazards and lowers resistance. It is easy to prove that alcohol

harms the ordinary cells of the body. Alcohol is a drug. Alcohol addiction is a drug habit. The abuse of the drug will go the way that drug abuse of every kind is destined to go.

The question which heads this

column is not from a long haired or even a prohibition orator. It is a part of an electric sign displayed over the gates of the Illinois Steel Company.-Dr. W. A. Evans.

WHEN THE DRINKING-SHOP IS CLOSED

Commenting on the measures taken by the various governments involved in the present great war to keep their soldiers free from the alcohol habit, the Catholic Temperance Advocate says:

"It does seem to us that war and other calamities force men to be honest as to the effects of alcohol drinking. Not only in war but also in every time of riot, the drinking shop is closed or its activities great ly restricted. We can not but ask if here are not interests in time of peace quite as sacred as the inter-ests that are jeopardized by alcohol drinking in time of war.

For the love of country we should strive after sobriety in peace as well as in war. For the good of homes we need restriction of alcohol-selling in peace as well as in war. For the salvation of souls we need to elimin ate as far as possible occasions of sin in peace as well as in war. Alco-hol drinking is disastrous to so many interests that love of neighbor demands the limitation of its sale in peace as well as in war, and in some places at least, its elimination whenever possible."

A HAZARDOUS OCCUPATION The mortality records of all big companies show that in proportion to the number of men insured, more saloon keepers die yearly than

men in any other work save, perhaps, railroad brakemen and gun testers in the navy and army.
"What is the cause of this great

Liquor and Tobacco Habits

br. McTaggart's Vegetable Remedies for hese habits are safe, inexpensive home reatments. No hypodermic injections, no isse of time from business, and positive cures, tecommended by physicians and clergy. Enuiries treated confidentially. Literature and medicine sent in plain sealed packages. Address or consult—

DR. MCTAGGART'S REMEDIES Stair Building, Cor. Bay and Adelaide Streets TORONTO, CAN.

men do shorten their lives by use of alcohol, but if they do not drink at all the rate of insurance we charge them would still be very high. The reason is what we call the moral hazard. Just what this is it is hard by tired, inflamed muscles. Manage the to say. Summed up, it is merely that they die easier and more often

Detailed, it is, in a general way, they are open to greater temptations, break down their resistance, and many of them contract diseases where other men would not. How many saloon men have died of pneumany salcon men have died of pneu-monia during the winter? Scores of them, usually. And pneumonia is not the only disease. Their money is made easily (speaking of the sal-con owner) and among that class-easily won money means that it is spent easily. 'Easily spent' means a free and easy manner of life, which cuts years relentlessly from the lives of men.

nen. Then there is the mortality through accident. The list of saloon men who have been shot or killed with a blow from a bottle, or in brawls and melees is long, especially mong the poorer class saloons."

The man behind the bar does no

look upon his job as dangerous, no matter what the insurance companto know how these big insurance companies look upon one who occupies such a position.—Montgomery

CONVERTED TO BE SAVED TROUBLE OF THINKING?

An English writer, named Dell, having said something to the effect that "a man on becoming a Catholic leaves his responsibility at the threshold of the Church, and is con-verted to be saved the trouble of a Catholic, but who cannot keep still

the foregoing, proceeds thus:
"Mr. Dell must know better. He must know whether men like New-man and Brunetiere left off thinking when they joined the Roman Church. Moreover, because he is a man of lucid and active mind; he must know that the whole phase about being that the whole phase about being saved the trouble of thinking is a boyish fallacy. Euclid does not save geometricians the trouble of thinking when he insists on absolute definithe contrary, he gives them the great trouble of thinking logically. The dogma of the Church limits thought about as much as the dogma of the solar system limits physical science. It is not an arrest of thought, but a fertile basis and constant provocation of thought. But, of course, Mr. Dell really knows this as well as I do. He has merely fal len back (in that mixture of fatigue and hurry in which all fads are made) upon some journalistic phrases. He cannot really think that men joined the most fighting army upon earth merely to find rest. It is on a par with the old Protestant fiction that monks decided to be ascetic be ause they wanted to be luxurious I should keep out of a monastery for exactly the same motives that prevent me from going into the moun-tains to shoot bears. I am not active nough for a monastery.

DAILY BREAD OF RELIGION

While leakage in the membership of the Catholic Church within sever al decades of years has been various-ly discussed, the general impression being that such leakage, whatever it may be, has been grossly exagger-ated not only by Protestant writers, but by a few Catholic authorities who did not investigate the subject thoroughly, it cannot be denied that the numerical increase in the Catholic Church allegiance is something worth talking about at the present time. There seems to be every where a revival of the true faith. I has always happened in the history of the Church that when her enemies are flercest in their attacks upon her, publishing falsehood and calumny broadcast, she prospers most and receives into her communion an extraordinary number of con-

One of the blessed results of the late mission at St. Mary's Cathedral, Salt Lake, was a great number of non Catholics expressing their desire to become Catholics. These converts are at present being in-structed in Christian doctrine, preparatory to their reception into the fold. Missions are being given in almost every Catholic diocese of the United States with similar results.

The vile bla-phemies of Tom Watson and other human buzzards are bearing a different kind of fruit from what they expected. They have aroused even lethargic Catho-lics to action and stirred up a holy zeal and love for their religion. The cinders that were smouldering have again burst into bright flame, and the light and warmth therefrom have reached the hearts of thousands of unbelievers. God permits evil and from it brings forth good. It is all in the designs of a benefi-cent Providence, and according to the forecasts of our Saviour, who spoke of the trials and persecutions of His Church. Gold is tested by fire, and so must the Church of God pass through the fire of tribulation and persecution to become

better, more attractive to the hearts Nothing fascinates the nonbeliever so much as the force of good example. To the sincere Catholic his religion is more than his daily bread. may not be always conscious of

Don't be inconvenienced and annoyed by tired, inflamed muscles. Massage the parts with Absorbine, Jr., and rout out the trouble Athletes do They know that Absorbine, Jr. penetrates quickly and reduces soreness and inflammation—that it is powerful and efficatious in cases of serious sprains, wrenches, torn ligaments, and painful affectione.

Absorbine, Jr. is a different kind of

ments, and painful affectione.

Absorbine, Jr. is a different kind of iniment. It is a non-poisonous Antiseptic and Germinide. Applied to an open sore or wound, it kills the germs. open sore or wound, it kills the germs, makes the part assptic and promotes rapid and healthy healing. That is why it is so good for cuts, wounds, and sores. Absorbine, Jr. is a discu ient and resolvent, effective in reducing Bursal Enlargements, Fatty Tumors, Swollen and Enlarged Glands or Veins. Use Absorbine, Jr where you want relief quickly and permanently

quickly and permanently \$1.00 and \$2.00 per bottle at druggists or delivered. Manufactured only by W. F. Young, P.D. F., 299 Lymans Bldg., Montreal, Canada

this truth-of his spiritual condition —but the reason is because he has formed a habit which has gone over others, who are not of the faith, recognize the shining light of his example much more readily. It furnishes them with the incentive to in vestigate the claims of his religious non-Catholic does not see in mem-bers of other creeds the same assimilation of belief and practice. Religion with them is more superficialit has not gone into the marrow. It does not shine out in the counten-

than genuine Christianity.
Religion must be our daily bread.
We must become filled and saturated with it, so that it will be to us a second nature. We need not be self-conscious about it—best, in fact, not o be, but in all humility to lean upon the grace of God. When we recite the Lord's Prayer and say, "Give us this day our daily bread," it means not only a petition for physical sustenance, but the super substantial Bread, which, by receiving the Bless-ed Eucharist, is the Food of our

God has been pleased in these days to give light to many non-Catholic minds and bring them into the Church which Christ established on a rock. The Paulists, whose special port many conversions. So do the other missionaries. A spirit of fair-ness and willingness to learn the truth has wept over the American people. Watsonism is dying a slow but sure death.

Such men as Watson will hang themselves if you give them plenty of rope. His calumnies have been a blessing to the Church in disguise. She is emerging out of the conflict glorious and triumphant.—Inter-mountain Catholic.

ENCOURAGING BIBLE READING

A renegade priest and ex-monk now imposing on the ignorant credulity of Protestants in country districts of the United States has the astounding effrontery to repeat the Luther legend of discovering the Bible, says the Ave Maria. Being appointed librarian of his convent, he "discovered "among the "dangerous and prohibited books" a copy of the acred Scriptures, carried it off to his cell, devoured it, and was " con-

Alas, how few of those who listen to this tale will ever be convinced of view he had few of the gifts that its preposterous falsity! Many in telligent non-Catholics, in fact, would be surprised to learn that a society for the spread of the Scriptures (the Society of St. Jerome) exists among Catholics, or that one of the last published acts of Pius X . following the example of Leo XIII., was to encourage Bible reading by a grant of indulgences. In a recent issue of the official organ of the Vatican we read that :

In an audience granted on April 23, 1914. to the Rev. Father Assessor of the Holy Office, His Holiness has been gracious y pleased to grant the following indulgences: To all and the sphere of the spirit. He was an several the pious sodalities already overwhelming example of the law panonically erected by O dinaries of places, or which in the future shall be so erected, with the scope that their members unite to promote the Gospel more and more, and for this end purpose to themselves: First-Frequently, and if possible every day, to read a part of the Gospel, using editions approved by the Church and enriched with numerous and lucid notes; Second -Often and opportune

on your BATH ROOM One rub will make

Old Dutch Many uses and full directions on Large Sifter - Can 10 \$

STRAUSS DEFINES PREJUDICE

Nathan Strauss of New York, wh strongly supported Governor Glynn, and who had been aroused by the efforts to bring religious prejudice enorts to bring religious prejudice into the campaign, made the follow-ing statement on "Prejudice" on Monday, the day before election: "Easy to create, it is hard to de

stroy. Sinister of wit, it is weak of wisdom. Its perceptions are false. It sees in darkness; it is blind in the light; it nurtures lies and rejects truth. Breeding hatred, it blasts sympathy. It rules those who give it life. It is a conjured Frankenstein, dominating millions of men. It sits besides the gates of life and takes

toll of all that pass.
"It is the conservator of all that reason which would destroy, the destroyer of the works of justice. It is the hand maiden of error, the Nemesis of knowledge. It feeds fear and poisons hope. It lives by the law of the dead, it thrives upon the meat of yesterday. It sickens on the sustenance of to-day.

"It is the anarchist of the heart.

It smothers faith. It gives love to the torch. It bemeans benevolence and shuns communion. It stills the sound of music and palsies the hand of art. It betrays belief and sets suspicion on a throne. It rejoices in tears. Its mirth is in misery.

"It is the monster of the mind. Tt pollutes thought, serves despair and ravishes right. It offends against fact and is a stranger to logic. Its soothing is in sophistry. It divines the unreal and walks in the way of panthoms. It drains the potions brewed by witches of the brain. It is a thing of charms and amulets
"It is prejudice."—Intermounta

A BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE

Now that Robert Hugh Benson is lead it is a duty to remind ourselves that the only sufficient valuation of such a life must be in the realm not

of the pen or the platform, but of the His pen was an amazing thing. By it he seemed to belong, if not to all time, at least to the century which gave him such a full hearted welcome. The few years he spent in the field of literature sufficed for a of his fellow workers. His swiftness of production bewildered alike his readers and his publishers. His battalions of books came up in close formation, threatening to overwhelm

He chose his themes from so wide field and exhausted his subject by such minute analysis that author almost came to dread his works as a narrowing of the already narrow margin of themes unwrought.

Every literary man who has tried to keep pace with Robert Hugh Benson will realize that such a weighty yield of literature exhausts the writer's productiveness. The amazing fact of his life was that he was almost more active as a lecturer, and especially as a preacher, than as a writer. Scarcely a living speaker of to day has spoken from so many platforms or so many pulpits in two continents. He was a further proof that Cicero was right in dema that the orator should-write much Benson's written words easily came to mind in the pulpit. His sermons and lectures, in turn, easily became

make a good speakernot very musical voice, a pronuncia-tion that had to be torrential in self defence against stammering, an almost gawkish gesture which grew out of nothing in the speaker's theme except the speaker's intense sincerity. But, in truth, he did not need the lesser gifts of the orator, having a full measure of the highest, to wit, something to say, and a clear, earn est, convincing way of saying it.

It almost seems futile to be making literature and orstory when the mar must be judged finally and fully in overwhelming example of the law that a priest's life can be the fullest in the world. Robert Hugh Benson lived at least two full lives in the short years of but half a life. This bewildering swiftness and fruitful-ness were but one product of his soul. It was essentially a spiritual quality. Monsignor Benson the priest was a far richer being than Robert Hugh Benson the amazing writer and speaker.

It was in the sphere of the spirit that he really lived. Only the lesser part of him won, and was indifferent to, the triumphs of the tongue and pen. The ordinary hero is not a hero to his valet, because the hero's vale has sight of the pettiness or sordid-ness that prove the hero's feet to be of clay. Robert Hugh Benson never had a valet, but he had many bosom friends, who lived from time to time under the same roof, and were thus even more fitted than a hero's valet for the task of judgment. We all for the task of Judgment. We all know that his was a spotless life. Indeed, we call it a dedicated life. He made it over to a high aim. He loved the Lord his God with his whole heart, and therefore did not think it amiss to love Him with his whole mind. Everything (except sin) was loved for this supreme love. Some men die by their own vices. This man died through his love of

I have written thus because it is the truth, and I will not serve Robert Hugh Benson with a lie. If my readers do not like it, they would not have liked the true Robert Hugh Benson.—Vincent McNabb, in The New Witness, London.

CARDINAL O'CONNELL ON THE MEXICAN SITUATION

Boston, Nov. 15 .- In an address be fore the diocesan branch of the Federation of Catholic Societies to day length conditions in Mexico with respect to restraint on religious liberty, describing the conduct of the leaders there as "disgraceful anarchy," and declared that "Catholic men will not rest until the truth is made known as it is and not as it is reported by those who have proven themselves publicly and privately incapable of being considered trustworthy agents

of this Government.
"And when the truth is known then all the world will realize that for the sake of our public honor as a nation we must put an end to the Masonic conspiracy which for two years has deluged Mexico with blood, drained the material resources of that country and spread atheism and anarchy over a land once happy and

industrious. "Let us tolerate no further even a suspicion of what has been more than once openly asserted, that the eaders of this anarchy are receiving under-handed support from this country; but let our Catholic men continue to investigate the truth of conditions and then stand for that truth in all their might until every word and sentence on its revelation is heard in Washington."

The Cardinal, in reference to public utterances during the last six months of cultivated non Catholics, declared that either these men, "completely misunderstand us or, what is even worse, so unscrupulous ly misrepresent us that we are liter-ally driven by their utterances and their actions either to pity ignorance or to despise their

knavery."
"Catholics," he said, "no longer live in the Catacombs. They are free and shoulder to shoulder with all other men. They will be found, as every human is found, to have splendid qualities side by side with undoubted imperfections, but they are no bounded secret society which meets in the dark for unholy pur-

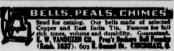
And yet, again and again, but mostly at election time, we are

deluged with the vilest literature pamphlets, warning the public against uprising and baneful conspiracies. We wonder whether we ought to pity such childish ignorance or despise its contemptible knavery."—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

It is more polite to admire than to







The Right Way to Strike a Match

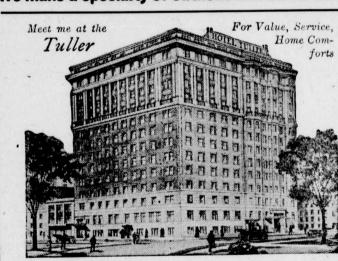
Once in a while we have complaints about our Matches breaking in two. Tais is no fault of the Match, as EDDY'S MATCHES are made from specially selected straight. grained wood only. For the benefit of those who are still in ignorance as to the proper way to hold a Match (and there are many) we give the following directions:

> "The forefinger of the right "hand, should be placed over "the tip of the Match, and "withdrawn quickly when "the flame comes. This pre-"vents any undue leverage "on the Match, and instinct "prevents one getting one's fingers burned."

The E. B. EDDY COY. Limited Hull, Canada



We make a specialty of Catholic church windows



New HOTEL TULLER

Detroit, Michigan

Center of business on Grand Circus Park. Take Woodward car, get off at Adams Avenue ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF

200 Rooms, Private Bath, \$1.50 Single, \$2.50 Up Double " 2.00 " 2.50 " 8.00 " 4.00 " " 3.00 to 5.00 " 4.50

Total 600 Outside Rooms ALL ABSOLUTELY QUIET

Two Floors-Agents'

New Unique Cafes and

