FIVE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. N. M. REDMONI NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE REASON OF OUR LORD'S TEARS

OVER JERUSALEM "When Jesus drew near to Jerusalem, s the city, He wept over it." () uke xix, 41.) The tears of our Lord were not shed because of the calamities He foresaw would befall the material city. Compared with the objects se eternal destruction—notwithstanding His labors, instructions, miracles, sufferings, and death-He bewailed, material Jerusalem was of little value in His sight. The sad state of the souls of the inhabitants of the city, and their future ruin, caused His tears. He saw that all which He had done, and would do and suffer to save them, would prove so many eternal curses rather blessings to the greater number that His blood, which He was about to shed, and His life which He would give for them, would cry out against them both in time and eternity.

Could not our Lord find the same "No parish in which we live? Are there not those in our community, who, if they continue in the future as they have lived in the past, will set at naught all the blessings of redemption: nay, will change them into so occasions of their greater torment for eternity? This is quite the case of those whom we never see at the Sacraments, and who seem to have lost all relish for matters spiritual. No doubt, like so many others before them, they occasionally resolve some time in the future, to sue for peace with God by repentance. But forgetting that, though God has promised to forgive those who repent, He has never promised time for repentance to those who defer their repentance from year to year; most of them die impenitent. The voice of conscience, the voice of our Lord in His word, and from His priests, telling them of the awful fate that awaits them if they delay to repent, they allow to be offset by the counsel of the devil assuring them that they need not be alarmed, for they will have ample time to

He knows that it would not work to try to deceive them, as he did our first parents, by telling them that they would not die. But he makes the nearest approach to it possible, by keeping the thought of death far senting repentance a matter so easy that they can have it in their power at any moment. Quieted by this that upsets many a young man's counsel of the arch-enemy, alas, how many go to hell without time for eyen a semblance of repentance; or how many continue to the very door of hell, and then go through the ceremony of repentance in such a fashion, as to leave it a matter of grave doubt that they have the dispositions for forgiveness! Great God! how many in this way throw their souls to the devil to be his infernal slaves forever! Aye, men who are noted for their prudence in the trifles of this The world's trifles are the fruitful means of the enemy. succeeds in attaching men's hearts to them with a selfishness that is the strong offspring of an all-consuming self-love, and thus destroys all concern and relish for matters of the soul and salvation. This is to-day, as it has ever been, the great basis of his sway over men, aye, even over men whose religious instruction has not tages: disease is as wide as the world, and large numbers of the household of the faith, notwithstanding their knowledge to the

order, then, must be reversed. In-

stead, as they do, of following the

counsel of the enemy, we must follow

that of our blessed Lord. All of us

know what that is, but the unrepent-

ant make ill use of their knowledge,

With them it becomes forgotten stock,

because, forsooth, they studiously avoid the occasions that would call

it back to profitable remembrance.

Sermons they seldom hear; for relig

ious reading they have no taste, and

God-fearing people are not the asso

ciates whom they most appreciate. Pitiable indeed is their case. What can be done for such people? They will do nothing for themselves.

Neither the spoken word, nor the

written word, nor the word in the heart of the good

and the God fearing can reach them,

for they prevent the opportunity. The enemy of their souls makes them, as it were, run from these occasions of good. Under the cir-

cumstances, what can be done for people thus perishing? We must

must for God's sake, and the sake of

oblige them to do? All, who can,

have an obligation of charity to that

We should make them feel

ity obliges us, at the expense of our nvenience, to minister to our neighbor's wants of body, with far greater reason does charity oblige us to inconvenience ourselves for the and to the Church. sake of a soul in danger of perishing eternally.

TEMPERANCE

DISQUALIFICATIONS OF DRINK

Intoxicating drink disqualifies. from what? From almost every-From what? thing that requires reason, talent and effort. Men who pay for labor or for effort recognize the disqualification of drink almost as clearly as they recognize the disqualification of bad who health. The man stimulants to perform his work confesses to his evident weakness. free horse is more desirable than the one that requires the whip before he will work. The necessity of the stimulant and of the whip increases with use or habit. This is evident. Public service corporations realize drawbacks of drink and legislate against the users. A railroad in Chicago lately posted the following

'No employee is allowed to use reason for tears in this town-in this liquor in any form when on duty, and no employee will be allowed to work when there is any indication that he has used liquor in any form before coming to work, and the smell of liquor about him will be sufficient. Employees who are noted as having used liquor when on or off duty who are found to frequent saloons when off duty, deemed habitual users of liquor and are subject to dismissal from the service. Employees who go into saloons when on duty in any capacity will be discharged."

This is not an isolated case. It is

a policy in force on all the lines that enter Chicago, and that enter other cities, for that matter. There are many manufacturing establishments and stores and shops that adopt the same policy. The policy may not be published, but they all have the "dead line" established in practice

The breezy agent, drummer, engineer, clerk, and so on who need stimulants to smile and to work and to think, are soon numbered among the missing and the dead" in the battle for business success. There are not many of the "old guard" left on the field, and none of them are selected to lead a charge. openers," "bracers" and "night caps" ought to be discarded by those who enter the race to win. No one goes from them, even when death has actually seized them, and by representations and alert. A steady hand and strong and alert. A steady hand and a clear head are not the products of "He drinks" is a whisper

The most popular society ought to be the total abstinence one. It may not assess for weekly benefits, but it will safeguard position and health, and assure dividends in respectability and happiness.—The Catholic Uni-

A PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

A food factory in Boston employing eight hundred to a thousand men and women, largely unskilled labor, retains the services of a trained nurse all the time and a supervising surgeon who spends an hour and onehalf at the factory three times a week. He gives an account of the work in the Boston Medical and Surgical Journal, April 6, 1916. Emplovees are thus under frequent health inspection and supervision with certain very definite advan-

For the employer there is increased good-will on the part of steadier and more contented employees. There is greater cleanliness of shop and contrary, fall its victims. The world first; God, the soul, salvation last, product. Conditions are sufficiently improved to entirely justify outlay. Freedom from disease in the or never, is their solution of the problem of life. Impenitence is the food manufactured is assured. Thus the employers, employees and the consuming public gain from this awful price which, alas, but too many pay, and thus reserve eternity to bewail the folly of their few years on work.

Any person found to be suffering earth. Will it pay us to imitate their example? No one is so bereft of sense as to say that it will. The from vice diseases is discharged abso-

lutely and never re-employed. All employees addicted to the habitual immoderate use of alcohol are excluded. To keep such persons near high power machinery, says the physician in charge, is to court disaster, not only to them, but also to other workers.—St. Paul Bulletin.

MODERN SUBSTITUTE FOR RELIGION

Dr. Jefferson of New York who has kept his faith in many fundamental dogmas, including the Divine inspira tion of the Sacred Scriptures, is not afraid to strike out at certain Christ-

less creeds of our modern day. Modern civilization is full of improvements on religion, such as ethical culture, economics, science philosophy, social service, art. The great English painter, Turner, once pointed to the sun and said, 'There is my God.' The hero of a recent and much admired book, 'The Leaves after them to their houses—we of the Tree, is beloved by his community, though an unbeliever. Contrast with the spirit in which the their poor souls, force our society on Society of St. Vincent de Paul relieves that we are attractive to them, and the needy the modern social service spirit shown by the workers of the Associated Charities. It is now the thus disabuse them of all suspicion of our motives. But it may be asked, who is obliged to go to all this fashion to sneer at dogma and make

trouble to covertly draw men to what the laws of God and His Church Dr. Jefferson s disaster as the one thing certain to bring the people back to God. He

effect. Salvation is of more value than the life of the body; the soul is "In every hamlet in Europe in the of more value than the body: if, sections where anti-clericalism was then, charity obliges us to inconven-ence ourselves to save, or preserve ing the churches. The greatest misthe life of our neighbor's body: if charsionary is Death.

Science deals with things seen and temporal. But the unseen things are eternal, and when they break in on our preparations, we turn to God

"If your education is real you know that the highest intellectual development comes only when we give ourselves to Christ, that a mind fed only on art and science is barren. that the age-long learning of the scholars, accumulated through centuries of research, is as nothing when in true wisdom the heart cries out for God."—The Monitor.

RECRUITING THE PRIESTHOOD

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND DEPLORES

LACK OF VOCATIONS In a pastoral letter on vocations to the priesthood Archbishop Ireland Paul calls attention to the dearth of vocations in his diocese The same task is becoming more apparent every year in other sections of the country, so that the arch-bishop's words have a wide applica-tion. We quote herewith a few paragraphs from the pastoral:

"To what shall we attribute the absence of vocations to the priest-hood, of which we are compelled to make complaint? Is the cause in the absence of vigorous Catholic faith—a faith grasping in its narrow range of vision the fullness of the responsi pilities that a plenary loyalty to the Saviour imposes upon His follo -a faith prompt to the call of those

CAUSES OF THE LACK OF VOCATIONS

responsibilities, ready in generosity of soul and willingness of sacrifice to obey their every behest? At first sight, this, I confess, would seem to be the cause. Where Catholic faith reigns supreme, youths not the few there should be to rise in aspiration and self-consecration to the mountain-tops where the rays of the super shine the brightest and natural unfold in clearest light the splendors of divine life. Youths not the few there should be to instantly answer the call from on high: "Speak, O Lord, for Thy servant heareth Thee.' The call from on high is surely spoken, since it is His will that the Church be supplied with priests, and every land, in every diocese, to every parish the word is said, once said to Simon and Andrew - Come follow Now, where this call is the voice crying in the wilderness, should we

not be tempted to believe that there mething is awry, that there Catholic faith is somewhat weak and timid? In an army of soldiers the is low, where all general to lead, where none spring to battle, soon as the commander speaks, and rush to the heights of valor and sacrifice. Given the community of Catholics, which seldom or never makes offering of a candidate to the priesthood—given the diocese, unable to supply itself out of its own bosom with a full legion of priests—what the verdict it at once suggests. Is it not this-that faith there is weak

unable to do more than hold its life, without ever bursting forth into luxuriantleaf or blossom? Is it not this that the soil, into which the divine word is cast, is wanting in native nutriment, or is without that art of cultivation which not only begets the common crop of plant and shrub, priests, verily are 'other Carists.' but, now and then, here and there, bids upward the tall tree, the fragrant rose-bush, wherewith to adorn the landscape and cause the passerby to

pause and be gladdened? Not however togthe Diocese of St to be shall I allow reproach to be addressed. Here faith is not weak shall or vacillating, here Catholics are fervent in their faith, loyal in its inspirations; here priests are wholeare fewer than the needs of religion require, the cause is not a weak faith, or an unwillingness to do great and good things in behalf of

"The cause is this—people and priests have not been asked to advert to the problem confronting us, have not been made to understand its bearings and the obliga tions it imposes. A trumpet sound is in order to re-echo far and wide, proclaiming needs and duties, summoning priests and people to the charge to the work, which once seen will surely be done.

PRIESTS AND VOCATIONS

"I appeal to priests. Priests surely have a sense of the value of their priesthood. They, surely, desire that it be perpetuated and widened in service to God and to souls. Priests once in motion, barriers break down, the soul is quickly reached.

Let priests take often as themes of their sermons the meaning, the necessity, the dignity of the priesthood, inviting youths in their parish to covet the privileges of being enrolled into its ranks, inviting parents to take it as a special favor from Heaven that they are permitted to see in their sons the blossomings of a vocation. Vocations there are though silent and dormant; the call is needed that they be brought to Dr. Jefferson sees a great national isaster as the one thing certain to ring the people back to God. He heard. And how shall they hear

without a preacher?' Vocations, or probabilities of vocations once discovered, let priests take them in hand; watch over them,

obstacles, suggesting provisions for full development. Vocations are the tender plants in the garden; harm from frosts and storms must be imply. The ripening of a vocation averted; timely nutriment must be is in the hands of parents rather administered. Vocations, or probabilities of vocations once disco overed. let the favored youths be told of the holy things beckoning them forward; Christian faith in father let a love of the sanctuary be culti vated in them; let preparatory studies be initiated for their benefit. Many of those who to-day are priests, looking backward to their earlier days, see there the first consciousness of their vocation in the suggestive word, the opportune help, coming from the venerated priest to whom their spiritual interests were entrusted. And happy the priest, who, in later years, together with the conecrating prelate, lays hands on the forehead of the young levite, now 'a priest forever according to the order of Melchisedech' because of the in-Christian family is the gift of a vitation once spoken by himself, who on a trembling lips of the newly ordained priest in his first offering of the sacrifice of the New Law, and may to himself-this is my spiritual child, my own priest, begotten of my zeal in behalf of the priesthood of Jesus Christ. No priest should there be, who does not give to himself a successor in his priesthood, who does not, in this manner, repay to the Church the debt of gratitude incumbent upon him for the grace of having been himself invested with its

THE CALL OF HEAVEN

"I address the youths in whose hearts the wish has been born to love the tabernacles of the Lord and offer themselves as candidates for the holy priesthood. The wish may be the call of Heaven - a singular grace too precious not to be instantly heeded. Let such youths take counsel with their spiritual director and frequently pray for further light, with the sincere will to do the behest of Heaven, whatever this may be. Should counsel and reflection confirm the desire, let the word be spoken joyfully and resolutely 'Lord, I am Thine, today and all the days of my life.

"Beauteous the vision of a dawning participation in the priesthood of Jesus Christ! Blessed the youth, to whose soul the vision offers its Priests are those of whom charms ! His call is to the whole Church. To the Saviour said: 'I will not now call you servants, for the servant knoweth not what the Lord doth. But I have called you friends, because all things whatsoever I have heard of my Father, I have made known to you.' The mission of Jesus Christ on earth is the mission of the priest-to teach the truths of eternity, to redeem men from sin, to pour upon their souls the graces of clamor to be led, where none are willing the Incarnation and the Redemption, to lead them step by step into the feet of automobiles which are believed kingdom of divine felicity. Priests to shelter the editorial office, the are dowered with the mysterious powers of Jesus Christ. As Christ once did, so today the priests - they preach 'as having authority,' they baptize, they forgive sins, they change bread and wine into the body and blood of the Incarnate As Christ once was, today the One. -they are the heralds of the priests-Supernatural, the links bringing Heaven to earth and earth to Heaven. 'Other Christs,' an authorized pen has called them—and so far as agents represent the and, within the limits of their com mission, are the principal, so far

EXCELLENCE OF THE PRIESTHOOD

"Outside the priesthood there are vocations to which belong, assuredly, merit and value. But, all things said, such vocations are of earth, nor to its several parishes, dealing with the things of earth, while vocations to the priesthood are for God and for immortal souls-of Heaven in their immediate origin, of Heaven in their immediate purposes. Outside the priesthood aims souled in service; ready in every are that we must account as high and worthiest-the quickening work, in every sacrifice, tending to do honor to the Church, to indue it fellow-men into flights of charity and benevolence, the rescuing of the with graces of power and comeliness.
No—if vocations to the priesthood
No—if vocations to the priesthood and suffering. To such aims refined minds and valiant hearts readily soar; deservedly we reward them with tribute of esteem and admiration. But are not all such aspirations equally the goal of the priesthood and there so much within effective reach, that in the priesthood the divine closely mingles with the human, to the effect that the aspiration is the purer and the more intensified, and the result the surer and the more plenteous. And, then, in the priesthood, in addition to achievements for the welfare of men on earth, there are achievements for their welfare in eternity. It is the grandeur of the priesthood that, as the godliness of which St. Paul has written, 'it has within its works and its hopes the promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.' Verily, a vocation to the priesthood is the gift the most exalted, the most fruitful within the bestowal of Him Who is Master of earth and of Heaven. To youths whose minds are illumined with the rays of faith, whose hearts burn with the ardors of charity, a vocation to the priesthood is 'the pearl of great price,' which the best of the children of men should covet to possess—the pearl, which once found, they should, at all cost, at all sacrifice, buy and clasp to their

HOME THE NURSERY OF VOCATIONS

"I appeal to parents in whose son

make the offering of him to the Vocations are the Lord; gladly should they make what the garden; harm ever sacrifice this offering may than in those of any others. Here is to be found one of the chief impediments to vocations - the lack of mother, the worldly ambition of either in directing the steppings of their son to other pathways in life, whither beckon visions of material comfort and worldy allurement. It is the call of earth in opposition to that of Heaven, the call of nature in opposition to that of grace. call the faithful Christ the faithful Christian will promptly deny a hearing, seeing things as God, rather than men sees them, as eternity, rather than time, adjudges value to them.

"The blessing of Heaven upon

priestly vocation to one of its children. It is the reward of fidelity to God; it is a sure mark of such fidelity. There are families, where, short of a special miracle of grace, a vocation never germinates, or if somehow it is there born, it quickly withers and dies. Those are the families, where the usual atmosphere is repellant, to the sweetness and come liness of Christian life, where the ex ample of parents so lowers the spiritual tone of the child, that it banishes from his mind all supernal thought, from his heart all freshness of grace and purity. In quest for vocations, we must first discover the Christian the Christian father and mother. Granted to a parish, or to diocese true Christian families, vocations will not be wanting. They are the choice flowers of the well cultivated garden, whose soil is rich whose nutriment is the descending dew of the skies. The Christian home is the nursery of vocations; other agencies-presbyteries, colleges or seminaries—are the mere helpers to growth and development."-True

WORKING IN HARD LINES

A London correspondent says Journalists all over the world will admire the tenacity, bravery and wit of the little paper La Libre Belqique which for over a year has defied all efforts of the invading authority to suppress or capture it. It has just celebrated its first anniversary, and its cover shows the Governor of Brussels, General von Bissing, surrounded by the copies of the cious little journal which is regularly sent him, and scowling at some of his own numerous orders for its exter mination. Above is a statue of Henry Vesales who was denounced as the editor, and below is a little printing press and the reporters' room of this brave little journal as as supplying the means of dis-Again and again tribution. authorities have thought they had snared La Libre Belqique but never has it missed a number, and often has it been distributed under the very eye of the soldiers." This is, no doubt, a triumph in journalism. . it served the cause of Belgium? Will the promoters work with equal ardor when reconstruction begins

THE LITTLE FLOWER

Thanks to the pious initiative of some of the valiant soldiers of Flanders, as soon as the process of Sister Teresa's beatification shall be completed at Rome, there will be erected her first public statue in one of the provinces of Flanders.

It is a touching and thrilling incident. In a recent battle of Champagne, a company of infantry, the great majority of whom are Flemish and soldiers of the North, found themselves surrounded and in such a situation that death seemed imminent for all. A frightful bombardment was opened upon them, which separated them from their lines of support; a veritable rain of fire and shell was before them. An inspira-tion came to some of the faithful devotees of Sister Teresa and they promised that if they escaped unharmed they would erect a beautiful statue of her in their native country. The promise was unanimously approved and then they prepared for the supreme effort of facing the enemy. Suddenly an unexpected circumstance occurred: a battery of seventy-five, who began to fire behind them, fell upon the advancing enemy and completely routed them. prayer had been answered; the little company was now safe. Seeing even the what happened hardened wept with joy and grati-tude. Electrified by what had hap-pened they joined their other comrades and captured and held the trench

Soon afterwards these soldiers expressed their gratitude with much enthusiasm in all their their families and friends. There followed many a conversion and many a subdued heart. This is not the first wonder of the Little Flower who during this war has manifested her protection many times and in a striking manner; but this one, very unlike many other preceding ones, was not repaid by ingratitude. After the battle, where the losses were extremely slight, the soldiers gave substantial evidences of the sincerity a probable vocation to the priesthood is unfolding the promise of
coming maturity. Bending over the
privileged youth, they should ask:

'What as one, think ye, shall this
child be? For the hand of the Lord
rece with him. Cledly should they them, aiding in removing was with him.' Gladly should they that was designated.—The Monitor.

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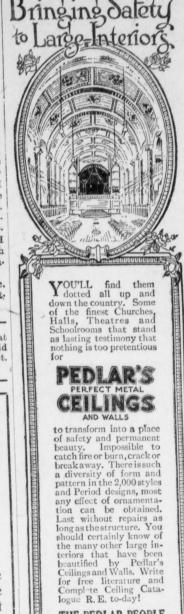
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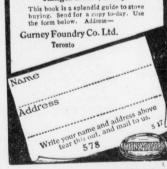
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