

SIX

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

By Rev. N. M. REDMOND NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE REASON OF OUR LORD'S TEARS OVER JERUSALEM

"When Jesus drew near to Jerusalem, seeing the city, He wept over it." (Lk. 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 whose eternal destruction—notwithstanding His labors, instructions, miracles, sufferings, and death—He bewailed, material Jerusalem was of little value in His sight.

Could not our Lord find the same reason for tears in this town—in this 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?

Employees who are noted as having used liquor when on or off duty, or who are found to frequent saloons when off duty, will be deemed habitual users of liquor and are subject to dismissal from the service.

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 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.

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 one-half at the factory three times a week.

For the employer there is increased good-will on the part of staid and more contented employees. There is greater cleanliness of shop and product. Conditions are sufficiently improved to entirely justify the outlay.

TEMPERANCE

DISQUALIFICATIONS OF DRINK

Intoxicating drink disqualifies. From what? From almost everything 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 health.

"No employee is allowed to use 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."

"To what shall we attribute the absence of vocations to the priesthood, 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 the fullness of the responsibilities that a plenary loyalty to the Saviour imposes upon His followers—

The call from on high is surely spoken, since it is His will that the Church be supplied with priests, and His call is to every diocese, to every parish in every diocese, to every parish in the word is said, once said to Simon and Andrew—'Come follow Me.' Now, where this call is the voice crying in the wilderness, should we not be tempted to believe that there is something awry, that there is something in the matter that is not to the good of the Church?

Not, however, to the Diocese of St. Paul, nor to its several parishes, shall I now reproach to be addressed. Here faith is not weak or vacillating, here Catholics are fervent in their faith, loyal in their inspirations; here priests are whole-souled in service; ready in every work, in every sacrifice, tending to do honor to the Church, to induce it with graces of power and comeliness.

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 inspiration of the Sacred Scriptures, is not afraid to strike out at certain Christless creeds of our modern day.

Dr. Jefferson sees a great national disaster as the one thing certain to bring the people back to God. He says: "In every hamlet in Europe in the sections where anti-clericalism was strongest, people are to-day crowding the churches. The greatest missionary is Death."

RECRUITING THE PRIESTHOOD

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND DEPLORES LACK OF VOCATIONS

In a pastoral letter on vocations to the priesthood Archbishop Ireland of St. 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 need for the bishop's words is of a very practical nature.

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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.

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, while vocations to the priesthood are for God and for immortal souls—of Heaven in their immediate origin, of Heaven in their intended purposes."

"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.

THE BLOSSOMING OF VOCATIONS. "I appeal to parents in whose son 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 was with him.' Gladly should they

obstacles, suggesting provisions for full development. Vocations are the tender plants in the garden; harm from frosts and storms must be averted; timely nutriment must be administered. Vocations, or probabilities of vocations once discovered, let the favored youths be told of the holy things beckoning them forward; let a love of the sanctuary be cultivated 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.

make the offering of him to the Lord; gladly should they make whatever sacrifice this offering may imply. The ripening of a vocation is in the hands of parents rather than in those of any others. Here is to be found one of the chief impediments to vocations—the lack of Christian faith in father or in mother, the worldly ambition of either in directing the steps of their son to other pathways in life, whither beckon visions of material comfort and worldly allurements. It is the call of earth in opposition to that of Heaven, the call of nature in opposition to that of grace. To such promptly deny a hearing, seeing that God, rather than men, sees them, as eternity, rather than time, adjudges value to them.

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