## FIVE-MINUTE SERMON THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SINFUL AMUSEMENTS

er and watch, because your adversary the roaring lion goeth about, seeking whom evour (Epistle of the Day).

devil as a roaring tion goeth about, seeking whom he may devour (Epsied of the Day). I need not tell you, dear brethren, that there is nothing more contrary to the spirit of our holy religion than melancholy. The Church would not have her children long-faced and mopish, eshewing all pleasure as a thing sinful; nor would she have them un-happy by depriving them of what is good and forbidding what is innocent, but like a wise mother she permits, nay, sanctions, harmless amusements know-ing that this, far from being an impedi-ment to us in our efforts after holiness, is rather a help.

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word or two about a certain sort It is hard to conceive how a young

It is hard to conceive how a young man or woman, who wishes to be deemed respectable, or even to preserve self-respect, can attend any of those moon-light gatherings known as picnics, festivals, etc. Call them by what name you pleases, as a whole they are bad. The places where these meetings are held, the persons whom you cannot avoid coming in contact with, make them dangerous at least, and very fre-quently a real occasion of sin. How can a young girl know the character of him with whom she is dancing? She has been introduced, to be sure, but what of that? Does she feel quite cer-tain that she may not be subjected to insult or wore? Is she satisfied that tain that she may not be subjected to insult or worse? Is she satisfied that tain that she may not be subjected to insult or worse ? Is she satisfied that her mother would be pleased to see her with her present companions? Is she not engaged in a dance which borders on immodesty? Take care, my good girl, you have taken your first down-ward step to-night, retrace your way, and never be found at such a "festival" set bis arcin. if you yalue your good

ward step to-night, retrace your way, and never be found at such a "festival" as this again, if you value your good name. Nor can young men attend these "moonlight rural gatherings" without endangering their fair fame and inter-ests. A pure woman will not mary a man who consorts with bad characters. She will not trust herself to the tender mercies of one who reaches home in the early morning in a half or wholly drunken state. She cannot look for-ward to a happy life with one of this character, and she will not encourage his attentions. Employers are not over-anxious to have in their service those who come to their occupations with evident marks of debauchery. They believe that young men of this sort are not efficient, and they believe so rightly ; they think that these are not altogether trustworthy; that they are constantly exposing themselves to danger and theft. It does not pay, young men, to your interest, either temporal or spirit-ual. Do not be carried away with the idea that you can be dissipated with impunity. "Be sober and watch" your-<text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text><text>

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angel and the human soul, is, that the angel of his own nature exists as spirit, while the human soul of its nature tends to a connection with a human body. The body is its complement, and though for a time it be separated from it by death, it is again, at the resurrection, to be united with it. The number of the angels has not been made known to us, but from the Scrittures we learn that their number is very great. We also find mention made of different ranks or orders. We are told of the seraphim, cherubin, thrones, dominations, principalities, powers, the virtues of Heaven, arch-angels and angels. These constitute nine choirs, and by theologians these nine choirs, as God created the angels, that He might bestow upon them eternal felicity, we are assured that He liberally granted to them whatever was necessary to enable them to secure this happiness, which consists in knowing God as He is in loving Him, and possessing Him for ever. Of the angels some obtained eternal felicity, and some, by their own fault, lost it. The first are called holy angels.

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the later centuries ? The Protestant theologians never

The Protestant theologians never succeeded in thoroughly converting the artists and poets, who always harbored a secret inclination to the old Church. The old house was so much grander and nobler, so much more beautiful, artistic

for poetry will ever be found than the share which it is accorded in the wors ship of the Most High, nor can more truly poetical and pure enjoyment be offered to the people than many of our readers have experienced when witness. Ing the Passion Play of Oberammergau. The Ages of Faith were also ages of unerstained but innocent gayety and an exuberant and buoyant secular poetry. The Church has done infinitely more positively to support and encourage literature than to censure its transgressions.
There is the prejudice that the Church narrows our appreciation for nature and consequently restricts the this this charge in my studies on Goethe, as if before Goethe nobody had ever known if the form one of the parties to the contact is sufficient at al. I had to reassure myself by looking up Aristotle, Albertus Magnus, St. Thomas. And
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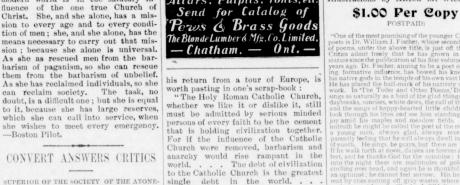
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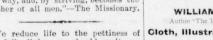
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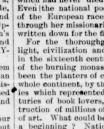
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had given existence to the stars, since it is said in the book of Job : "When it is said in the book of Job : "when the morning stars praised me together (or were made), and all the sons of God made a joyful molody" (Job 38:7). Nor were they created before the heavens and the earth since before the creation of these no created things existed, se God created these "in the begin-

cause God created these "in the begin-ning." We are taught by the Church that "from the beginning God, by His Om-nipotent power, created out of nothing both creatures, the spiritual and the corporeal, to wit, the angelic and the mundane, and then the human, as if common, constituted out of spirit and body." From which declaration some infer that the angels were created be-fore mere corporeal things ; which seems also to be the opinion of St. Augustine. The angels are spiritual, intellectual creatures, without bodies, as theologians commonly teach. commonly teach.

"Who makest thy angels spirits : and "who makest thy angels ire." They thy ministers a burning fire." They have the power to know and to under-stand in a degree far superior to man. A characteristic differen

come fashionable in a dertail camp of German Catholies to bewail our infer-iority and to engage in a nervous activity for the reconquest of what are considered lost positions. This it is thought will be accomplished by get-ting into closer touch, on the field of literature, with the separated detach-ments of other religious denominations. But is it not much better to appreciate more fully and utilize more resolutely our own inexhaustible resources in stead of going forth, with drums beat-ing and colors flying, to pay homage to **LIQUOB AND TOBACCO HABISTS** A. mctaggart, m. D., C. m. To Yong Street, Toronto, Canada. References as to Dr. McTaggarts profesional

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