FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Third Sunday of Lont.

IMMODEST LANGUAGE.

Moy partinent to our own times are e words of St. Paul in the Epistle of day, addressed nineteen centuries agoto the Christians of Ephesus: "But all uncleanness, let it not be so much as named among you, as becometh saints. For know ye this and understand that no unclean persen hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

There is no vice, my brethren, more common among men at the present day in classes of society, from the professional man to the day-laborer, among the rich and the poor, the old and the young, than that of obscene or mmodest conversation.

Among the better educated this sison of impurity is clothed in lanwhich serves to veil its disgusting nudity, and thus the more to insinuate itself and to deceive the unwary; while among the less educated it is oftener expressed in words that reveal its horrid filthiness and shock common decency.

Listen to the conversation of almost any chance gathering of young men, and you will soon hear the double-meaning joke, the attempt of some one to be witty which serves as much to expose the shallowness of his pate as corruption and rottenness of his miserable heart.

Holy Scripture says that "out of the fulness of the heart the mouth speak-eth. How true this is! But if one were to use this criterion in judging the thoughts that fill the hearts of many mongst us, how debased and pitiable must be their condition !

And how shocking it is, my dear brethren, to meet a young man whose dress and manner at first give evidence of respectability and good breed-ing, but who, when an immodess alluston is made or an impure joke uttered, is the first to shout with laughter! Such a one is well described by our Blessed Lord as "a whited sepulchre, full of dead men's bones.

And yet these whited sepulchres are not very rare in the community. You meet them in every walk of life-in the counting room and in the fac tory, at the "respectable" club-room as well as in the grogshop, and alas!
must we say it, among Catholics as all as among non-Catholics.

Yes, among Catholics, who have been elevated to a supernatural state our Lord Jesus Christ; whose hearts have been sealed by the grace of the Holy Spirit, and on whose tongue the Body and Blood of our Lord has often been placed-even these have dared to cherish in their hearts and express with their tongues thoughts and senti nents that would shock the moral sense

even of the unregenerate. Are they laboring under the incredble and awful delusion that they commit no great sin when they entertain or give expression to such thoughts? Do they think that they escape mortal

day in each month.

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BURNS A TRAVELLER.

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Burns, having realized a considerable sum of money by the publication of his poems at Edinburgh, resolved to travel through Scotland visiting as many as possible of the numerous places of interest in his native land. Before setting out on his travels he gave £300 to his brother Gilbert, for the improvement of his farm in Ayrshire.

His first visits were in the south of Scotland. There was much in that portion of the country to interest and delight our traveller. The history of Berwick, now an English city, arose to his mind. It had been long Scotch. This was enough for Burns. But its most interesting history is that of the period when it was an independent town. It was then rich and prosperous. Its trade was so great that its customs duties amounted to one fourth of the entire customs of all England. One of its citizens, "Knut the opulent," was so rich as to be able to send a squadron, equipped at his own expense, in pursuit of pirate vessels that had robbed him. He overtook and punished them. So completely was Berwick recognized as an independent town that in the general Parliament laws were enacted for England, Scotland and Berwick on Tweed. Passing from this unique city, Burns stepped across the Tweed into England. No sooner had he arrived on English ground than, turning towards Scotland, he knelt down and prayed for his beloved country in the language of one of his finest poems:

O Scotia! my dear, my native soil!
For whom my warmest wish to heaven i

sent,
Long may thy hardy sons of rustic toil
Be blest with health and peace and sweet cor

tent:
And oh, may Heaven their simple lives prevent
From luxury's contagion, weak and vile.
Then, howe'er erowns and coronets be real,
A virtuous populace may rise the while.
And stand a wall of fire around their much
loved isle.

O thou who poured the patriotic tide
That streamed through Wallace's undaunted heart;
Who dared to nobly stem tyranuic pride,
Or nobly die, the second glorious part.
(The patriot's god peculiarly thou art,
His friend, inspirer, guardian and roward!)
On over, never, Scotla's realm desert;
But still the patriot and the patriot bard
In bright succession raise, her ornament and
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Passing along the border lands, Burns could not but be deeply moved by the thought of those border ways which caused so much misery to both English and Scotch. It cheered him, on the other hand, to think of the chivalry which the borderers not unfrequently displayed. One who sympathized sincerely, as Burns did, with unfortunate Queen Mary, felt the glow of admiration when he called to mind the noble spirit of the border claus who, without the aid of Mary's pusillanimous son, made war on Elizabeth's mighty kingdom in order to avenge the cruel murder of their beloved Queen. Unfortunately this bright example was lost in the presence of cold, calculating policy.

The many religious establishments, founded and assisted by King David and other pious kings of Scolland, could not fail to attract the attention of the inquiring traveller. An irreverent age laid in ruiss those numerous and stately monuments of the piety of a by-gone time. But it could not take away their beauty nor rob them of their charm. They are grand as of old and soul-stirring still. Not a stone of them of their charm. They are grand as of old and soul-stirring still. Not a stone of them of the generations as the pass. Melrose, Kelso, Dryburgh, Sweetheart Abbey, Lincluden, Dundrennan, all in ruins though they be, are objects of veneration to the believing, and the resorts of pious pilgrims. The traveller bard was most affected by the intensely interesting historical associations of Dundrennan Abbey. It was the last spot on earth on which Mary, the ill-fated, Queen, breathed the breath of freedom. Relying on the consideration of her sister Queen and cousin, she spread her sail for England. Arrived there, expecting to be welcomed as a guest, she found herself a captive, and so remained till after nineteen years of exile and captivity, she was put to death by her irreconcilable enemy. This moved the poet to write severely of the English queen:

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Lord Archibald Dougras of the cases family.

Soon after his return to Scotland, Burns made an excursion to the west Highlands; but had not proceeded farther than Inverary when some untoward circumstance induced him to retrace his steps. He is not known to have had a grudge against the McCallum-More or the Campbells generally. Some one at Inverary must have offended him; hence the following pretty compliment:

"There's nothing here but Hightand pride And Highland scab and hunger; If Providence has sent me here "Twas surely in its anger."

The bard was soon consoled in the midst of the magnificent scenery of Loch Lomond. "the bonnie bonnie banks of Loch Lomond." The agreeable company he met with added not a little to his enjoyment. Returning to Edinburgh for a short time,

he undertook a more extended tour to the North. Reaching Linlithgow, he has not left us any remark on the magnificent place there, so long a seat of Royaity. Perhaps it was the contrast presented at Linlithgow which prompted him to animadvert so severely on the miserable style of the Presbyterian churches of his time: "What a poor, pimping place is a Presbyterian place of worship dirty, narrow and squalid, stuck in a corner of old Popish grandeur, such as Linlithgow. Ceremony and show, if judiciously thrown in are absolutely necessary for the great bulk of mankind, both in civil and religious matters." It was not to be expected, however, that a sect when only beginning to assert its existence should have buildings that could show to advantage beside the magnificent palace of Linlithgow. Here the Regent Moray expired on being mortally wounded by Hamilton of Bothwellhaugh in revenge of an atrocious act of private cruelty.

Our traveller bard made a short excursion into that part of the West Highlands which is known as the country of the Campbells. It might surely have elicited some words of praise from him associated with the memory of his favorite, Mary Campbell. It is not known that he bore any grudge to "Me Callum Moore," or the Campbells. It is not known that he bore any grudge to "Me Callum Moore," or the Campbells generally. It may be supposed, therefore, that at Inverary, some one had offended him, when he wrote the ungracious stanza:

"There's nothing here but Highland pride, And Highland scab and hunger:

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was no less:

"Admiring Nature in her wildest grace
These Northern scenes with weary feet I trace.
O'er many a winding dale and painful steep.
Th' abodes ot conveyed grous e and timid sheep,
My savage journey, curious, I pursue.
Till famed Bredalbane open to iny view.
Cliff meeting cliff each desp sunk glen divides.
The woods, wide scattered, clothe their ample
sides
Th' outstretching lake, embosomed mong the
hills.
The cye with wonder and amazement fills:
The Tay, meand ring sweet in infant pride.
The paface rising on its verdant side:
The lawns, wood-fringed, in Nature's native
taste;

The lawns, wood-fringed, in Nature's native taste;
The hillocks dropt in Nature's careless haste;
The arches striding o'er the new-born stream.
The village gittering in the moontide beam."

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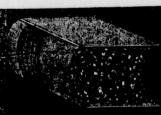
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