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### FIVE . MINUTES' SERMON.

Third Sunday after Pentecost.

CONVERSION OF SINNERS.

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"I say to you that even so there shall be joy in Heaven upon one sinner that doth penance, more than upon ninety-nine just who need not penance." [Luke 15, 7.]

In this day's gospel, our Divine Saviour shows Himself under the figures of the Good Shepherd, who leaves ure of the Good Shepherd, who leaves the ninety-nine sheep in security and seeks the lost one to bring it back to the fold. By this act He proclaims not only the infinite mercy of God, towards sinners, but His divine example which says to us, go and do likewise; be a good shepherd to your brother, and save his soul from eternal perdition.

Verily, my dear Christians, there can be no more sublime, no holier work, nor one more pleasing to God than that which is mentioned as the first of the spiritual works of mercy. To admonish sinners? Can we do more charitable act, one more beneficial to our neighbor, and more meritorious for ourselves, than to save our neighbor's soul from perdition, and bring it back to God? How easy has not Almighty God made the practice of this great work of mercy? To assist or, riches are required, to go to the heathen and to preach the gospel, one must be a priest. To recall the sinner from his evil ways, however, requires neither riches nor sacerdotal dignity : all that is necessary is a sincere love for God and one's neighbor. This love will teach you the best manner of approaching your erring brother, will give you the words that will best appeal to his heart, will give you pereverance, again and again to entreat him to save his soul by true penance. It is by such words of love that our Divine Saviour, that the apostles and all the zealous missionaries have achieved their greatest triumphs of conversions. And it is by such words of love and compassion that you, although not priests, can be missionaries, can save souls for Heaven, can become the greatest benefactors of your neigh-On your part, it is only required that you are willing to be used as an instrument of God's infinite mercy.

the sermon of words, there is also a sermon of example. Where the example and the words do not coincide the the best admonitions produce no more beneficial effects than to cast sand into the air, or to pour water into defective vessels. If your erring brother sees you doing the things which you so kindly admonish him to perform, then only does he feel the full force of your words; then only will he be convinced of the truth of counsels and the sincerity of your Your virtuous example becomes a continued sermon, and one which will impress him most powerfully and attract him to imitation. Hence, my dear brethren, let the light of your good works, of your virtuous lives shine forth that the sinner may see it, be edified and induced to follow it. If there is question of giving admonitions and instructions, one or the other might excuse himself for want experience, but no one can excuse himself from giving good example God demands this of all for many reasons, one of which is that it is to be

a means for the conversion of sinners. There is, moreover, a third requisite to accomplish the work of converting the sinner. We must not only admonish him with love and patience, not only edify him by good example, we must also pray for him and beseech God to have mercy on him. Human efforts alone will not suffice to open the eyes of the erring one and move his heart to contrition: this can be done the grace of God. "I have planted, Apollo watered, but God gave the increase, "says St. Paul. (I. Cor. 3,

6.) Hence we must, above all things, pray often and fervently for the conversion of sinners. Prayer is a weapon which the hardest hearts cannot always resist. The prayers and tears of St. Monica brought about the change of heart in the sinner Augustine converted him into St. Augustine, a doctor of the Church. Such miracles of grace which are even greater than the creation of the world, are effected

the creation of the world, are effected even now by prayer when it rises perseveringly to Heaven from a pure, pious, and Christian heart.

You know now, my dear Christian, how you can assist in bringing back the lost sheep to the fold. You must nestigately and presequeringly labor with patiently and perseveringly labor with word, prayer and example. If you have not undertaken the good work, resolve to begin to-day. If you are successful in saving but one soul for Heaven, you have conferred a benefit on your brother greater than that which can be imagined; you have given joy to Heaven beyond your conception, for you have saved a soul which is more precious than the whole creation, and the angels will rejoice in Heaven "Upon one sinner that doth penance more than upon ninety-nine just who need not penance." Moreover, you will receive the everlasting gratitude of the one you have saved, and the glorious reward awaiting you in the next world, will be an infinite

recompense for what you have done for the love of God. But even if your persevering efforts are useless, if all your fervent love cannot soften the hard heart of your erring brother, be not disheartened, think not that your labor of love was in vain, for God looks not only to the deed, rewards not only according to the work you accomplish. He regards the intention, and will therefore give you the same reward as if you had succeeded in bringing back the lost sheep to the fold, in saving the soul of your

### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Fancy's Ferry.

You've crossed his ferry many a time.

Perhaps you didn't know it.

He seats you in his ferry boat and then begins to row it.

He dip his care a cofely the gins to row it.

He dips his oars so softly that you cannot ever hear them.

And lo! you land at Fancy's docks before you know you're near them.

Oh! Fancy's land looks very grand with structures high and airy, And bright impossibilities to mislead the

unwary. And presently you find yourself, no matter what your station.

A building castles in the air, that havn't a foundation.

And yet it isn't difficult to rear them till they're higher
Than anything you ever saw in turret or in

spire.
And Fancy, seems so wondrous kind, he gratifies each notion—
You've not a whim but is indulged through his extreme devotion.

Old Humdrum town you left behind seem

or humarum town you let be made seems sadly uninviting.
With school, and books, and lessons that you're tired of reciting.
But lo! what's this? Your castle shakes!
Its walls are all a crumble!
You stand amid a ruined mass, alive, but very humble.

Then Fancy rows you home again-it doesn't take a minute;
You wouldn't know—his boat's so swift—that
you were really in it.
But—at a word—[with such a shock]—false
Faucy lands his wherry.
What does he care for foolish folk who daily
cross his ferry?

-Julie M. Lippmann.

Fidelity. Never forsake a friend. When enemies gather around, when sickness falls upon the heart, when all the world is dark and cheerless, is the time to try true friendship. The heart that try true friendship. has been touched with true gold will redouble its efforts when the friend is sad and in trouble. Adversity tries true friendship. They who run from the scenes of distress betray their hypocrisy and proved that interest only moves them. If you have a friend that loves you, who has studied your interest and happiness, be sure to sustain him in adversity. Let him feel that his former kindness is appreciated and Do not, however, forget that besides that his love was not thrown away.

Utilized the Gate. The truly gifted engineer always makes one part of his work fit into another, and no energy is ever wasted. A wealthy engineer who had set up a very fine place in the country, where he had carried out many pet construction projects, was visited there by an old friend. The visitor had so much difficulty in pushing open his front gate that he spoke about it to the proprietor. "You ought to fix that gate," said the guest. "A man who has everything 'just so' should not have a gate that is hard to open." exclaimed the engineer. 'You don't understand my economy That gate communicates with the water works of the house, and every person who comes through it pumps up four gallons of water.

### Dress Well.

We have always been told that we must not measure a man by his dress, but the world still goes on judging people by their external appearance and it seems natural that it should do so. If one is travelling he can almost invariably determine the position in life of the people he meets by the manner in which they are clothed. It is duty which we owe ourselves, there fore, to dress as well as we can. O course, the middle ground between dandyism and slovenliness is the aim of every sensible person, and yet many wise people have maintained that it is

course you have all heard the advice of benefit of the young fellows who have not yet heard it? Any way, dress well—not like a dude, but like a per-son who appreciates cleanliness and neatness-Church Progress.

Three Things. At the threshold of manhood what do

young men need most of all?

1. Correct principles. These will make them live a life worth living. These will supply noble motives.

These will glorify the humblest occupation. These will smooth the hardest lot. These will make meritorious the commonest actions. These will purify ambition. These will lead them

ambition. These will lead them straight to the stars.

2. Character. When we say of a person, "He is a man of character!" we mean that he has convictions and is true to them. Now there is a differ-ence between character and reputation. chee between character and reputation.
Character is what we are, reputation is what the world thinks us to be.
Young men need character—that is, will-power for good—so that they may be strong to do right and strong to resist wrong. Character can be cultivated. The will can be trained as well as the memory or the understanding, as easily as the hand can be taught to handle

tools. 3. Good company. It is not well 3. Good company. It is not went for man to be alone and young men long for the society of other young men of their own age. The point for them is to join a decent set, for the proverb is still true: "Tell me your company and I'll tell you who you are." The presence of others of the right sort is a check on evil, and an incentive to good.—Church Progress. good .- Church Progress.

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Like tight boots. Nothing removes corns with such certainty as Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Beware of poisonous substitutes. Ask for and get Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor at druggists.

The Shortness of Time.

We all of us complain of the shortness of time, and yet have much more than we know what to do with. lives are spent either in doing nothing at all, or in doing nothing that we ought to do: we are always complaining our days are few, and acting as though there would be no end of them.

Sons of God.

It is always sad not to feel the choiceness of anything which has in it wonderful and fine capacities—to be content with the ordinariness and coarseness of that which is capable of being exquisite and great. there could thrill through the being of our young men some electrical sens that they are God's sons, that so they might make themselves the servants of his Christ, and live the life and attain the nature which are rightly theirs. -Phillips Brooks.

The Man Makes all the Difference. There is no royal road to learning, and no college can give a man an education if he is deficient in application

and the receptive faculties. If educational work and influence are the accepted measure of excellence, then each of the great colleges is the "finest" for some students, and none of them is "finest" for all.

It all depends on the boy. It is

easily conceivable that a particular boy might be ruined at a great college who would become a scholar and a gentleman at a small institution-and vice versa.

This great truth should never be forgotten, that every man who is educated at all is self educated. Every college in this country, big or little, offers in-estimable advantages to the earnest young man who wants to educate him-But no college can educate any self. man. No college can make an educated man out of a boy who will not study, while the boy who will study is sure to become an educated man even though he is unable to attend any col

lege whatever. Webster was graduated from Dart mouth; Calhoun from a "fresh-water college;" Clay and Washington and Horace Greeley and Elihu Burritt and Lincoln and Peter Cooper from nowhere. It was the man that made the difference in every case. Not one of them owed anything to a college except an opportunity to study, and that opportunity is every man's in this free and of ours, without grace of any university or any college.

A Virtuous Wife. "Who shall find a valiant woman The price of her is as of things brought from afar off and from the uttermo The heart of her husband coasts, trusteth in her." There is given in the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs a picture of a wife which a young man will do well to fix in his mind, and go about searching earnestly until he finds her embodiment, and when he finds her, if he can't offer the price which is above rubies -- the love of a true man for her-he is slow. He may not find a young woman with the developed energy pictured, but he may find and recognize all of these possi bilities in her. A pretty face, a gay and taking manner, and all the summer girl qualifications for a jolly outing are not enough to fall in love with If the young lady you think you love has none of the stronger virtue which mark and measure womanhood and which would wear well in a house hold for thirty years, better smash that love dream in its first stages and look of clothes will always procure the wearer a certain amount of respect that he would not otherwise receive. Of Polonius in Shakespeare's play of the Hamlet." Who will quote it for the benefit of the review of th be a help meet to her husband. An undisciplined woman is as obnoxious to live with as an undisciplined man. This may not seem gallant, but it is a fact.

Unskilful Workmen.

The apprentice system of fifty years ago has long since been entirely abandoned, and the common remark now a days, that skilled workmen are scarce is not particularly strange. Boys who go to work at any of the mechanical go to work at any of the mechanical trades, now a-days, are apt in most cases to cheat themselves and perman-ently impair their future usefulness, by quitting after a few weeks or after a few months service, and seeking em-ployment elsewhere as skilled work-men when in fact they at best acquired men, when in fact they at best acquired but a smattering of the simplest details of their trade. The tendency of such a course is to put these incompetent workmen on a level, in one sense, with the older and far more skilful portion of a shop's working force, or work as possible and do it as well as possible but to get through the working hours and do as little as possible, and when they find in an establishment a true blue thorough workman who does a fair day's work and does it well, the incompetent shirks are ready to combine to reduce the faithful, intelligent workmen to their own incom-petent level. The great fault with many labor organizations is the fact that they are in too many cases filled up with this incompetent class, who adopt that method of backing themadopt that method of backing themselves up in their lack of skill and faithfulness. They are simply pretenders, who know but little of their trade, manifest little disposition to learn more of it, and when at work are constantly in danger of spoiling work, thereby entailing needless expense

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. upon their employers, and often

A skilled workman is given the bes work, because the management has confidence in his ability to properly perform it, but this very fact excites ealousy among the skilful workman's incompetent shopmates, and he very soon becomes the object of their dis like, if not of their positive hatred. His employers dare not pay him accord-ing to his merits, for that would in-crease the general disaffection, and so if he desires to have peace with his fellow-workmen he must sink down to their level. Business is unsettled in the whole labor market by the discon tinuance of the old apprentice system By that system all workmen would b compelled to possess a degree of skill and efficiency which would exalt meri to its proper standard, and thereby effectually do away with the bickering and jealousies which are the result of a lack of merit.-Catholic Columbian.

### "PRAYER AT MASS."

Controversy Apprehended Over Book Published by an Episcopalian

Chicago, May 22.-The Rev. E. A. arrabee's illuminated missal, "Prayer at Mass," published by the rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Ascension, was the cause of much informal discussion to day among the Episcopal clergy of Chicago, gathered in the rooms of the Church Club for their weekly reunion.

There were many expressions showing apprehension that this or similar publications would precipitate a conroversy similar to that now raging in the Church of England.
Printed in red and black, with pict-

ures in the mediaeval style, it is a striking work. It is directed to 'American Catholics," and is composed almost entirely of material taken from times prior to the so-called Reformation and translated from the

The captions are in Latin, and inluded in the book are the elevation the host, the kissing of the altar by the priest, the "Kyrie Eleison" and the Benediction of the Biessed Sacrament. Under "Ordinary of the Mass ccurs a confession, which the priest, after making the sign of the cross,

repeats mentally.

Rev. Mr. Larrabee when seen to day did not seem agitated over the criticisms passed by Bishop Cheney, of the Reformed Church, and Father Scanlan, of the Cathedral of the Holy Name The Protestant prelate referred to the volume as a "tawdry mass book, which degrades the religion of Christ and makes the worship of His religior a piece of mediaeval mummery." He also declared it should awaken the laity to a realization of the drift toward the

Church of Rome. Father Scanlan pronounced the book "decidedly Catholic," but said he was not astonished, as he had known Rev. Mr. Larrabee's predilection toward Catholicism. He asserted that the Cathedral had received as converts during the last yesr almost fifty Epis copalians, many from Rev. Mr. Larra

bee's church. "The prayers," said Rev. Mr. Lar-rabee, "are taken from the sanction ed writings of the Church, although it is true that they are practically those of the ancient Church of Rome. that, while we are not Roman Catho lics, we are Catholics, and as such have a right to use the ceremonies which been used since the foundation of the Church.'

### GIFTS FOR THE POOR.

"I wish I was rich," said a young girl, " for it would make me happy to give to the poor."

"Do you give them now all that you can?" asked her middle aged friend.
The girl's face fell. Sne hesitated an instant. Then she said:

"I did give the wash woman my old skirt and occasionally I put a nickel or a cent into the poor box."
"O, I'm not talking of old clothes,

or food, or money," replied her friend.
"I mean sympathy, love, kindness."
"I don't see how I could give them
those things." those things.

"No? Look about you and you will find opportunities. You have flowers, more than you need and for which you care little. Can't you spare a geranium or some cut roses to Sally Dean, who can't afford to get them? You can read charmingly. Can't you take The Columbian over to bed-ridden Mrs. Collins and read it to her, one evening a week, or once a fortnight?
You can talk brightly. Can't you slip
over occasionally to Mrs. Gant's, who
is called crabbed, but who is sour only exteriorly on account of her many trials, but whose lonely heart is hunrather, the tendency is to drag the skilled workmen down to the level of the other class. The object of the incompetent class is not to do as much poor in heart for the hundreds who are poor in purse. And their des-titution is harder to bear. Scatter smiles, sweet words, sunshine. You will ease more woe than if you had millions on millions and were to throw bushels of gold pieces among the indigent."
"I have been poor myself," ans

wered the girl humbly, "poor in good works. I will begin to-day to get rich."—Catholic Columbian.

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