

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. M. ROSSAERT

TRINITY SUNDAY

CHRISTIAN MERCY

Mercy is a most beautiful virtue, and in today's Gospel our divine Redeemer teaches us how essential it is, for He says: "Be ye merciful, as your Father also is merciful."

"Be ye merciful, as your Father also is merciful." These words teach us how we ought to practice mercy. God is merciful toward all men, giving them good gifts for both body and soul, and His only motive in so doing is His inexhaustible love.

Similar causes produce similar effects; and men are imitative beings.—Catholic Telegraph.

DANGERS OF THE OUIJA BOARD

GODFREY RAUPERT DECLARES EVIL INFLUENCES SURROUND OCCULT PRACTICES

By M. C. W. C. News Service

Alienists of national reputation and members of State lunacy boards throughout America, accused by the many cases of insanity and crime superinduced through the use of the planchette or ouija-board, are joining with the prelates of the Catholic Church in warning the public against the use of this device.

LUNACY BOARD'S WARNING One of the most recent pronouncements warning against the practice is that of the State of California Lunacy Commission, following an affair at El Cerrito, which caused the commitment of four women victims of "ouija-mania" to the insane asylum after the police had broken in barred doors and found the women in a state of trance brought about by strange rites performed at the direction of the board.

Five children, with their heads shaved to "drive away evil spirits," were confined to the house. A fifteen year-old girl was acting as high priestess of the strange orgies. Seven hundred dollars in bills had been burned, she declared, to please the spirits of departed relatives.

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THINK IT OVER! When searching for the origin of the prevailing unrest and, especially, for the cause of the tendency toward the disregard of civil authority, it might be well to ascertain whether the revolt against religious authority, which broke out in the sixteenth century, has not had a correspond-

ingly weakening influence upon the proper obedience to civil authority. The so-called Reformation rebelled against the authority of the Church; it set up private, individual judgment as the rule and guide in religious matters.

Does it require any stretch of the imagination, to see a resemblance between the working of Protestantism during the last four centuries and the development of social Radicalism during the last four years?

When this passive state of the mind is cultivated it is possible for evil spirits for so they have been identified by many of their conversations, to gain access to the storehouse of the subconscious and read it like an open book.

not the high and proud stations in society. But they were bent on doing God's work in the home, and for husband and children and dependents. And so doing, they led noble lives and achieved distinction.

It has been found that the weaker the mind that tampers with the ouija-board the more readily is the influence of the instrument or the spirits it summons manifested.

THE CATHOLIC IDEAL OF WOMANHOOD By Rev. Albert Mantach The thirty-first chapter of the Book of Proverbs sings in language of splendid power and charm the praises of the wise and valiant woman.

RELICS OF THE HOLY PASSION TRADITION LOCATES MANY OF MATERIAL MEMORIALS OF HISTORIC EVENTS OF REDEMPTION The present whereabouts of the relics of the Holy Passion of Our Lord is a subject of great interest to Catholics and students of the physical memorials of the historic events of the Redemption of man.

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LA PERFECTA CASADA And say not that this is only the opinion of those who are caught in the narrow ruts of lazy conservatism, and who dare not aspire to the light and glory of the new age of freedom.

A LASTING IDEAL The judgment of this great Spanish writer as to the excellence of the ideal of the "perfect woman" in the work of Fray Luis de Leon, holds good today.

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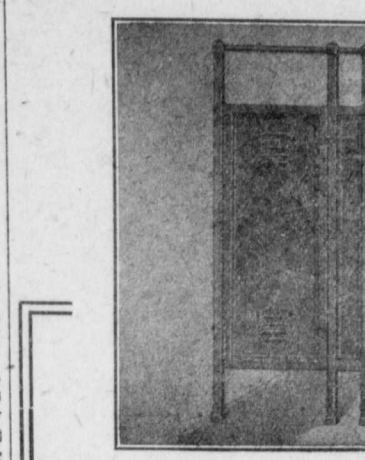
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LOCATION OF ROBES

It is stated that the Sponges is at Rome in the Basilica of St. John Lateran, while the point of the lance is at Paris and the rest at Rome. The Robe was given to the Church of Treves by St. Helena, and is known as the Holy Coat. Charlemagne is reported to have given the Tunic to the Monastery of Argenteuil near Paris, whose sister was a nun.



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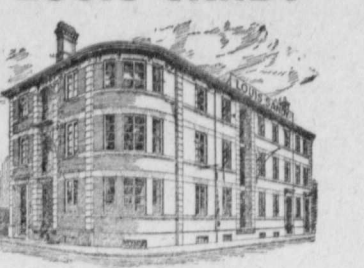
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