

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS

FOR EARLY MASSES
By the Paulist Fathers.
Preached in their Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Fifty-ninth Street and Ninth Avenue, New York City.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

"Because of unbelief they were broken off, but they stand by faith. Be not high-minded, but fear."—Rom. xi. 20.

Brethren, have you ever asked yourself the question: "What do I gain by being a living, active member of God's holy Church, or what would I lose if I were not united to it?"

Lately the greatest excitement prevailed amongst the people of a Western State because they were deprived for some time of rain.

So it often happens in spiritual matters. Let us, then, to-day, question ourselves on some of the ordinary blessings that come to us from the fact of our being Catholics.

For we have, brethren, by Faith, that which the reading and knowledge of all the books and sciences could not themselves procure for us; that which the brightest intellect and keenest intelligence could not obtain for us—we have by Faith a knowledge of our true end, our reason for being, our final destiny, and above all a perfect confidence in possessing the adequate means.

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A Defunct Telephone Experiment.

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SCENES NEAR HELIOPOLIS IN LOWER EGYPT—THE FLIGHT OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

This very interesting descriptive narrative is from the pen of the Hon. Anthony M. Kelley. It was recently contributed to the I. C. B. U. Journal of Philadelphia: I made a journey a few evenings since, the record of which may possibly furnish some interest to my good friends, the readers of the Journal, whom I do not forget, however long or widely severed we may be.

PlANTATIONS OF OLIVE TREES, and extensive vineyards, conquered from the desert by the painful labor of the "fallen men" who with the rudest possible appliances pump up from deep wells the water required for vegetation, and without which an Arabian desert would, in a few years, cover with its pall of yellow sand every trace of the labor and achievement of man.

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