## FIVE. MINUTE SERMONS.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WHY WE SHOULD LOVE GOD. "Jeaus said to him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind." (St. Matt. xxii., 37.)

What do people of the world appear to love the most? It is money. And why money more than anything else? Because with money they can procure what they desire, houses, lands, clothing, good fare, to journey around where they will, to amuse themselves, Money represents to them all sorts of temporal goods and advant-

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But money cannot buy happiness that is, true, real happiness. It cannot buy health, it cannot buy long life, it cannot buy peace and contentment of mind. The rich man must part with all temporal goods in a short time, as the Apostle says: "We brought nothing in this world and certainly we can carry nothing out."

To love riches with his whole heart

is a foolish thing. "Blessed is the man who has not gone after gold, nor set his heart on money and treasures. No! God is her only treasure. He

is the infinite, boundless good. that is good or beautiful or desirable flows from Him as from its source, and apart from Him there is nothing good, beautiful, or desirable. And He is the eternal good. This happiness which He offers us is not a puff of wind which passes away, but will last for ever. death finds us in the state of grace and friendship with God we will possess, without fear or loss, superabundant riches, joy, and happiness for the countless ages of eternity.

This is what we are created for. If God had intended us for this world He would not have had an adequate motive for creating us at all.

From all this it follows that we must obey the commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole "Thou shalt heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind." God is entitled to our love, for He is our Creator, "in whom we live and move and have ou being, without whom and His uphold ing hand we should vanish away into nothingness." He is entitled to our love because He is our last end and supreme good. God is the only worthy object of the love of a reasonable and immortal soul made to His own image and likeness. This is the dictate of our own good sense. If every one stops to question his own right reason he cannot fail to receive this answer. How shall we fulfil this great com andment? This is the question of

mandment? questions, which should be now before us demanding an answer. The love of God is not precisely the

sensible affection such as we feel to our relations and friends here on the earth Our affections are not always under our control. We have never seen God, and only know what He is by what He has revealed. This affectionate love we can only have as far as He imparts it to us. It is not what He demands of us. What is this love? St. John answers this question. "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments." The love of God con sists in true heart-felt obedience. must be disposed to keep His command ments, and all of them. If we are fully, earnestly disposed to do this then we fulfil the great commandment to love No matter how great may be our temptations or how great a sacrifice it may involve, we must be disposed to obey the commandments. Let us not rest satisfied a moment until we find ourselves solidly grounded in these dispositions; and if we find ourselves weak or wavering, let us pray, and never cease praying. God will help us, and we shall be able to say with St. Paul, "I can do all things in Christ who strengtheneth me," and with St. Anthony who, sorely afflicted, exclaimed, "Let God arise, and all His enemies shall be scattered and they that hate Him shall flee before Him."

# Saving One's Soul.

The Catholic Review ably refutes a false conception of A. Conan Doyle in relation to the monastic life to which he gives voice in the words of the heroine of "The White Company"
"Why should you who are soldiers of the spirit be ever moping or hiding in cell or in cave, with minds full of your own concerns, while the world which you should be mending is going on its way and neither sees nor hears you? Were you all as thoughtless of your own souls as the soldier is of his body. you would be of more avail to the souls of others '

The Catholic Review rightly con tends that there is no parity between the two cases. The man who preserves his skin at the expense of his honor is but a contemptible coward. But concern for one's soul does not involve the sacrifice of honor, nor necessi tate the endangering of another man's life or salvation. Indeed, the world' favorite saints—St. Anthony, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis Xavier, whose object in saving souls was that thereby they might serve God and the better save their own-give the lie to the selfishness and cowardice Mr. Doyle's heroine deprecates. But even among the anchorites of the Thebaud, says the Catholic Review, it was the part of charity, and not of cowardice, which inspired the hermit to pray un ceasingly for the salvation of mankind, and Mr. Doyle's conception of the spirit of monasticism is far from being a true one when he speaks of it as sel-fish and uncharitable. True Christianity dictates that no man may save his soul without reck for the spiritual and temporal welfare of his neighbor.

Purify your blood with Hood's Sarsapar-illia, which will give you an appetite, tone your stomach and strengthen your nerves.

## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Passion Flower The history of this singular and peautiful flower is thus given in The Garden:

The flower was originally named the Passiflora, or the flower of the passion, by the Catholic priests who followed closely in the track opened up by Col umbus but to the new continent of America, in order to attempt the conversion of the aborigines to the Christian faith. Many of these Catholic missionaries were men highly cultivated in all learning of the time and were consequently more or less naturalists. As students of nature, we may imagine they were much struck with the beauty and singular structure of this remarkable flower, which they found growing in wild luxuriance and abundance over the rocks of Hispaniola Cuba and Jamaica, and climbing also the great trees to their tops and hang ng their beautiful foliage and blossoms n thick festoons from the branches The structure of the flower, upon an alysis, appeared to them a miracle, which seemed to foretell that these new countries were foredestined to Christianity; for the structure which the s) admired at first glance was found to contain, they conceived, representa-tions of the object most closely connected with the crucifixion and

### events which immediately preceded it. He Saved Their Lives.

Some years ago a vessel was driven on the beach of Lydd, in Kent, England. The sea was rolling furiously Eight poor fellows were crying for help; but a boat could not be got off, through the storm, to their assistance, and they were in constant peril, for any moment the ship was in danger of sinking.

At length a gentleman came along the beach accompanied by his New-foundland dog. He directed the ani-mal's attention to the vessel, and put a short stick in his mouth. The intelligent and courageous dog at once understood his meaning, sprang into the sea, and fought his way through the angry waves towards the vessel. He could not, however, get close enough o deliver that with which he was charged ; but the crew understood what was meant, and they made fast a rope to another piece of wood, and threw it

The poble animal at once dropped his own piece of wood, and immediatel seized that which had be thrown him; and then, with a degree strength and determination scarce redible-for he was again and again ost under the waves-he dragged through the surge, and delivered it to

A line of communication was thus formed with the vessel, and every man on board was rescued. - Our Dumb Animals.

## " No, I Thank You!"

Success depends as much on doing as upon doing; in other words: "Stop before you begin," has saved many a boy from ruin.

When quite a young lad I came

very near losing my own life and that of my mother, by a horse I was driv ing, running violently down a steep hill and over a dilapidated bridge at

its foot. As the boards of the old bridge flew up behind us it seemed almost miracul ous that we were not all precipitated into the stream beneath and drowned. Arriving home and relating our narrow escape to my father, he sternly said to

me:
"Another time, hold in your horse before he starts."

in wrong doing:
"No, I thank you." If John, at this time a clerk in th store, had only said to one of the older clerks, when invited to spend an even-ing in the drinking saloon: "No, I thank you, "he would not to day be the inmate of an inebriate asylum.

If James, a clerk in another store, when invited to spend the Sabbath on a steamboat excursion, had said: I thank you," he would to day have been, perhaps, an honored officer in the church, instead of occupying a cell

in the state prison.

Had William, when at school, said when his comrade suggested to him that he write his own excuse for absence from school and sign his father's name, "No, I thank you; I will not add lying to wrong doing," he would

not to-day be serving a term of years in prison for having committed forgery In my long and large experience as an educator of boys and young men, I have noticed this—that resisting the devil, in whatever form he may suggest wrong-doing to us, is one sure means of success in life. Tampering

with evil is always dangerous. "Avoid the beginnings of evil," is an excellent motto for every boy starting out in life.

Oh, how many young men have endeavored, when half-way down the hill of wrong-doing, to stop, but have not been able! Their own passions, appetites, lusts and bad habits have driven them rapidly down the hill to swift and

How small and insignificant our own petty troubles appear in the light of a great calamity such as visited the neighborhood of St. Louis recently. A disaster of that sort completely over shadows the every day worries and brings home with telling force the realization that we can never know from hour to hour when desolation may compass us.

To the women of the family who remain at home each morning while the Till-fitting boots and shoes cause corns. Holloway's Corn Cure is the article to use. Get a bottle at cace and cure your corns.

men folk, great and small, go forth to do battle with the world and in various capacities earn the daily bread, being exposed to greater risks than we who are sheltered safely in the home nest, the every day fatalities should preach a great lesson. Many there are who leave home in the early morning never to return who perhaps parted from mother, wife or child with hasty.

No good-bye kiss was given, perhaps owing to the shadow of an over-night's misunderstanding or a carlessness that did not mark a period not so very long ago. How do you suppose the who are left to mourn feel over such memories? Take it home to yourself and let the lesson sink deeply into your heart. Watch the hasty, unkind words: smother them at their birth remember that it takes two to make a quarrel, and let that be one partner ship into which you will not enter. Do not keep one set of kindly, win ning manners for company and a col

ection quite the reverse for those whom you are more intimately acquainted with. In all things and all ways try to act so that if a great calamity befall our loved ones there need not be added to the overpowering and natural grief you will feel the more poignant and stinging pangs of remorse. Into your life no shock such as this may ever come. Heaven grant that it may not! But the constant effort to make home brighter, to be always loving and delightful to the ones who are dearest o you on earth, will never do you any narm and will reward you when natural causes have taken those dear ones away, by a memory that you at least did all you could to make them happy while they lived. - Catholic Columbian.

## Money and Music.

Handel, had it not been for his ora torios and his operatic speculations, would have lived and died as poor as the proverbial church mouse. Walsh, A bay window must be thrown out his publisher, paid him pitiful prices in the little dining room; capacious for his operas. For at least eleven of these works he received no more than 5 guineas each; and the largest sun he was ever paid was only £105, which he got for "Alexander's Feast." It nust not be thought from these small prices that the composer's works did not sell; on the contrary, they always found a ready market, and proved a reat source of profit to the publisher 'rom the proceeds of his first opera, 'Rinaldo," Walsh netted a profit of over £1500, whereupon Handel jocu-arly remarked to the music seller: "Well, you shall compose the next opera and I will publish it." Handel, Handel. as everybody knows, lost a fortune in trying to establish Italian operas in London; and although he subsequently more than recouped himself by his oraorios, it was not the publisher, but the public, who put it in his power to

Even when we come down to the time of Mozart, we do not find that the claim of the brainworker to a fair wage had been recognized. It almost staggers one to recall the fact that "Don Giovanni" brought to its com-poser no more than £20. For "The Magic Flute" he was paid just 100 ducats, and yet the manager of the theatre at which the opera was first produced made a fortune out of it. No wonder Mozart had to be laid in a pauper's grave, the very site of which is unknown to this day! Schubert fared even worse. Some of his mag-nificient songs sold for less than a shilling, and at his decease it was difficult to raise enough money to bury him. Haydn's income would to-day be deemed small by a player in the theatre orchestra, and his "estate" was almost How many young men would have been saved if early in life they had seventy-one years ago, received less said, when invited to take the first step than £800 in all for his "Freischutz, one of the most popular operas ever written; while from his five other operas he made only £1,600 altogether. "The Bohemian Girl" Balfe gained ess than £1,500, although the "Marble Halls "ballad in that very popular work put some £3,000 into the peckets of the publishers.

### The Catholic Church is Not English."

Patriotism, according to Tolstoi, is a form of selfishness. Patriotism, so called in England, but which might be better described as that aggressive individuality which makes Englishmen so thoroughly unpopular in other countries, has sufficed to prevent many hundreds from joining the Catholic Church or even from listening to the truth of her claims, simply for that trumpery assertion, "The Catholic Church is not English." The average Englishman does not do his intellect so much justice as to allow it to tell him that Jesus Christ was not English. never trod English ground, and that the God of the whole world cannot be of one nation only. No, the Englishman prefers an English fault or lie to a foreign virtue or truth : he must be safe because he is English, but he must be saved on his own terms and in his own way or he will have none of it. But how can he pretend to forget that the Catholic Church is the Church of his forefathers—Britons, Celts, Saxons, Danes and Normans, from the moment they renounced paganism; that it is the only one with a claim to the name of "the National Church," for it is the Church which welded into one all these different nationalities and thus formed the English race of to-day. -The Tab-

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spaces of recesses; rose-bushes are planted by the dozen and watered with

tears of joy; shelves are put up for the saving of steps, and the proud mis-

tress of it all learns to wield the paint

brush to the annihilation of unsightly

The man takes a quiet, intense satis-

faction in his feeling of ownership, but

the supreme moment in the life of the woman is when she can take her in-

quisitive friends from garret to cellar

and say, with exultant pride, "It is

She knows that in spite of the pessi-

ADVANTAGES OF OWNERSHIP.

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your community to be a landed propri-etor to even this extent. You have a

say about the improvements in your

neighborhood; you can lift your voice

for sanitary drainage and demand of

the mayor to sweep your cobblestones. Look at it as an investment for that

rainy day which clouds the horizon of nearly every life. By making an

effort to secure a roof over his head a

man places a bulwark between himself

and utter ruin should business or phys-

A house bought by frugality in the

heyday of youthful enthusiasm has many a time been the means of avert-

ing disaster or of realizing for its for-

tunate owner the capital wherewith to

nake a renewed effort in middle life.

There is, too, another consideration

in favor of a real home, which if less

utilitarian is also binding upon the

prospective heads of families. There

may be talented ones and even geni

uses among the flock, and a noted

writer says that the literary aspirant

and others of artistic temperament

must write out of the fulness of their

fulness to come from unless there be a

Will the fact that there was or was

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. literary material to the mind that should be a desire to make the most of

One of the signs of the times, and a ign of still better times to come, is the increasing demand of people of moder ate means for a "local habitation." Notwithstanding Matthew Arnold's earned protests against the supremacy of the individual, there is something in the very air we breathe that makes

us rebel at being swallowed up as a memories. The greatest marvels of really great successes in life. It is art collected in hoary cathedrals and not to be denied that self-made men great, round world before he leaves it, and in none ought this to be a stronger sentiment than in the newly married. royal museums do not appeal to our most cultured travellers when abroad of thought or action, but they are the If beginners in life would start out like the ancestral homes of nobles, exception rather than the rule. Stawith the determination of owning their roof-tree as soon as possible, and if both commoners and peasants. There the are of one accord, they can easily cottage and the ivy covered villa are regulate their style of living with this end in view. No spasmodic effort will as often the possessions of successive and places of influence in the world generations of kinsfolk as the battle—the chances are as a thousand to one mented towers of earl or duke, and it in favor of the college graduate. achieve it ; only a careful laying aside is by this continuance of family pride of small sums regularly.

They will find that after the home is and love about the spot where, marriage, birth and death have woven such once secured they will wish to "improve it," and the habit of judicious binding ties that the imagination of saving being already acquired, it will be no hardship to deny themselves extravagant clothes and aimless jaunts in order to add new beauties and comforts

## Stray Chips of Thought.

to their abiding-place.

A bay window must be thrown out A man that is young in years may old in hours, if he have lost no time closets, to meet the demands of the out that happeneth rarely. growing family, must fill in the waste

There is this difference between wise man and a fool: A fool's mis takes never teach him anything. The man who is always satisfied with himself is rarely satisfactory to

A man never realizes how human he until he has made a big fool of him

It is generally the man who has the ast to complain of that does the mos icking.

"The true test of religion is to be always prepared for death." This is but a sombre way of putting a truth. mists' sentiment the home is a powerful influence for good; and for the Better say, God's will is done in living your life honestly and well. Then you needn't bother yourself about what sake of bringing up her children where is to become of you in the future. The man whose to day is all right can't have any bad dreams about to-morrow. they may fix their affections, she is more than willing to make motherly

## The Right Stock.

It is worth the effort made to escape She was small and frail, but, sitting the horrors of moving day alone, and few seats behind her, I could not see the children may at last have a playher face. Soon a handsome, manly, room where they may tack pictures all young fellow opened the forward door over the walls without a threatened of the car and looked from one to another as though expecting to meet somebody.

The average business man, sick from the din and traffic of commercial quar-At once, on seeing the lady I have ters, longs for a suburban home and nentioned, he quickened his steps and promises himself the luxury of plenty a happy look came into his face. reaching her he bent down and kissed of elbow-room and ozone "when his ship comes in." So widespread is this predilection becoming that it must be her tenderly, and when she moved nearer to the window he deposited his accorded the virtue of an inherent imcoat and handbag, and seated himself beside her. In the seventy-five mile London, Paris and New York are ride which I took in the same car with girdled by a chain of towns situated them he showed her every attention, within a radius of twenty miles from and to the end exhibited his devotion the great centres of trade. The inby anticipating her smallest need for creasing number who seek these homes comfort; and once he put his arm leads to the inference that health and emfort are the compensations for the that I decided they were a newly faily scramble to reach train and boat. married pair enjoying the honeymoon. But some men deny that it is cheaper Imagine my surprise on reaching Chicago to discover her to be old and

or more advantageous to own your own house than to rent one, claiming that wrinkled: but when I heard him say taxes and insurance more than offset a Come, mother," and saw him proudly good rental. Let no home-loving lead her out of the cars and young couple pin their faith to this help her to the platform, banishing her tattered fallacy.
You can spend all your youth rentightest anxiety and bearing her many packages, I knew there was not mone ing and hopping from house to house and be none the better off by the time nor romance behind the exhibition, but that here was a young man who loved your children are grown, when by making a first payment and afterward his mother. a quarterly sum, only equal in many cases to a very low rent, you become

# Men of Power.

During the present month the col-leges and universities of the land will open their doors to thousands of young men who seek higher intellectual de

would muse upon its past and paint the talents God has given him, to the end that he may the most deeply and pen pictures?

This romantic existence led by our children, this "moving on," like Poor Jo, and moving ever from street to street deprives them of their birthright—the right to fix upon their impressionable minds and hearist that no doubt of the control of the sionable minds and hearts that abiding some foundation for this ridicule, it love of home which appeals to them must be admitted by all who are willthrough every drop of their Anglo- ing to candidly study the question, Saxon blood. Henry James' Passionate Pilgrim is gone the discipline necessitated by a a true if distressingly sad portrayal of full course at a first class college or Every one wishes to impress his an American's longing for the per-university, are the men who, in a identity upon some little spot of this manent hearthstone and its clustering large number of cases, achieve the

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appear here and there as great leaders tistics carefully compiled go to show that in the struggle for position, wealth the chances are as a thousand to one The second motive, and one which

may appear to some as of the greatest importance, is the economic value of college education. our virtually homeless people is taken captive. And yet, so inconsistently, we continue to drag our lares and penates from pillar to post. lege, the two will be widely separated, as far as business or professional suc-cess is concerned, by the time they reach middle life) The mental balance and acuteness, the intellectual grasp, not to say the knowledge of men and things, which are acquired in a long course of study are in a large measure annihilators of time. College training pushes a man ahead as nothing else can do, and as years go by this necessity for thorough mental discipline is more and more being emphasized by the onditions of modern thought and of present day living.

But with the enlargement of man's

ability consequent upon higher intellectual training comes proportionate responsibility and obligation to the world and those in it. An educated man is a man of power, but that power may be for good or for evil. Happy the man who uses the knowledge brought to him by a college course for the best interests of himself, his neighbors and his country. He shall be like a beacon on a hill!

Every young man, in fair health and employed should have his life insured. He can obtain more insurance for less money now than later. The necessity of paying the premiums or the assessments, will make him practice economy and foresight. The possession of a policy will be a recommendation when he is seeking a prudent wife.

Besides a small policy on the endowment plan in a regular company, our young man should have an interest in some Catholic mutual insurance organization. Half a dozen such societies seek their support. The Catholic Order of Foresters, the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, the Knights of St. John, the Catholic Knights of around her in such a lover-like way America, and other associations, all

offer inducements to them. Thousands of Catholic families have been rescued from destitution on the death of the bread-winner, or been made more comfortable in frugal homes, by the money that has come from these organizations.

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