FIVE MINUTE SERMON

REV. I. I. BURKE, PRORIA, ILL. TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

"Render, therefore, to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (St. Matt. xxii. 21.)

In these words of Our Saviour taken from the gospel of to day we have a rule in regard to our duties to God and to men. The Pharisees wishing to find some accusation against Jesus, sent their discip es to ask Him if it were lawful to pay tribute to Casar. If He said, "Yes," they would accuse Him of being an enemy of the Jews; if "No," He enemy of the Jews; if "No," He would be the enemy of the Romans would be the enemy of the Romans. In answer, Our Saviour, after looking at the coin of tribute, asked, "Whose image and inscription is this?" Being told that it was Cæsar's He said, "Render, therefore, to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and to God the things that Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's."

By these words Jesus Christ teaches us that it is our duty to give to men and to human institutions what is due them and to reserve for Him all the affections of our hearts.

Of the many things due to men love is the first and most important. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself is one of the great commandments of the law. The very order of human existence seems to point out the necessity of mutual aid between those who need it and those who can

In the weakness of childhood or the feebleness of old age we should perish promptly were it not for the aid and protection furnished by our

We would grow up in ignorance of God and of our duty were it not for the assistance of others. Cruelty in legislation, hardhearted

ness in social life and oppression of the weak characterize the teachings and doings of men not imbued with Christian principles.

But Christ inculcates the mutual duty of love and charity "a new commandment I give you that you love one another." After His ascension the Apostles and those who succeeded them continued this teaching so that wherever the Christian re-ligion penetrated, charity was conone of its principal marks, one of its greatest commandments.

Paganism and human passions were hostile to this teaching; still it spread its sweet influence on every side. Even before the close of the Persecutions it had accomplished wonders; for the charity of the Christians in taking care of even the suffering pagans who had been aban-doned by their friends was most instrumental in the conversion of

Look around you, and you will see God's." on all sides the beneficial workings of this law of charity in the many charitable institutions and societie scattered throughout the world. The duty of doing unto others as we would have others do unto us is very often neglected or overlooked by This duty, however, practically applied, has provided for every species of suffering. It has provided homes and clothing and instruction and nurses and food for orphans and infants, retreats for the aged and infirm and hospitals for the

If we perform this duty of loving our neighbor, of doing to others as we would have others do unto us, we will have no difficulty in giving everything else to men that is due them, no difficulty in rendering to Cæsar what is Cæsar's. If we do this shall be good Christians, citizens, good parents and good chil-

This duty of rendering to Casar what is Cæsar's — of giving everyone his due — is easy one who renders to God what is God's-who reserves for God all the affections of his heart. For if we love God with our whole heart, we cannot but love our neighbor; if we love God sincerely we will avoid everything that displeases Him.

And how ungrateful that person is

who does not love Him! For what are we ourselves? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. God created us out of nothing. He gave us all we have. We could not so much as move our arm without Him. If a friend gave us a costly present would we not be drawn to love him? But God has given us all we have. He gave us the beautiful clothes we wear, the delicious food we eat and the sparkling water we drink. He gave us glorious universe we live in, with its variety of scenery to enchant the eye; with its snow capped mountains, its green carpeted hills and its blooming valleys; with its open prairies teeming with golden grain; its luxuriant pastures covered with glossy-coated animals, and its magnificent forests filled with the beauties of nature. He gave all this and more. Still we do not love Him, O

Naturally, we love those who love

Note that the could love us more than God the Son, Who became man and died on the cross for us? "Greater love than this no man has that a man lay down his life for his friend.

The goodness, mercy and charity of God to His creatures should cause us to love Him, even if we were not commanded to do so. "Thou shalt love the Lord, thy God, with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind " and Thou shalt love thy neighbor as

Do we always render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and to God the things that are God's? Do we

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love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves? Do we do to others as we would have others do to us? Are we obedient to all the regulations of our Church as to God Himself? Do we do our duty towards our Church or do we make others bear our burdens for us? Are we good peaceable citizens and obedient to the laws of our country? Do you always give your children a good example? And are you, children, obedient and kind to your parents? These are matters for our serious examination and consideration. For if we love God with a true, noble affection we will not break His laws; we will not offend Him by our sins, our meanness or our trickery; we will not repine at hunger, sickness or loss of crops; but will ever be ready to say "O! God, Thy will not mine be done." If you always keep yourselves in this disposition you will have no difficulty in rendering to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's

and to God the things that are God's. You will be good citizens and good Christians always fulfilling your duty to your country, your fellow man and your God. And at the end of your life, when the temporal world shall pass away and you enter the spiritual, you will receive the crown reserved for those who "render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and to God the things that are

TEMPERANCE

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seemed to be exactly the man for that particular place. The president and general manager invited the young man to lunch with them at a downtown club, ostensibly to talk over a less important business mat-ter. They wanted to "look him over " just once more.

The man met them at the appointed hour, and the president, anxious to make the occasion a pleasant one ordered an elaborate luncheon. The waiter was a long time in bringing the first course, and the guest began to appear ill at ease. He seemed absent-minded and uninterested in the conversation. He twisted about in his chair and tapped his fingers nervously upon the table. Finally he turned toward the president and said almost desperately:
"Would you mind very much if I
ordered a cock tail?" Then he
flushed a little and offered a laugh-

ing apology for making the request other men exchanged surprised and significant glances, but they called the waiter and orderede the cocktail. When it came, the guest drank it eagerly. In a few moments he had become another man-the man of keen vision and quick mind, who could be so useful in their great business. There was no preoccupation in his manner, no shifting about in his chair. He was alert, eager, clear headed.

as the luncheon went on neither the president nor the manager mentioned the real object of the interview. Each was thinking the matter over seriously, and neither could be sure of the other's secretly formed opinion. The situation be-came awkward. Finally the president excused himself on the pre-tense of going into the library to entered. But after speaking to his friend he went straight to the desk and wrote a message on a telegraph blank. He gave the message to a uniformed attendant and went back to the dining room.

In a few minutes a page brought a telegram to the manager, who read it hurriedly, while the president finished telling their guest about a shooting trip in Maine. This is what the telegram said:

The job is too big for a boozer We can't run our business by cock-

THE RAVAGES OF ALCOHOL In a paper on "Alcoholism" contributed by the Rev. W. J. Mulcahy to the Irish Ecclesiastical Record for August, he paints a grim picture of the ravages the evil is now working throughout the civilized world. According to his authorities, 70 per cent. of all crime comes from alcohol, 90 per cent. of women who are arrested "owe their trouble to drink," nearly 91,000 divorces granted in this country during the last twenty years were caused, directly or indirectly, by the excessive use of alcohol, and "half the suicides and two-thirds of the poverty and ruin of families may be attributed to the same cause." Alcohol causes the loss of more lives than tuberculosis itself, yet in one year 1,500,000 died from that disease "throughout the world." According to recent reports from Washington there were 143,220,000 gallons of whisky and brandy consumed in this country last year, and 65,246,000 barrels of malt liquors. What an enormous sum of money those figures must represent, may be inferred from Father Mulcahy's statement that the drink bill for Ireland last year was 13,706,641 pounds, or more than 3 pounds a head for the whole popula-

57,000 patients, for example, to enter during four years the asylums of France, Dr. Serieux "found that of relapsed cases 78 per cent. were drinkers, while of violent lunatics 88 per cent. were drinkers. In Germany one-fourth of the inmates of asylums are victims of alcoholism, and 20 per cent. of drinkers' children are weak-minded, idiots or epileptics. In England intemperance was considered the cause of fully two thirds of the insanity that prevailed there in a given year. One of the Catholic chaplains on Blackwell's Island, New York, where a large portion of the city's houses of charity and correction are situated, is of the opinion that more than 90 per cent. of those in the Island's hospitals, prisons and almshouses are there because of alcoholism, and to say that most of the misery, shiftless-ness and poverty in our cities, towns and villages is due to drink, is only

The chief cause of insanity nowa-

days is also alchoholism. Out of the

to utter a commonplace. To a keener realization by the American people of these ravages of alcoholism is ascribed the recent spread of the temperance movement in this country. The boast is made that 44,000,000 people now dwell in "dry" territory. The perfection of the aridity that prevails in those districts, however, must be gravely doubted, when the ocean of liquor consumed in the United States last year is remembered. Prohibition, high license and effective police high license and effective police supervision are, of course, aids to temperance. But when all is said it is in and by the individual that the drink evil must be fought and con-quered. If alcomolism has become, as is often the case, a disease, its victims may be less in need of the divine than of the physician. But for the ordinary man or woman to whom alcohol is found to be such a peril that the only hope of salvation lies in total abstinence, success in resisting temptation is to be found in the strengthening of the will that God's grace, earnestly prayed for, will supply. The Catholic, of course, has in the sacraments of penance | 11, and Holy Eucharist incomparable

intemperance, or of keeping his resolution to abstain altogether from strong drink. Many an inebriate would finally conquer his weakness if he could only be induced to prac-tice worthily and perseveringly fre-quent or daily Communion; no Catholic should doubt that.— America.

EFFICACY OF PRAYER

Tennyson has truly said, " More things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of." Religion and prayer are inseparable. St. James says, "Religion clean and undefiled says, "Religion clean and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their tribulations, and to keep one self unspotted from the world.

But how keep unspotted from the temptations and frailities of human nature? Christ answers, "Ask and you shall receive, that your joy may be full." The counsel of St. James cor responds with that of Christ. Who reduced the entire law to two com mandments, namely, the love of God and the love of one's neighbor. The fulfillment of those two commandments, embracing the entire law, is attained through God's assistance, which is obtained in prayer and by the grace of the sacraments. "Religion clean and undefiled " is what all should try to possess, because through it may one hope to attain his end.

Man, under the impulses of his reigious nature, strives to attain his destiny, and when blessed with a good conscience feels happy. man has a dual nature which is antagonistic. There is the inferior or animal nature with all its propensities to destroy and blot out all the works of the spiritual. It is en-couraged and goaded on by passion, evil influence and the glitter of the world, and unless restrained in its mad career, will lead to all manner of excesses, and that regardless of consequences. This nature is common to all mankind, for as in Adam all sinned, so it becomes a part of the inheritance which came through

To resist and overcome this evil propensity of one's nature and live n conformity with one's religious instinct, man requires spiritual Hence the necessity of prayer, which, in the designs of Providence, is one of the means intended to secure man's

destiny. Prayer consists in making known one's wants to God, and asking Him for aid to practice what conscience demands. Making known one's wants, frailties and strong temptademands. tions, and asking for spiritual aid to By making known one's needs there is an acknowledgment of one's dependence on God, and by asking His aid one uses the means adopted to secure his end or destiny When one fails in this important duty, he is like the farmer who neglects to till the soil or put in the seed in due season. He will reap no harvest, but will be at the mercy of his depraved nature, that is unable to resist temptation.

A learned and distinguished lawyer and judge of this city was, on passing the pro-cathedral, asked by the writer to retrace his steps and go to the church and pray. He claimed to be an agnostic, and said, "Pray for what! You claim God is unchangeable, then my prayer could have no effect. You claim God is unchangeable." The objection, though raised by an agnostic, is a familiar one. Whilst it is certain that God grants many favors without asking, for example, the beginning of faith, as exemplied in the case of St. Paul, yet it is equally certain that He ordained prayer as a secondary cause to obtain what is spiritually needed. In the gospel of St. Matthew, Christ says. Pray that ye enter not into tempta tion," and St. James says, " Pray for one another that you may be saved. Again we read in St. Matthew, "Ask and it shall be given to you," and in

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the gospel of St. Lule we are told that, "We ought always to pray." It is certain that many spiritual favors, which all need, are obtained only through prayer, and for final per-severance continuous prayer is

Prayer then is obligatory, because God commands it. Its necessity being established, and its many spirblessings being apparent, it should require but little persuasion or urging to make a daily practice of

it. Unless persons make a daily practice of elevating their souls to God they will soon forget their de-pendence on Him and neglect to ask His aid, and after a time become indifferent. Then to pray at all, when

the soul is dried up, is a burden. Reduced to that sad state, namely having no inclination to pray, one's first thought should be to reflect seriously on his pitiable condition, throw bimself on the arms of God's mercy, and strive to overcome his intellectual pride and like the Publican in the Temple acknowledge before his Creator his sins of ingratitude, asking at the same time that God give him back his lost treasure, namely, the gift of prayer, which is in itself the first link in the chain of reconciliation that will unite the sin ner to God. "Ask and it shall be

Prayer is the soul's sincere desire. Uttered or unexpressed, The motion of a hidden fire That trembles in the breast."

Parents soliticous of the welfare of their children, wives for their wayward husbands and boys, should, instead of arguing with and irritating them, pray fervently to God for their conversion, for petitions sent from devoted souls to the throne of mercy will surely be heard. In the designs of Providence many a prodigal son touched by remorse of conscience has, through the pious prayer of a devoted mother, retraced his steps, come back to his father's home and become reconciled to his heavenly Father. "Pray for one another that you may be saved."—Intermountain Catholic.

ONLY THE CROSS

At a coroner's inquest recently in New Mills (England), the coroner, answering the request of a witness for a Catholic Bible on which to take oath, said there was no difference between a Catholic Bible and a Protestant Bible except that one had a cross on it and the other had not.

That coroner is not much of a Biblical scholar, but he allowed the witness to make a declaration, there being no Catholic Bible at hand. The Catholic Herald, which tells the story, prints an interview with Father James Hughes, of Liverpool, in which some interesting information on the subject is given.

To make use of a Bible or Testament in taking an oath is to recognize it as the true word of God.
"Therefore, as the Protestant Bible

or Testament is neither complete nor correct, strictly speaking, it is not right for a Catholic to make use of it. It is well for Catholics to understand that if they have not a Catholic Testament with them their Catholic prayer-book, which contains the gospels used each Sunday through-out the year, can be used instead of the Testament. it should be remembered that in taking an oath the correct form is the laying of the hand on the Gospels or Testament, and not the kissing of the book. The point that matters is the touching of the Gospels with the hand, kissing being only a mark of respect for the Gospel as the true and written word of God. Catholics, therefore, would do well to take note that it is not right to make use of the Protestant Testament in the taking of an oath. If possible, a Catholic Testament should be obtained, and if one has not such a thing in his possession a Catholic prayer-book should be used. In the event of neither being obtainable, Catholics should insist on what is known as the Scotch oath, which really is a declaration made with the hand uplifted."
As forthe New Mills coroner's "dif-

ference," it might be taken as perhaps a safe enough mark of distinction between the two Bibles. The Cross or without the patient's knowledge. Read what it did for Mrs. G— of nected.

AN APT ANSWER

After lecturing on apostolic succes sion, Father Alfred Martin, an alumnus of the Apostolic Mission House and now of the Cleveland Apostolate, asked a celebrated non Catholic law yer, who had listened to his discourse, whether, given a competent court, he could hope to win the case of Peter and the succeeding Bishops If you have any friend or relative of Rome as claimants to the primacy of the Christian Church. swered: "I only wish I had half as much good evidence for every case I handle."—Missionary.

> There is something in looking up and trying to climb that enlarges and enriches the life, even if we do not attain the particular object of our ambition; just as a person who loves is made nobler, even though his love is not returned.

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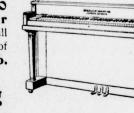
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