FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION

BEARING WITNESS FOR OUR LORD

with me from the beginning. (St. John xv. 27).

It might be asked, dear brethren, what need God has of our testimony, or why the creature should act the part of witness for the Creator? Certainly Jesus Christ needed not the testimony of men, but in His infinite goodness and wisdom He has seen fit to commit to each one of us a sublime and holy mission, none He has seen fit to commit to each one or us a sublime and holy mission, none other than that of giving testimony of him before the world, for the sake of our fellow-man. "You are," says St. Peter, "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, that you may declare the virtues of Him Who hath called you out of darkness."

"Men anything goes wrong in our is always called for, and never fails to give instant relief.

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This, thea, is our mission, to be witnesses for Jesus Christ; and to-day we are going to consider how we are fulfilling it. You know, brethren, with what a keen sense of criticism the world examines the testimony of those witnessing in behalf of others, and how it values it heir testimony in proportion to their residence. their testimony in proportion to their uprightness and integrity. Well, so it is with regard to us and the testimony is with regard to us and the testimony we are called upon to give our Biessed Lord. We Christians are all on the witness-stand of this great world. To-day the unbelieving world is passing judgment upon our testimony, deciding whether it be for or against Jesus Christ; but, brethren, there will come a day when Christ Himself will sit in indexent upon this same testimony and

a day when Christ Himself will sit in judgment upon this same testimony and reward us accordingly.

Since, then, this our mission is so important, brethren, how are we to fulfil it? It seems to me in no better way than by leading truly Christian lives, and thus forcing the world to acknowledge that we are animated by the spirit of God. The early Christians prought: of God. The early Christians brought the light of faith to thousands, not by the light of faith to thousands, not by preaching, but by the holiness of their lives; and so, when the pagans and infidels came in contact with them, they were forced to admire and exclaim, "Behold how these Christians love one another!" Would to God that the life and conduct of every Christian to day. and conduct of every Christian, to-day could force a similar confession from the

Indeed, brethren, all Christians of our day have a great mission to fulfil in this regard; but we especially, for the reason given by our Lord Himself—"because you are with Me from the beginning." You, beloved brethren, who have had the faith from the beginning. ning—from your earliest childhood—have a special reason why your testimony for Jesus Christ should never be mony for Jesus Christ should never be failing. Has it ever been so? Have your virtuous lives and edifying example brought home the truths and beauties of the Catholic faith to those outside the Church? I fear, brethren, the conduct of bad and negligent Catholics has been thank the conduct of the conduct o

the conduct of bad and negligent Catho-lies has kept back many from inquiring into the true faith. Such Catholies, wearing the livery of satan, have given false testimony of God, and will have to render an account for it.

We can all of us, brethren, give testi-mony of Jesus Christ by every action of our lives. Parents can and should ren-der this testimony by the good example they give their families, and the Chris-tian solicitude they have for their they give their families, and the Christian solicitude they have for their spiritual welfare. Young men and women should give this testimony by the profession and practice of God's law and the Church's precepts. Let the consideration, dear brethren, of this our high mission, our being called to give testimony of God, be the means of animating us to recover derivariant, as a body, no longer believe in miracles, the resurrection, the Trinity, the inspiration of the bible, and the like."

Does Mr. Minami think for one

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the world's markets. Yet on one side is a mountain of plenty, and on the other a valley of poverty and starvation. There must be some cause for this great divide; and the cause is not radically economic, but moral and religious. That this division between luxury and starvation may be diminished; that economics may settle the problem of proportion and distribution; that men may feel a responsibility for other men—all men must come to recognize the value of a common standard of right and dutyand of justice and law.

"We are a social body, with responsibilities and obligations and duties to our fellow-men. Progress and develop-

our fellow-men. Progress and develop-ment in the social body demands that each must recognize the rights of the others and contribute his share to the

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will exact from the employee the maxiwill exact from the employee the maximum of work for the minimum of wage, and the employee seeks the maximum of wage for the minimum of effort. One demands in the name of right, and the other considers lin the name of privilege. There must be some adjustment. "The coming of the trusts has forced out competition. Some employers have

out competition. Some employers have had no regard for the health of their employees, and disclaim all liability for employees, and disclaim all liability for their injured employees, Children of tender age are crushed in the wine press of greed. Employers hand out work to people of leisure in small places who do not need work, that they may rain their solids node.

"In the industrial world there are mother!" Would to God that the life and conduct of every Christian to-day would force a similar confession from the imbelievers of our time.

Indeed, brethren, all Christians of our lay have a great mission to fulfil in this regard; but we especially, for the

"Labor leagues may temporarily adcannot cure industrial ills until all rec ognize the individual soul questi men. Conscience, not ambition; jus-tice, not greed; value, not privilege, must be the medium of exchange between employer and employee, between customer and dealer and between man

PAGANIZED CHRISTIANITY_

It would seem that Protestantism in It would seem that Protestantism in Japan is a splendid instance of paganizedChristianity instead of Christianized paganism. Mr. Minami, the editor of Rikugo Zashi, declares in these terrible words the miserable conditions obtaining in heresy's field there:

"The spirit of the age is dead against orthoday. Japanese Protestant Christianism of the company of the spirit of the sage is dead against orthoday. Japanese Protestant Christianism of the spirit of the sage is dead against orthoday. Japanese Protestant Christianism of the same spirit of the sage is dead against orthoday. Japanese Protestant Christianism of the same spirit of the sage is dead against orthoday. Japanese Protestant Christianism of the same spirit of the sam

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our high mission, our being called to give testimony of God, be the means of animating us to renewed fervor in the service of Jesus Christ.

FORTY-FIVE CONVERTS

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The three weeks' mission at St. John the Evangelist's the Event St. John the Evangelist's the Evangelis The three weeks' mission at St. John the Evangelist's by the Fathers of the New York Apostolate closed on Sunday. During its progress 2,349 women, 1,002 men and 228 children approached the sacraments.

The lectures to non-Catholics during the third week drew large audiences. the disorder that the world's "spirit" would have; so that Mr. Minami is not offering anything new, but something as

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miracle save in holding together the jarring fragments that fly from the broken wheels of Protestantism as it dashes down to the perdition from which it once arrogantly started.

Miracles are explained by belief in God. The God Who made Nature can suspend its operation when pecseity re-

God. The God Who made Nature can suspend its operation when necessity requires. When a man denies a miracle, he denies the existence of God. Protestantism paves the decline to infidelity when it smiles at miracles. The fact that God made the laws of the universe include His right and power to except a law in a particular instance, and this is nothing more or less than what is meant. law in a particular instance, and this is nothing more or less than what is meant by a miracle. God is not bound by Nature; Nature is bound by God. To shut one's eyes to God's intervention in a particular premise does not undo His mighty work, and such a process would be no more absurd than to hold that God would be bound to ask man for permission to do as He desired. Blasphemy and infidelity are, therefore, involved in the denial of miracles.

The Resurrection is the greatest mystery of our faith and proves its existence.

The Resurrection is the greatest mystery of our faith and proves its existence. St. Paul said that without the risen Christ our faith is vain. The preachers have accommodated the pagans of Japan and have laughed with them when their wonderment changed to mirth. To make a Christian (an impossibility without the Resurrection), will not be let stand in the way of adding a few liberals to their churches. Why should it? And these, wonderful to say, are the preachers who deny miracles, and in their processes reach out to impossibilities! O the gyrations of heresy! O the acrobatic feats that make April of angels' eyes!

angels' eyes! The Trinity is a mystery; but we must ever remember that a mystery is a truth not against but only above reason. We have more warrant to believe God the cause than reason the effect. Religion without mysteries would not be divine but usere naturalism. Religion came from God and leads. Religion came from God, and leads o God and must have mysteries, as God is infinite. To say otherwise is to madly assert that the finite can circumference the infinite—the reverse of which is the truth. Now, Christ the Divine and who knew His Father, for He is One with Him, has taught us the Trinity. The procedure look askney to the declaration

PRIEST IS NOT DYING OF LEPROSY

FATHER CONRARDY OF CANTON, CHINA, IS ONLY SUFFERING FROM NERVOUS EXHAUSTION-RECENT REPORTS ABOUT

The following appeared in the press dispatches last week and we are happy to be able to state that it is not true:
"The Rev. Lambert Louis Conrardy the third week drew large audiences. Forty-five converts are counted amongst the immediate results.

The noon-day talks, though brief, were comprehensive, and covered some of the most important problems of the ago, which were treated from the standpoint of religion, it being elearly shown that the application of religions principles alone could solve the difficulties besetting society.

The privilege of thinking as it likes. But Japan did this before the preachers came to teach them their variations, so incongruous in a land of the colony more than twenty years ago. It that the application religious princer ples alone could solve the difficulties besetting society.

The talk on Friday, on the "Social Crisis," dealing with the relative rights and duties of capital and labor claimed as great attention as that of previous Wednesday, on "Conscience—Public and Private." Both were timely, and set forth the Catholic position, which is so sadly overlooked even by some Catholics, who allow themselves to be influenced by the ways of the world.

In the course of his lecture on "Christianity and the Social Crisis" Rev. Dr. William A. Courtrey said:

"There is about us to-day a great social unrest. We are living in country most resourceful and bountful, the storehouse of the world, providing the world's markets. Yet on one side is the courte of plenty, and on the other constraints of plenty, and on the other constraints of plenty, and on the other constraints.

what is left? The right of private judgment has nothing to operate upon, as there is no Bible, and the props are knocked from Protestantism. If Christ's divinity is ignored, His teaching can easily be pooh-poohed, and there is no form of Christianity, and no room for a light that the property of the p always predicted that he would not die of leprosy. He is simply sick of exhaus-tion taking care of his loathsome patients. Everyone thought he had been inoculated by curing the wounds of the people, for he is a doctor as well as a priest. The bishop himself predicted his death and thought that he could not w. N. Burwash, D. D., President Victoria Col-v. Father Teefy, President of St. Michael's Col-Toronto. In Thomas Coffey, Senator, Carmotic Recomp. A. Thomas Coffey, Senator, Carmotic Recomp.

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contemporary:
"In a recent number of a local pube "In a recent number of a local pub-bication, it was stated that the "Evan-gelical missions" of the Philippines be have, in the ten years of their existence, obtained a membership of over fifty thousand souls. It was also set forth Him, has taught us the Trinity.

preachers look askance at the declaration of Christ and set up their own theory to undo eternal truth, and the theory to undo eternal truth, and the church in this Catholic land will be a barediction not only to its own members.

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the Catholic fold. Are not these facts worth considering?

In the same issue of the Philippine Catholic we learn that the anti-American, bitterly anti-Catholic Taglalog Daily Renaciemiento is now in the hands of the law, required to pay 60,000 pesos for having libeled Hon. Dean Worcester. The fine will probably kill it and drive another nail in the religious schism.

PROPHETIC WORDS

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By Rev. Albert McKeon, S. T. L.

The funeral was held Tuesday, March 29, at 9:30 o'clock at St. Andrew's church. Archbishop Quigley assisted at the solemn requiem High Mass. The body was shipped to Waverly, Ky., for interment.—Chicago Herald-Record.

Couldn't Teil a Lie

A counsel had been cross-examining a witness for some time with very little effect, and had sorely taxed the patience effect, and had sorely taxed the patience of the judge, the jury and everyone in the court. At last the judge intervened with an imperative hint to the learned gentlemen to conclude his cross-examination. The counsel, who received this judicial intimation with a very bad grace, before telling the witness to stand down, accosted him with the parting sarcasm—"Ah, you're a clever fellow, a very clever fellow! We can all see that!" The witness bending over from the box, quietly retorted, "I would return the compliment—if I were not on

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and tried to rob us of our took away our churches a and our houses. She sent death or to exile. And no even rob us of our history filch from us this centur "Island of Saints." Was t given to England?

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The other day I was The other day I was lady with a decidedly I "Evidently you are Iri to remark. "Yes," she I'm not proud of it." sion of ignorance! Ar thinks it was an exhibitity. But people who he than common sense with the medicage. By the w ity. But people who in than common sense wi themselves. By the w find so many Irish name minus the Mac. and O'. bearers would hide to The man who changes have a skeleton in There is something w And usually the new i ing. I know a very obt the bearer of one of the names in all Irish histolarge on the political of his native country given a saint to the alta has changed it into a ling. Truly a little dangerous thing.

> "Am I my brother often have these wo murderer echoed in a should we bother a have got to save ourse save our brother's save our dear reader, you can but you can help him And consciously or And consciously or are doing that ever moment of the day. himself alone. At we home and on the stre are influencing each effect of even a casus on the soul for all the ever be the same ag I saw you pass or million years from will be present in re think within oursel brother's keeper!"

Will the Protests certain Ontario tow tain proof that the was the True Churc

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