FIVE-MINUTE SERMON FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBOR He that loveth his neighbor hath fulfilled the law Epistle of the Day.)

There can be no doubt, my brethren, that the saving of our souls sometimes seems to be a very troublesome busi-ness. There are so many laws and com-mandments binding on us, so many sins which we are likely to commit; and if we break any of these laws in any grievous way—if we are guilty, that is to say, of mortal sin—our salvation is lost till such time as we consite our fault. Yet it may mortal ain—our salvation is lost till such time as we repair our fault. Yet it may seem that we are surrounded by so many rooks on our voyage through life that is almost useless to try to steer clear of them; and, if we may judge by their actions, many Christians actually come to the conclusions that there is no use in trying to keep their ship off these rocks. They make up their minds that spiritual shipwreck is unavoidable, and that the only way to reach the port that the only way to reach the port of heaven is to be towed in on a raft which can be made out of the sacra-

But really our salvation is not such a complicated and intricate affair if we complicated and intricate affair if we would only look at it in the right way. The course which we have to follow is not such a difficult one to bear in mind and to keep. There are many command-ments, it is true; but they all have the same spirit, and if we have that spirit they will all come quite easy. What is the spirit? Onr Lord has told us. It is the love of God, and of our neighbor for God's sake. The love of God and of our neighbor gives us a short cut to the kingdom of heaven; if we are guided by it, we shall not come

we are guided by it, we shall not come near the dangers that seem so many and

so threatening. Let us see how this is; how is this love going to work to keep us in the safe and sure track? It is not so hard to see. For what is it to love any one how do we act towards one who really and truly love? Are we always trying to give him no more than we can help, and keep as much as we can for ourselves? Do we try to have our own way as much as possible, and never to step out of it for his sake, unless com-

and if he knows our desire and intention the danger of offending him disappears.

Well, it is just so in the matter of serving God and keeping His law. The continual mortal sins into which Christians fall, and which it seems to have to avoid are due to their trying to run too near the rocks. No wonder they so often near the rocks. No wonder they so often get wrecked in these dangerous waters. They are all the time striking on the commandments, and the whole sea seems fall of them because they try to sail as near them as they can. If they would only give them a wide berth, and keep out in the deep ocean of the love of God sin and its forgiveness would not cause so much anxiety and trouble. If we would only ask ourselves what will please God best, and try to give Him all that He desires, as we should if we hered Him and He desires, as we should if we hered Him as the desares the love of the love of the source of the source

are doing it all the time. But if we do not feel prepared, or are little afraid to commit ourselves to his course just yet, at least we could andeavor to have some love for our reighbor and make some sacrifice for im. We have St. Paul's word for it, you see, that even he who loves hs

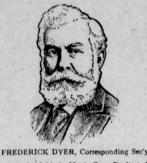
But if we do not feel prepared, or are a little afraid to commit ourselves to this course just yet, at least we could endeavor to have some love for our neighbor and make some sacrifice for him. We have St. Paul's word for it, you see, that even he who loves h s neighbor will be sure to fulfil the law. Yes, we may feel quite sure if, by a generous love of our neighbor, we keep far off being wrecked on the last part of the Ten Commandments, that we shall the Ten Commandments, that we shall

connected thought, but at the Benediction I became instantly calmed, and then it seemed as though I had known all my life that I must be a Catholic. I cannot explain any better or more than this—it was a spiritual birth. When I got home my mother was sitting reading, and only glanced up with a smile as I came in—going on with ther reading, and not saying anything. I went into the next room, my mind so full that I could scarcely understand why she did not see in my face a.i that I wanted to say. I could not be quiet. I began walking up and down the room, but after a few minutes hurried back to where my mother sat, and putting my hand on her shoulder I said in a queer, choking voice (I could hear how my voice sounded, though mother did not seem to notice it, her reading was interesting her so much), I said : "Well mother, I have made up my mind !" Still not looking up from her book, she said inattentively : "Made up your mind to what, my son?" Ah no indifference now ! The book ed thought, but at the Benedic-SI COUPON FREE RHEUMATISM

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accustomed to in our own parish church. While there the belief in the Real Presence, which I had been taught at home, become a more vital belief, so much so that when I became a Catholic I needed little instruction on the funda-mental Catholic doctrine.

gent, lately ordained a Catholic priest) a few weeks ago said Mass in the Cathe-dral. May they all be given the grace

was made an Oblate as long as I was at home, but when about eleven I was sent to an Episcopal boarding school and no confessions were heard there, but at nome during vacation I went.

In comparing the ardent faith of the well instructed convert with the indiffer-

appeal to Catholics to study their relig-ion and to practice its precepts in their daily lives. He said in part : "Would you know what this holy Cath-olic faith has done ? Then look around you. It has changed the face of the world. It has given us the Christian civilization we enjoy to-day. If iyou would understand, what this faith has done look at the nations that have cart it out lock at the nations that have cast it out or at the nations that never enjoyed it. Of the nations that have cast it out.

(last Christmas) and I was home again. On Christmas Eve my mother said:

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boarders at the devil's lunch counter. He said it was unfortunate that Catho-lics know so little about the Bible. They do not read it as they should, he said. True they know the epistles and gospels for the year, but these are only a small part of the sacred volume, which is rich to transmer Ab, no indifference now ! The book flew half across the room as she sprang up crying out : "What, you ! you ! Oh, when—how—why—why, oh, do you really mean it ?" I said "Yes, I mean it ; you can make an appointment for me with Father Coak-ley whenever you plesse. I am ready to begin right now." * * * * * * * * * * * Those who have never used it before are astonished to see how quickly Egypt-ian Liniment cleans out festering wounds and running sores, removes the unhealthy conditions, and permanently heals. 25c. at dealers. Free sample on re-quest. Douglas & Co., Napanee, Ont.

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MUST LIVE THE FAITH

* * * * * * * * * * Well, very soon I was conditionally baptized and was received into the One True Church before St. Joseph's Altar, and shortly afterwards received my First Communion. As business led me away from Pittsburg, before the time for Confirmation in the Cathedral, I was confirmed in St. Licenph's Bharneburgh Confirmation in the Cathedral, I was Confirmed in St. Joseph's, Sharpsburgh. I am now for the next few months in a mid west city (I hope to be located at least near Pittsburgh before a year passes), living a consistent Catholic life, and with my mother, I feel now as passes), living a consistent Catholic life, and with my mother, I feel now as though I had always been a Catholic. Just a closing word. My own and my mother's conversion are a proof of "The Power of the Blessed Sacrament as a Convert Maker" (this is the title of a booklet I have seen somewhere.) If any Catholic is ever tempted to doubt for an instant that Jesus Christ Himself is present in the Tabernacle on the Cathe-dral Altar (as well as in the most hum-calls it a foolish will, and one tending to bring the name Protestant into con-tempt. It blames him for tying up land from any Catholic heir, and yet leaving it heritable by any Jew, Moslem or agnostic. That is a common feature of bigots. They are so blinded by their hatred of Catholicism that they would prefer to favor any unbeliever rather God in all things pleasing; being truth-ful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.' You are the children of God. Never forget it. When others not of the faith see you

when others had of the faith see you daily living your Catholic faith they will be edified and be drawn near to God. They will see something in you that they have not got, a power that draws man from his low passions and turns his thoughts toward God. or their narred of and opposition to the Catholic Church. They have little love for Christian principles of any positive character, being impressed with the idea that the best way to obey and fulfill the law of Christ is to hate and calumniate a section of His followers.— Catholic Times, London.

"Your sub thoughts toward God. "Your vocation is to live truly Cath-olic lives. Oh, that we Catholics al-ways remembered our duty in our daily lives and holy obligations. There is a great responsibility restingion Catholics in regard to those outside the Church. You gay it is the princip dute to make the

In regard to those outside the Church. You say it is the priest's duty to preach the faith. No! it is your business to preach to the world the most eloquent of all sermons—the sermon of the itrue Catholic life."

the risk of acquiring the habit of drink-ing, writes Hon. William Jennings Bryan. Even a small degree of intelli-gence is sufficient to enable one to understand that it is unwise to incur The Bishop told the story of the con-version to the Catholic faith of an Episcopal minister who was stationed at Manistee, Mich. when the Bishop was a pastor in the diocese of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mich. "He came to me for instruction in the Catholic faith," said the Bishop, "and it was a pleasure to explain Catholic doctrine to him, for he had a beautiful soul. He was baptized and received into the Church and is now a priest in the dioeese of Grand Rapids. I was curious to know what had first turned his mind toward the Church. I had often seen him at services in my church and I make humble confession to you this morning that I may have been vain and 1 make humble contession to you this morning that I may have been vain enough to have wished to hear from his own lips that I had been the instrument of his conversion. So one day I asked him what had turned him toward the Church. You would not guess his ans-wer in a thousand year. He said : 'Well, Father, to tell the truth, it was a

little Catholic child, an Irish servant g'rl. I saw that poor girl leading such a pure and beautiful life that I began to reverence her. I ssked myself what it was that governed her daily life and

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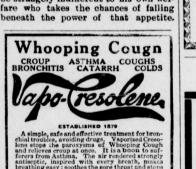
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persons Christianity can be held to be we are unable to guess. The Guardian says: "Altogether the will shows more hatred of Popery than love of Christianity. Out of £750 000 of which it disposes, just £500 is alcoated to a

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of conversion. I went regularly to confession after **DEMANDS A REVIVAL OF**

THE STORY OF THE MINISTER CONVERTED BY EXAMPLE OF HIS SERVANT

ence of many who are gifted with an in-heritance of the true faith, Bishop Schrembs of Toledo preached a powerful appeal to Catholics to study their relig

there is France. It is only 100 years since the French revolution, the darkest record of the world. In that day the faith was cast out for a new brand of in-

fidelity and atheism. The streets of Paris ran with blood and the mob of the street elevated to the altar of the Church of Notre Dame a woman oi the question or two she answered, them but that was all. The third Christmas vacation came street. In our day we have only to look at Portugal. The reports from there are censored, but we know this much, that the government is run by a

A SPIRITUAL BIRTH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BLESSED COLUMN handful of unbelievers.

present in the Tabernacle on the Cathe-dral Altar (as well as in the most humble little church on a by-street) let him

think of this true story which haltingly, but with absolute truth, tells how He called my mother and I from His Altar

Throne to come home into the One, True Church of God. Deo Gratias ! REX EDWARDS

FAITH

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A YOUNG MAN'S LIFE STORY

From the Missionary

I have been asked to write the story of my conversion. This is for me a rather difficult task, because it is seldom easy for the average young man (and I am just the "average") to express in either writing or speech those thoughts which lie deep in his heart, buried beneath the work and play of his daily life. But if my literary inexperi-ence is overlooked, and my "story" read just because it is true, I hope it will not only read with interest, but will also give the "native" Catholic a deeper and ever-deepening sense of gratitude for that Faith in which it has

gratitude for that Faith in which it has been his glorious privilege to be born. I was born of Episcopalian parents, and was baptized as an infant in that church. From earliest childhood I was church every Sunday morning (and herally in the evening, too) and also in churc

In outfor works of the evening, too) and also Sunday school, for my mother was a "High Church" Episcopalian, and we were taught that it was a sin not to go to church every Sunday when possible. When I was about nine my mother began to talk to me of her desire that I should be a "priest" when I grew to be a man. (The High Church calls their ministers "priests.") I was taken to a church one day, and with some ceremony was made an "Oblate of the Order of the Holy Cross," by the Super-ior of the Order. This is a "religious order" in the Episcopal Church, and every member is without doubt sincere, devout and holy in his life of service every member is without doubt sincere, derout and holy in his life of service and self-sacrifice. The Oblates are young boys who are offered to God by their parents in the Order of the Holy Cross, with the mutual understanding that a "vocation" is to be fostered by the parents, and that the Order will pray daily for their Oblates with the same intention.

same intention. I spent the most of one summer at "Holy Cross House," and served as altar boy every morning, as I had been

bration," (Episcopalians are afraid to say "Mass" out loud) at an Episcopal Church and later with my mother to the Oathedral for High Mass.

I watched my mother's face as she knelt beside me, and there was some-thing new to me in her look of complete isolation—she seemed unconscious of the presence of auother human being. I had never seen such a look on her face in an Episcopal Church. Whether she stood, sat or knelt at the different parts of the

Mass, that look never left her face-such perfect, loving belief--there could be no question of the meaning. I was impressed without realizing how much. Then began the sermon when I forgot

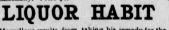
Then began the sermon when I forgot all about my mother. My mother has obtain said that sermon (Fr. Coakley preached) seemed to her just an ordinary Christmas sermon, and in trying to remember it and understand why it impressed me so much, she could not bring to mind even one phrase which one would expect to arouse a dormant soul. I really do not know myself. However, in leaving the Church I said : "Mother, that sermon was certainly worth listening to; there was a lot of 'cold facts' there." In a half-absorbed way mother answered : "Yes: it was a

"cold facts there." In a half-absorbed way mother answered : "Yes; it was a good sermon." I was full of new, burning thoughts, and would have gladly poured out a stream of talk to her, but as she said

stream of taik to her, but as she said nothing more, my enthusiasm felt a little dampened. That night, to mother's sur-prise, I offered to go to Benediction with a young Catholic friend. As I knelt during the singing I experienced a tumult of feeling, although without any



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DRUNKENNESS CAN BE CURED

you would see in this country. Unfor-tunately one of the commonest objec-tions against the Church heard again Old Fallacy That Drunkenness Cannot Be Cured Exploded

tions against the Church heard again and again by pricets is the bad lives of unfaithful Catholics. 'Your Church ! Look at them !' I see some of these un-faithful Catholics at times when I walk along the streets and I feel like cover ing my face with my hands in shame when they come tottering toward me with their leering faces. They do not know what St. Paul means when he speaks of walking worthy of God and of being fruitful in every good work. The fruits of the Holy Ghost are virtue, char-ity, humility, nationce. long suffering Many men drink who desire to stop the habit. Whiskey, however, has andermined the constitution and created craving that is not to be denied, and the man must have whiskey or something that will remove the craving and build up the system and restore the nerves. up the system and restore the nerves. Samaria Prescription stops the crav-ing, steadies the nerves, builds up the general health and makes drink actu-ally distasteful and nauseous. It is tasteless and odorless and can be given with or without the patient's knowledge, in tea, coffee or food. It is used regu-larly by physicians and hospitals. It has oursed thousands in Canada and rectors ity, humility, patience, long suffering and sobriety. These are the fruits God will demand of you at the judgment. And these fruits, St. Paul says, you must

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