

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

THE JOY OF PENANCE He was transfigured before them. Words from today's Gospel.

At first sight, my dear Brethren, it seems strange that just as we have entered upon this season of fasting and penance the church should have chosen for to-day's Gospel one of the few accounts which the Evangelists have given of the manifestation on earth of our Lord's glory and majesty.

But to-day's Gospel forms an exception to this general rule. In it special pains have been taken by the Evangelists to give us in detail a description of the other side, so to speak, of our Lord's life. We are told that our Lord chose, out of the twelve, Peter, James, and John, and led them up into a high mountain, and was transfigured before them: so that His face did shine as the sun, and even His garments became shining and exceeding white as snow.

Now, why has the Church, by selecting the account of the Transfiguration at this season, turned our thoughts to what seems so inappropriate a subject? It would seem that it would have been better to have chosen those parts of the Gospel which treat of sin, of the judgment to come, of the punishments which await the impenitent sinner.

In this life there is nothing so familiar to most of us as suffering in some form or other. Most of us are obliged by our circumstances to pass our days in exhausting toil and labor. Disease and anxiety and want and disappointment are to be met with on all sides, and there are but few who are free from all these evils.

But however true this is, suffering is not an end in itself; it is only a means to an end; it is but a road to everlasting joy and glory. God permits and commands sufferings in order that He may give to those who endure their sufferings well an abundant reward.

TEMPERANCE

NO RUM FOR THE "CUBS" There is a particularly dark side to the performances of the human pests who tempt ball players to become shocking examples when important games are about to be played, says the Chicago Daily News.

The mystified public which, having seen its favorite team playing brilliantly and victoriously against its strongest opponents in the league, beholds it a few days later playing like an aggregate of incompetents before an inferior team, has had its suspicions aroused from time to time by the singular contrast.

Baseball is a popular sport because it is a clean sport. It ought to be

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kept clean. Patrons of a baseball team are entitled to the best playing of which the team is capable. Players themselves would be much better off if compelled by their contracts to give a wide berth to the human pests whose idea of showing appreciation of a player's skill is to load down the player with intoxicants.

THE TABOO ON MODERATE DRINKING The use of alcohol is receiving some hard knocks these days. A prominent railway system, not content with the general rule heretofore in force on railroads forbidding employees to drink while on duty, now forbids employees to indulge at all in drinking out of employment hours, or in any other conduct which will impair their health or make them less alert and less capable while on duty.

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION thinks that the time may come when every man to whom the life and safety of others are entrusted may be expected or even required to be as abstemious as ball-players and railway employees.

SO WHAT UNUSUAL FEATURES If a story now going the rounds of the press be true, the Australian liquor law presents some features decidedly different from those that mark our legislation. It appears, according to this story, that in Australia the allow as many saloons as there are men willing to pay the nominal license, which is just enough to pay the registration fee.

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check. If he is a native regular customer, a barkeeper looks over his book and tallies his drink or drinks. If he is a stranger and has taken out his license the new man is entered on the book with his number, and his drink entered up against him.

The Rev. J. T. Coffey of St. Louis has no love for the saloon. When asked recently his opinion of the American saloon, "the poor man's club," Father Coffey expressed himself as follows: "The American saloon has no degrees of goodness or badness; wherever it is planted it sows evil. In fact, the finer and more attractive the saloon, the more dangerous and widespread its influence for evil. It grapples with the high and the low, the capitalist and the laborer, the educated and the ignorant, the God-fearing and the blasphemous, the proprietor and the customer, saturates them with its slime, makes them outcasts, kicks them into the gutter and gives them a parting salute with a mocking curse."

JEANNE D'ARC IN NEW YORK

When three years ago Pius X. made the veneration of Blessed Jeanne d'Arc coextensive with the world, the world approved with a unanimity and enthusiasm never before accorded a similar event. Secular and sectarian magazines and journals, writers of all denominations, or of none—a few blantant French atheists excepted—were in accord in paying tribute to the matchless Maid of France.

America did not yield to Europe in devotion to the maid, and among her most zealous devotees were found non-Catholic Americans. The charm that won and purified the blasphemous soldiery of Orleans melted the irreverent cynicism of Samuel Clemens into a passion of knightly love, as for a thing divine, and trained his trivial pen into the seriousness of holy reverence.

Her sanctity, as such, was not stressed in the dedicatory speeches. The speakers, refraining, perhaps wisely, from eulogizing those essentially Catholic qualities of the Maid with which their creeds gave them slight acquaintance, followed the line of thought so eloquently expressed by Mark Twain: "She was the Genius of Patriotism embodied and made flesh."

CURED OF DRINK BY SIMPLE REMEDY A DEVOTED WIFE HELPS HER HUSBAND TO A CURE THROUGH SAMARIA PRESCRIPTION Mrs. S., of Trenton was in despair. A loving father, and a careful provider when sober, her husband had gradually fallen into drinking habits, which were ruining his home, health and happiness.

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PRESIDENT SUSPENDER NONE-SO-EASY

CHESTERTON HIS ESTIMATE OF IRELAND AND THE IRISH

Ireland has in it a quality which caused it (in the most ascetic age of Christianity (to be called the "Land of Saints;" and which still might give it a claim to be called the Land of Virgins. An Irish Catholic priest once said to me: "There is in our people a fear of the passions which is older even than Christianity."

There must be some sense in every popular prejudice, even about foreigners. And the English people certainly have somehow got an impression and a tradition that the Irishman is genial, unreasonable and sentimental. This legend of the tender, irresponsible Paddy has two roots; there are two elements in the Irish which made the mistake possible.

When one is oppressed it is a mark of chivalry to hurt oneself in order to hurt the oppressor. But the English (never having had a real revolution since the Middle Ages) find it very hard to understand this steady passion for being a nuisance, and mistake it for mere whimsical impulsiveness and folly.

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Radicals and Labor members comfortably off their feet. He goes on asking for a thing because he wants it; and he tries really to hurt his enemies because they are his enemies.

MASONRY IN AN ARMY

In the military reform introduced by M. de Broqueville in Belgium, the officers are forbidden to belong to any secret or political society. Coming from such a source the announcement has caused an explosion among the Freemasons of the country. They protest that it is aimed at them and are denouncing the Government for attempting to clericalize the army.

There is no doubt that there are elsewhere membership in the Order meant promotion. There is no other way of accounting for the number of incompetents who have succeeded in being named to great and responsible positions. Nor can there be any doubt that the aim of the Craft is above all political in spite of its reiterated protest that it is merely "an assemblage of upright and free men whose cult is honor and human dignity."

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