FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON

Third Sunday after Easter.

CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION.

"Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only deceiving your own selves." (St. James

addressing the Christians of our day

he would be inclined to lay a little more stress upon the hearing of the word; for whatever may be said about the "doers of the Word" it cannot be

denied that the number of those who

hear God's Word with advantage might be increased. Indeed, there

are many for whom a High Mass ser-

mon, in view of its rarity, would be a luxury, and for whom even a five-

minute sermon is long and wearisome.

In addressing you, dear brethren, it

seems hardly necessary to dwell much upon the importance of hearing God's

on the great questions of the soul-how

to live and how to die well. This the

the body, the Word of God is to the

soul," and if we neglect to nourish our

souls with the food, we shall eventually

grow wearied and cold in God's serv

ice, and die through want of strength.

Oh! how many Christians have list

ened to the Word of God, which He Himself declares to be "words of fire,"

and have profitted nothing, have re-

mained cold and indifferent to the

warnings of that voice that "breathes

fancy they are wise enough, and ex-

How can I hear the Word of God

with profit to my soul? "With meek-ness," says St. James, "receive the

engrafted Word, which is able to save

yoursouls." Our Lord frequently likens

the Word to the seed which the tiller

sows in the field. Now, he who sows

the seed must first carefully prepare

proportion to the care he bestows in

brethren, your hearts, not your ears,

are the ground, and therefore you must

prepare your hearts. And how

from bringing forth good fruit, so must

it be with the heart. Is mortal sin

which, like thorns, will choke and destory the good seed. Receive the Word

of Gcd with docility and meekness,

Him through His ministers how to lead

a life worthy of our calling. "He

who has ears to hear let him hear,'

says our Lord. Indeed, brethren, we

we do not hear? I will tell you why we do not hear, why the voice of God

does not penetrate into our hearts. It

is because the soil is not prepared : i

with hearts filled with worldly cares or even evil desires, with deep rooted at-

tachments to things unlawful, with no

intention of learning how to lead bet-

ter lives. If it were only something new we had to learn, some new doc-

trine, some new and fanciful creed

but no, it is the same Word that was spoken to the early Christians, only

new by its practical application to our

James would have us not deceive our-

selves. It is not enough, he tells us, to

come here Sunday after Sunday and

listen to the Word of God, but we must

be doers of the Word; that is to say, we

must carry out practically in our

every day life the lessons and inspira-tions which have been offered us

through the ministry of preaching. For if a man, says he, be a hearer of

the Word and not a doer, he shall be

compared to a man beholding his

natural countenance in a glass ; for he

beheld himself and went his way, and

presently forgot what manner of man

he was. Be not like this man, breth

ren, if you would save your souls. When listening to the Word of God,

wherein the wants, the failings, the

defects of your souls are mirrored

forth, go not your way forgetful of what, through God's grace, has been

revealed to you, but with meekness re

ceive the engrafted Word, which is

able to save your souls, and blessed will you be if you hear the Word of

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God and keep it.

But now, brethren, mark how St.

all have ears, and why is it, then, that

it listeth "-Christians who

But the important question is this:

am I to hear the Word of God

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

To Boys.

Honor does not lie only in the direction of statecraft and the sword, nor in the realms of art and literature alone, but may be acquired, and with it wealth and power, by any Canadian boy who starts in life with no capital save a clean heart, willing hands and ambition enough to make the best pos-sible use of the brains God has given him. Enduring success and honored age are for the youth who labors dili-gently, and, who with temperance and frugality, depends upon his own exertions for success. The element of luck plays roguish tricks sometimes; but he who idly waits for Fortune will receive scant favor from the fickle jade.

The Unknown Soul.

upon the importance of nearing code to heaven a little unknown soul, which holy Word, for we have reason to believe you value it most highly. But was permitted to enter immediately without having undergone any fatigue without having undergone any fatigue much ; we are born in ignorance, and or shed a tear, or suffered a misfortune, as long as we live we must feel the or done anything extraordinary. God need of instructions and exhortations assigned to it a very glorious place, and a murmur of astonishment passed through the assembly of the saints. Word of God supplies, for, as St. John All looked towards the Guardian Angel Chrysostom says: "What food is for who had borne up the little soul. The who had borne up the little soul. The angel bowed down before God, and obtained His permission to speak to the heavenly court; and, in a voice more gentle than the beating of a butterfly wing, he uttered these words which all heaven heard:

"This soul has always taken uncomplainingly its share of sunshine, of darkness and of toil, and has never enowingly harbored anything in which here was offence against God."-Louis

Mozart's Triumph over Hayden.

A good story is told of Mozart, the perienced enough, and who never great composer, at the time he was a think of applying these burning words pupil of Haydn. Haydn one day chalenged his pupil to compose a piece of music which he could not play at sight. Mozart accepted the banter, and a sup-per was to be the forfeit. Everything eing arranged, Mozart took his pen, and in five minutes dashed off a piece of music; then handing it to Hayden, he said:

"There is a piece of music which the ground, for the harvest will be in ou cannot play, and I can. You are o give it the first trial." preparation of the ground. The Hayden smiled at his pupil, and placing the notes before him, struck seed is the Word of God; and, dear

the keys of the instrument. Surprised at its simplicity, he dashed away until prepare your hearts. And how? he reached the middle of the piece, Just as we must cleanse the ground from all that would prevent the seed claimed: "How is this, Mozart? Here Turn it out, for it is mortal sin middle key to be touched. Nobody like thorns, will choke and decan play such music!"

Mozart smiled at the half excited in with a longing desire to learn from taking the seat he had quitted struck the instrument with such an air of selfassurance that Hayden began to think himself duped. Running along through the simple passages, he came to that part which his teacher had proounced impossible to be played. Mozart was endowed, as our readers may have heard, with an extremely is because the soil is not prepared: it long nose—a prodigious nose. Reachis because we come to hear the Word ing the difficult passage, he leaned for ward and struck his nose against the middle key. Haydon burst into a fit that he was beaten, declared that nature had endowed Mozart with a capacity for music which he had never before discovered.

A Hint To Boys.

The boy who has a tool chest and thusiasm.

nything in the shape of a workroom "I'll see is lucky, indeed, nor is he to be excused if he fails to constantly delight his mother's heart by mending and making all sorts of household arrange ments. A word however to the boy who has only odds and ends of tools and no workroom at all. If such a lad will step for a few moments before the show window of any large dry goods establishment, or even one belonging to a small store, he will after one visit find himself sufficiently interested to follow out the design of the draper and go again and again. What holds all thi wonderful arrangement in place i enough to puzzle any one, and just here is the secret that will put into a boy's hands the power to surprise the family in a novel manner.

At any large house furnishing store may be found at very small cost vari ous pieces of wood that go to build up the wonderful arrangement in the shop windows. If a shelf is wanted here, and a mantel there, a ledge over the door to hold bric a brac, a row of shelves over dinning mantel or side board to display pet bits of crockery all these, and many more which wil suggest, themselves, may be made from draper's material.

A boy or girl may work wonders also in their own particular "dens" with these same materials, and as for dolls' house and all sorts of fittings for the dayroom and nursery, the possibilities are almost endless. Try your hand at

The One-Eyed Admiral.

England, first and foremost stands he was educated as a musician.

Horatio Nelson.

The Danes The fight was intense. battled heroically, and the English commandant, old Admiral Parker, becoming alarmed, gave the signal to cease the action. Admiral Nelson, who was second in command had his fighting temper on, and his fighting genius saw Victory in persistence. Au officer approached the 'One eyed One " and notified him that the flag-ship was signaling for retreat. "Where, where?" cried Nelson, applying his sightless eye to the telescope. "I don't see the signal. I have the right to see badly. Nail up

my signal of defiance and press on !'
The heroism of Nelson covered grievous faults which would have sunk a less intrepid character. Of the Nelsonian courage there was never any question, and his death was Homeric. I was at the battle of Trafalgar, the last battle of the Oae-eyed One. In the "thick of the fight" a ball struck the hero. He fell and knew that he was dying. "Save the wounded," he said to the surgeon; "there is nothing you can do for me." And then, in spite of intense pain, he covered his face and his medals with a handkerchief that neither friend nor foe might know that the admiral had fallen. He listened to the firing; from time to time the cap-tain whispered news of the conflict to the dying commander. At last certain victory was announced. Nelson raised himself and ordered the fleet to anchor. Then murmuring, "I am satisfied; thank God I have done my duty!" the One-eyed admiral fell back dead. -Standard and Times.

The Cheque Old Tom Signed.

"I'll fill out this cheque for you, Tom if you will wait a moment. It is signed and father told me to fill it out for the amount if he wasn't here. Two and a half is'nt it?"

Old Tom took up the check in his trembling fingers and looked at the straight business like signature. "Just to think that his name is

good for thousands of dollars," he muttered half to himself and half to the bright-faced boy who stood beside the desk with his pen in his hand, ready to fill out the check. "And yet, when we were boys together, I was as good as he was, any day; and my chances in life were just as good. It is drink that has made all the difference. Well, it's too late to help it now."

"No, it isn't too late, Tom," said Hugh Evans earnestly. He knew the sad story of this man's gradual descent from an honorable, respected life to the my hands are stretched to both ends of the instrument, and yet there is a middle key to be touched. Nobody only to day, that if you would sign the level of a common drunkard, and he pledge he would trust you to keep it, Mozart smiled at the half excited in and he would give you steady work dignation of the great master, and, and good pay. Do sign it, Tom. I have a blank one here. It will make such a difference, not only to you, but to your wife and children, if you will.

> eyes, but it died out in an instant, and Tom shook his head. "Some other day, Hugh; some other day. Some day I will, but not now."
> "Don't put it off," pleaded Hugh
> putting the pledge before the man,
> and offering him the pen. Why, don't you see, it's as good as a check? Sign t, and it means health, comfort and a

of laughter, and, after acknowledging good living which you dould make that he was beaten, declared that well enough if you would let drink alone, and also respect from everyone that knows you. Why, my father's signature could not mean more than

Old Tom was won by the boy's en-

"I'll see what my signature is good for," he cried, with sudden resolution and, grasping the pen firmly, he wrote his name on the pledge.
"There, I've done it; and, God

helping me I'll keep it," he said solemnly. "Low as I've fallen, never broke my word yet.

An hour later he entered his home with the check in one pocket and the pledge in the other. The check was a proof to the poor wife of hi intention to keep the pledge, for she knew it must have been hard work to some home sober with money in his

Need I tell you that the signature on the pledge was never dishonored t brought a happy home, new hope or the despairing wife, respect, pros erity and God's blessing.

And Hugh, he felt as it he had lone the grandest temperance work of his life (though he lived to be a uccessful temperance worker) when he persuaded old Tom to sign that pledge

Beardsley A Catholic

London, April 12.-Aubrey Beard sley, the artist, has been formally re seived into the Catholic Church. His health, which has been precar

ous for a long time past, is now better and he has gone to the Riviera. Aubrey Breadsley was born at Brighton, England, in 1874, and came before the public a trifle more than two years ago, when only 21 years old, by

nis celebrated black and white draw-028. Beardsley's parents were very poor. Among the daring naval heroes of and as the boy showed a taste for music oratio Nelson.

Nelson was a brave boy. Entering and at 21 he was making about \$20,000

Judge Danne's Talk to Young Men.

The conclusion of Judge Dunne's address on "The Realities of Life" is as follows:

"Having with due care chosen your life's work, do not quarrel too much with an unpleasant lot at first assigned

Sweet are the uses of adversity. It wounds our vanity, humbles our pride, tires our patience ; but it purifies our hearts, develops our powers, and sends us back Anteus-like filled with new strength for the contest. Sidney Smith was at first sent to a miserably dull, out-of the-way country station, he know he from the first sent to a station. station; he knew he was fitted for better work, but his superiors did not know it. How did he set about con-vincing them? By writing complaining letters, begging for promotion? No: he simply displayed his powers. When he did that, he was sent for and put where he belonged. So it will be with you. Prove yourselves worthy, and advancement will be heaped upon you

Laurel crowns cleave to deserts, And power to him who power exerts; Has not thy share? On winged feet, Lo! it rushes thee to meet; And all that nature made thy own, Floating in air, or pent in stone, Will rive the hills and swim the sea, And, like thy shadow, follow thee.

"You must properly care, though, for your physical health. I could talk to you for hours on this subject, and you may with profit devote years to its study. I know that young men bursting with health, exhilirated with the mantling wine of youth, laugh at such suggestions. The wealthy, careless prodigal, who keeps no tally of the cheques he draws, soon finds his cheques dishonored. The poorest, weakest, most frail, most delicate man of all this class, who learns and observes the laws of health, will as a rule, outlive, cutwork, and most easily vanquish the lustiest one among you who disregards them. Study the story of the Count Cornaro. Economize your forces. Learn also

conomy of money.

"Avoid debt. You will find it a monster hard to escape; the more you are really able to defy it the more danger you are in of becoming its victim through carelessness, inattention, or over-confidence in your ability to meet the obligation; but if its deadly fangs are once securely fastened on your vitals, farewell, a long farewell to al your hopes—not of greatness, but of anything like comfort, ease or satisfac-tion of any kind in life. I will not mar the pleasure of this day by recounting the fearful denunciations on this sub ject uttered by the most powerfu masters of our tongue. To merely read them is enough to make one sick at heart. Dabt is the father of lies, of meaness, of things most vile, and often the cause of crime, despair, and dishonorable death.

WATCH YOUR COMPANY Association teaches more than books Aim to pass your social hours only with the brave, the noble, and the good. Cherish the old knightly virtue of chivalrous courtesy for A gleam of hope lighted up the dim woman ;—sweet woman ! whose gentle, refining influence, pure and high reolve, patient, watchful care, and true and holy love will do more to encourage your efforts, perfect your charac er, ennoble your ambition and exalt and purify your lives than all the 'oration' which might be culled from the 'garned wisdom of a thousand years

'My young friends, I have told you many things by which you may command success. I have now one last but most important word. Be not satisfied with mere material suc-We expe more than this. It is not for it alone that this University was founded; that earned professors have given you the esult of life long study; that parents, through many weary years, have sus ained you here, and that, by every posstille means, your faculties have been trained to the highest attainable point of perfection. You must re-member that to be a University graduate is to be as one man picked of ten housand, and that where much is given much will be required for.

Spirits are not finely touched But to fine leaves.

Thyself and thy belongings Are not thine own so proper as to waste Thyself upon thy virtues, them on thes.

We expect that you will go through he battle of life not mere Dalgettys, ghting solely for personal gain, but hat you will use your powers so as to accomplish something for the good of numankind. You will have abundant opportunity. We live in a country hat is both old and young, it has many of the vices and infirmities of age, with much of the power and virtue of outh. We have burning questions Il pending which fire the hearts and offame the passions of men. Others equal or greater moment are bound rise. We need our best men in the hickest of the fight, for there is where he grandest work is done. hilosopher who contemplates from the rock is a less noble image than the sailor who struggles in the storm. In these pending and coming contenture, it will be expected that you wil the navy at eighteen, his valor won for him such speedy promotion that sketches, which at once made him affairs; but, as graduates of this Unihe was a captain at the age of twenty.

Many stories are told of his sublime audacity in the face of danger. He was a born commander. In affairs to such an extent that the eastwhile lity. While this must be your course, versity, it will be required that your with the purest principles of moralwas a born commander. In affairs requiring diplomacy he was absolutely unintelligent, but in the science of and his pockets filled with money.

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tagen a factor and a Make no compromise with corruption As our glorious Meagher of the Sword "Surrender not has grandly said : your conscience, in public affairs, to be debased by the political knaves who thrive, fatten, rise and coruscate upon the ruin of the young, the pure, the gallant and the gifted. Rest as sured of it, honesty, intelligence and independence in public life will carry the longest day, and be the sun and the glory of it. Intrigue, fraud, deceit and treachery may rule, inleed, the shorter hours, and be the

inant in the sky of a few confused and troubled hours, their inevitable doom

is the blackness of Erebus and the hissng flames of Phlegethon. Young men, I will detain you but a coment longer. I know that I have said to you nothing that is new, but his is your best guarantee that what I have said is worthy of your remembrance. I have set before you maxms of advice drawn from the wisdom of ages, consecrated by time and veri-fied by experience. Reflect upon them, and you will do well; act upon them, and you will do better. I have drawn these maxims mainly from the natural order; but, as I told you in the beginning, that touches only the would draw from the great fount and source of never-ending power, you must have recourse to the supernatural order. You will find them. order. You will find there an inexhaustible mine of wealth for all your

even Tennyson, from whom you would hardly expect it, tells you thatvoice
Rise like a fountain night and day.
For what are men better than sheep or goals.
That nourish a blind life within the brain.
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them

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An Impressive Warning.

There is an impressive warning and alas! that there should be so many youths who need to hearken to and heed it - in what that unfortunate lad, who stands charged with one of the most brutal murders that have shocked the public of late days, said the other day of the causes which contributed to his downfall and led to the perpetration of his monstrous crime. who need to do so listen to his warning words: "All my troubles are to b credited to the spirit of unbelief which has gradually taken possession of me. As long as I went to church I was all right, but my companions got me into a way of thinking that there was no God, that priests and ministers were frauds, and there was no such thing as a hereafter or future punishment. I got from bad to worse. Stealing and other crimes I looked upon as a mere matter of course, and I have become so bad that, strange though it may seem, I had no compunction about murder. It simply seemed to me that I had to do it, and I had no more feeling about it

than if I had torn up an old coat." Unfortunately, there are many other young men, like this wretched criminal, possessed of the same spirit of unbelief which brought him to his present church and who have no lear of eternity. They are walking to day in the self same road where this unfortunneeds, temporal as well as supernal. ate unbeliever ran to his destruction and well will it be for them if they heed his warning and retrace their steps before a similar ruin to his befalls them ! - Sacred Heart Review.

We are concerned to hear that the rate at which the whole State of Texas is going to the devil is such as ecessitate an enlargement of that My dear friends, at a parting like this, the adieus are not easily said, but the final word must be pronounced.

"Gallant knights, receive now your armor. Take the weapons you have the final word must be pronounced.

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"Gallant knights, receive now your law word must be pronounced." Take the weapons word must be pronounced. ural enigma involved in its evidently deplored that Mr. Bret Harte is not on the ground to throw some light upon the situation which has reproduced old One of the best evidences that Ayer's Alloway Kirk in the Texas Legisla - Philadelphia Standard and

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