FIVE . MINUTES' SERMON.

Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of iniquity that when you shall fall they may received you into everiasting dwellings. (St. Luke xvi. 6)

What is this mammon of iniquity of which, or with which (for this is the true sense of the words), we are to make friends for ourselves? It is the money or other property which God has given us to use in this world. We have only to read a few verses more to see that this is what it means ; for when our Lord said immediately afterwards, "You cannot serve God and mammon," the evangelist tells us that the Pharisees, "who were covet ous, laughed at Him."

It is called the mammon of iniquity or injustice, because it is the cause of all the injustice in the world

We have, then, to make friends for ourselves with the money or other temporal means which God has entrust d This is what the steward of whom

the gospel tells us did. He was entrusted by his master with the management of an estate. He was to take care of it in his master's interest, not in his own, for it did not belong to him; as we are here to use our pronim; as we are nere to use our pro-perty in God's interest, for He is cur Master, and what we have really be-longs to Him and not to ourselves. The steward was not faithful to his master; he wasted his goods; so he

was discharged from his office and had to give an account of his stewardship, as we also shall have to give an ac count of ours to our Master when we are discharged from it — that is, when we come to die. Then he began to think how he could make use of the means that had been committed to him to provide for himself in the new state life upon which he had to enter. He had not much time to make his arrangements, but he hit upon a very good plan. In that we do not re-semble him, for with all our lifetime to make our arrangements in, and the certainty that we shall some time have to be discharged from our stewardship, and gave an account of it before the judgment seat of God, we too often make none at ali. As our Lord says: The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children

The steward, I say, hit on a good plan; and that was to obtain the favor of his master's debtors by taking something off the bills which they had to pay, that they might, in return, contribute something toward his support and save him from the necessity of working or begging for the rest of his life. In this way he made friends for himself with the money which had been committed to him. In order that these friends might receive him into their dwellings when he was turned

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That is the part of his conduct which we have to imitate. We have to imi-tate the steward by making friends with the means which our Lord has given us-friends who will be of service to us in the new life upon which we have so soon to enter, the life which comes after death.

But who are these friends to be Generally people try to buy the favor of the rich and the great. But these are not the friends who are going to be of use to us in the next world.

No, the poor, not the rich, are the ones whose friendship will be of use to us there. In this life they will not help those who help them, because they cannot; but they will in the next. you help them the blessing which they give you is not only a blessing when you receive it, but it is treasured up for you, long after you have forgotten God's eternal memory.

He is preparing in heaven beautiful and gloriou; mansions for these friends of yours, who are also friends of His, to to make up for the miserable ones in which they had to live on earth. There are others like them which He is preparing for us all. He has gone to get them ready. "In My Father's house," said our Lord, "there are many mansions. . . . I go to prepare a place for you."

GENEROSITY.

We record with peculiar pleasure a kindly and graceful act performed by the members of the First Congrega-tional Church at Ottawa, Illinois. St. Xavier's Academy and Convent had been destroyed by fire, and the Sisters and children were suddenly left without a school building. The Congregationalists generously proffered the use of their spacious church parlors until other provisions could be made; their kind offer was gratefully accepted by the pastor, the Rev. Dean Keating -we quote from the Chicago Times ld-'' to-day the Roman Catholic institution held its first session in the Protestant edifice, -a proof that Christianity means something more than denominationalism or sectarianism."
This last statement is true in a sense of which the writer evidently never dreamed; yet one cannot but feel joy in the thought that such an incident and others like it—could take place in the closing years of our century. They never could take place before, and that means enlightenment and advancement of the highest and truest kind. Thus doth sweet charity soften the asperities of controversy by an act creditable alike to the Protestants who per formed it and to the Catholics whose consistent lives inspired it. — Ave

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

An " Exceptional " Boy.

I choose Rache as my "exceptional," because he is such a bundle of con tradictions; so rough, and yet so gentle; so coarse and often so sensitive; so obstinate, but, when it pleases him, so willing; so lazy, but when interested, so wide awake; so lovable, but so aggravating.

I am almost afraid to undertake the task of unravelling the twisted, tangled skein of his character. for I must confess it will be hard to re concile all these contradictory features into a human being, even if he be laced among the" exceptionals.

Long before Rache came to my school, I knew of him, for the fame of him and his family had spread abroad in the district and I knew-or thought did-what to expect. But ala my expectations were shattered, and I found what I had not expected, and much of what 1 had expected, I found not.

As he walked up the aisle to the seat I assigned him, I could not help admiring the straight, strong, healthy boy who met my rather stern reception, with a look half defiant, half friendly, and altogether full of curiosity—a look which very plainly said, "So you're my new teacher; well, see you don't bother me too much, and we'll get along alright. But if you attempt to drive me, you'd better look out.'

As he weeks glided by I began to realize what a strange boy I had to deal with. I soon found he hated to sit still, and disliked all studies except reading. He was an easy, intelligent and very proud of his one ac shment. His face would fairly complishment. beam with pride and delight if I asked him to read a paragraph that had puzzled the others.

But the one time of all the day when Rache was completely subdued-my humble slave, in fact-was when "story" time arrived. Then his rest-less hands were clasped, his feet crossed, and his whole body at rest, the moment he saw me take up the magic book, "The King of the Golden River." Woe to the child who kept me waiting a second for silence!
Rache would throw a look like a
thunder cloud at the delinquen for wasting a moment that had sudden'y become so precious to him.

Anything in the shape of a story,

made Rache a hypocrite for the tim being. He would pretend to be study-ing his lesson, but all the time he list ening, with wide-eyed delight to the stories I told the higher class in connection with their geography when I took them across the Atlantic with Columbus, or over the snow-cove ed Alps with Napoleon, through the wilds of Africa with Stanley, or across the heath-clad moors of bonnie Scotland— Rache always followed-time, school, work all forgotten.

At last came "field day." How I dreaded it! dreaded it because Rache would come. I was quite sure of the others if only I could leave him behind. We had not gone half a mile, however, before Rache was leader, and I fol lower, ready to go where he led-my He knew the shortes cuts, the highest hills, the prettiest eaves; he could show where the frogs croaked loudest, where the musk rats ouilt their houses, and the ground birds laid their eggs.

could run faster, climb higher, and whistle louder than all. His torn, old cap held more acorns and berries, and bits of moss than any other. He picked up a dead bird and made

its grave under an oak tree. rink and gave me h

the hill to a shady seat His cheeks were reddest, his eyes brightest, his laugh the loudest of all. After that day I never wondered that Rache could be restless or idle in school. With the fields for his heritage, the birds and flowers for his friends, was it to be wondered at that nature's child could not enjoy any but nature's book; Our fall "general lessons" awoke an interest in Rache, and frogs, lizards and turtles were plentiful in my room. While at work in the early morning, I would hear the patter of bare feet and turn to see Rache standing, cap and tin pail in hand, with a look, guilty, vet confident, his eyes shining with an interest seldom seen in school hours 'I've brought you a lizard. I found him under a stone in the swamp -he's a dandy," said my hero. He knew he should not have broken the rule by coming in before the bell rang, but I couldn't scold him—could you?

He always asked if he might take care of the animals and plants over

care of the animals and plants over Sunday. He informed me once, that he put the lizards under the wood pile, to keep them warm—this, after my lesson on cold-blooded animals!

Poor Rache is one of a large, needy, family, and his home-life is not by any means an enviable or happy one.

Even Xmas brought to him no joy but vacation. He wrote his Xmas let ter, with the others, but what a pitiful little missive it was. "I hope, you'll have a happy Xmas, even if I don't,"-

that was all What will be the future of my "ex-ceptional" boy? He has left me now to go to work—gone I know not where

"An' forward tho' I canna see I guess and fear."

Maria.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Monthly Confessions.

One of the obligations of membership in the Young Men's Society of Great Britain, is monthy Confession. If that requirement obtained in all our church organizations and our men were trained to accept it as a matterof course, what an advance in holiness the Catholic body would make.

A Story and its Moral. There is a well known story of an old farmer calling his three idle sons around him when on his deathbed, to impart to them an important secret.
"My sons," said he, "a great treasure lies hid in the estate which I am about to leave to you." The old man gasped. "Where is it hid?" exclaimed the sons in a breadth. "I am about to tell you," said the old man; "you will have to dig for—" But his breadth failed him before h could impart the waighty goest. about to leave to you." part the weighty secret, and he died Forthwith the sons set to work with spade and mattock upon the longneglected fields, and they turned up every sod and clod upon the estate. They discovered no treasure but they sarned to work ; and when the field were sown, and the harvest came, lo! the yield was prodigious, in conse quence of the thorough tillage they had undergone. Then it was that they discovered the treasure concealed in the estate, of which their wise old father had advised them. Labor is at once a burden, a chas-

tisement, an honor, and a pleasure. It may be identified with poverty, but there is also glory in it. It bears ness, at the same time, to our natural wants and to our manifold needs What were man, what were life, what were civilization without labor? that is great in man comes of labor—greatness in art, in literature, in cience. Knowledge - "the wing wherewith we fly to heaven "-is only acquired through labor. Genius is but a capability of laboring intensely: Genius is it is the power of making great and sustained efforts. Labor may be a chastisement, but it is indeed a glorious one. It is worship, duty, praise, and immortality—for those who labor with the highest aims and for the purest purposes

Don't Cry Over Spilled Milk.

The homely philosophy expressed in the saying "There's no use crying over spilled milk" is worth following, the saying for much of the unhappiness of life springs from unavailing regrets or from attempts to do the impossible. The man who can dismiss from his mind at once a failure or a disappoint ment not only escapes the sorrow occasioned by contemplation, but keeps himself in condition for fresh endeavor. Failures have their uses, when rightly considered, as guides to future action but otherwise should be given no thought. Sometimes it is not easy to determine whether the milk has actually been spilled or whether there is a a chance to save it, and then, of course, there is no reason for crying, but it is in just such cases that some people cry their loudest instead of using their en ergies to repair the threatened misfortune. It is, therefore, desirable that along with the fortitude required for the dismissal of failure or misfortune from the mind there should be the philosophic calm which enables one to see things as they are. Teachers of mathematics occasion-

ally give their pupils an insolvable problem to test their powers of analy If the pupil understands his sub ject, he soon ascertains that some essential factor has been left out of the problem, and wastes no time upon it; He asked to carry my bag, brought if, however, he has been imperfectly impossible solutions or deluding him self with false answers. In much the same way, the clear headed, philosophic man of business will see or foresee fail ure in some enterprise and give it up without waste or effort, while his un philosophic friend, under similar cir cumstances will waste his energies over an insolvable problem, or an enter-prise foredoomed to failure, and then cry over his spilled milk. What is needed, therefore, is not only the calm fortitude to dismiss failures and disappointments without entertainment vain regrets, but the coolness which enables one to see with the eye of rea-

son, undisturbed by the emotions.

Cultivation of the philosophic frame of mind has another advantage in that it puts the nervous organization under proper control. Very many people are governed by their feelings or emo tions. They are incapable of consider ing any question by reason alone, and are, therefore, unbalanced and erratic. By a repression of feelings and emotions, through the cultivation of a calm philosophy, they would give their reason greater sway and increase their enjoyment of life, dismissing from their minds the incurable failures and disappointments, and looking not at the past, except for its lessons, but always hopefully to the future.

To Increase a Society's Membership. Now that the long cool evenings are here the following hints will be found interesting to those of our young men who wish to increase the number of members of their society:

"Set up a definite goal to be reached by selecting a date for the attainment of a certain membership. Organize a 'committee of one hundred'—more or less-every member of which will in turn try to secure a co-operative comwill add spirit and zest to the movement. Let two sides be chosen, known as the 'reds' and the 'blues,' or the 'Greeks' and the 'Romans,' the 'hustlers' and the 'rustlers,' etc. The junior department may likewise be enlisted, emphasis being placed upon set is described by the set of the se

curing fathers and older brothers as

"Organization may be continued in church committees of ladies, those earnest matrons whose good works in membership matters in other cities have already proven the worth of their active co operation. Futher, representatives will be located as rapidly as feasible in every school, manufactory

and business establishment.
"The captains and leaders of each side may call rallies of their respective divisions, issue special printing send out separate communications, e tablish headquarters and otherwise cultivate the esprit de corps of each section and prepare every active and auxilliary committee man for intelli gent and aggressive service.

"Collect and tabulate objections and testimonies, together with arguments favoring membership from different standpoints, for example, that of the student, of the young man seeking good society, of the man with limited means and so on. Possibly issue a 'Memberselp Matters Manual' containing the above, together with careful analysis of the membership privileges, suggestive How to get members,' stalements, lists of committeemen and varied helps of practical value. Again, we may wisely imitate those great commercial houses which regularly gather their salesmen into a school where the methods for in veigling the wary business man into a verging the wary business has have purchase are thoroughly discussed and practically applied in a drill under keen and close criticism and discrim-

inating suggestion.

During this period of organization a systematic effort is being made to se-cure the names of all men eligible for membership. These names will be arranged upon slips of card index size, three by five inches, upon which may be written the address, occupation and other facts that will aid in rightly approaching the man. As from time to time one or another committeeman may endeavor to influence any individual that fact being noted upon the card, raport may be called for, additional facts be added, and in case of failure the man may be handed over to another worker. The several selections of committeemen will be guided by the fresh information gained as to the man's attitude and circumstances. These cards being arranged alphabetic ally, a name may be readily located, making available a complete summary of all that has been done in every

HELP DEPARTED SOULS.

In this month of November, when the Church specially recommends the Departed Souls to the devotion of the faithful, it may not be amiss to say a word of the "Archeonfraternity for the Deliverance of Forsaken Souls." It exists at lontligeon, in France, where a new and more imposing church than the former chapel of the work is in pro cess of erection, to be truly "the centre of prayer for the dead of the whole world.

During the year 1898, one hundred and fifty-two thousand eight hundred and sixty five Masses were said for for-saken souls. The bulletin shows in one month, fifteen thousand four hundred and twenty-five Masses for souls in general, and seventy nine for special cases. The office of the dead is chanted every day in the name of the associates, Matins, Lauds and Vespers being also sung by the chaplains and the rosary recited by nuns.

So that there is a continual outpour ing of prayer in behalf of the suffering souls, and many communities unite their penances, prayers and toils with this truly Expiatory Work, "L'E ivre Expiatoire," as it is called.

It has extended over the whole earth

and many eminent prelates have spec-ially commended it. "Holy Ireially commended it. "Holy Ire-land" comes well to the front; it is recorded that the very poor there de mand to assist their departed brethren. Some still poorer, the lepers of Trini-dad send their yearly offering. Under the Southern Cross, in far Australia, the work is widespread, in India, in Africa, in every part of Europe and the United States flourishing centres Our Canada has a number of sub cribers.

To become an Associate it is only necessary to send the name of Rev. Father Buguet, Montligeon, France, and to pay one cent yearly. To become a Benefactor, 25 cents is paid, or twenty five subscriptions collected. A life membership is secured by the payment of one dollar. Masses may also be founded in perpetuity. Many priests have bound themselves to say one or more Ma ses yearly for the intentions of the work. Numberless In-dulgences, mostly Plenary, have been granted to the associates.

Thanksgivings pour in from every

part of the world for favors received through the Holy Souls, and are published monthly, in French and English, in the Bulletin of the work. It needs but to be known to become uni versal, for there are few who have not some devotion towards those gone be fore and a desire to free them from purgatorial flames. The contribution sked is nominal, the results achieved magnificent, even so far as can be known in this world. And, besides helping the poor souls, much of the money received is sent to missionary priests in distant lands, who celebrate the Masses and are aided by the alms -Anna T. Sadlier in the Canadian Messenger for November.

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NAPOLEON'S HAPPIEST DAY.

The Emperor Napoleon I. sat once, after a successful battle, with his officers around a table in his tent, and all were in high glee. Then one of his companions at the table asked each of those present which was the happies and sweetest day of his life. Each one thought for a moment before giving the desired answer. One said it was the day on which he was raised to office, another, the day he became a general, and so forth. When the turn came to Napoleon, he appeared lost in deep thought and hesitated a while before giving a decision. "You must indeed," said one of the officers, "be in a dilemma to name the happiest and sweetest day of your life, since you have had so many of them." "By no means," said Napoleon, "I can indeed name the happiest and sweetest day of my life; it was the day of my first communion." The young officers communion." The young officers laughed and regarded it as a joke. General Drouol did not laugh, but, deeply moved, wiped a tear from his Napoleon went to him, clapped him on the shoulder and said: "Brave Drouol, that delights me. You alone have understood me." — Louisville

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