

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

THE FOLLY OF SIN.

"What fruit, therefore, had you in those things of which you are now ashamed?" (Romans vi. 22.)

What is the good of being a sinner? No good, but much evil. Experience shows that we have gained nothing by sin but shame, sorrow and death.

What is the good of sinning? Ask that man whose blood is burning with fiery alcohol, some day when a hot summer's sun suddenly prostrates him in death.

What is the good of sinning? Ask that soul that is speeding before the tribunal of judgment with scores of sins unrepented of.

What is the good of sinning? Ask the proud and disobedient who spurn holy discipline and are cast out with the devils.

Our Lord compares him to an evil tree which cannot bring forth good fruit, and is cut down and cast into the fire.

Brethren, the animal in us enjoys sensuality and the demon in us enjoys pride. But the man enjoys the love of God.

Go to Mass in Season.

A writer in an exchange gives the following good advice regarding getting to church in season for the services:

In most instances there is absolutely no excuse for coming late to church. People are not hurried or pressed by other affairs on Sunday.

They are not gingerly about coming some minutes "before the play begins" at places of amusement.

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If you would have an abundance of dark, glossy hair, if you would have a clean scalp, free from dandruff and irritating humors, or if your hair is faded and gray, and you would have its natural color restored, use Ayer's Hair Vigor.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A True Heart.

There is something pathetic in the life of every man confined within prison walls, and this pathos grows more intense when all the free outside world is glad with the joy that comes with the Christmas time.

The warden of the State prison tells the following pathetic incident of a life-convict: I was passing out of the prison yard one bitterly cold Christmas morning.

"What is it?" I asked. "Well, if you please, sir, I'd like to know if I can go inside and see my father. He's in there, and I've brought him in something for Christmas.

I recognized the name as that of a life convict—a man notoriously bad. I went back into the prison grounds, the child following me eagerly.

"I—I—came to—say 'Merry Christmas, father,' she faltered. 'I thought maybe you'd be glad to see me. Ain't you any glad, father?'

"The convict's head dropped. The hard look was going out of his face, his eyes were moistening.

The man fell on his knees with both hands clasped over his face. "I did love him," he said hoarsely. "I love him still; bad as I am, I love him still."

"I knew it," said the child, going closer, "and I know you'd like this, now that Johnnie's dead."

"Dead!" cried the man, rocking to and fro, still on his knees, with his hands over his face. "My little boy!"

"Yes," said the child; he "died in the poorhouse, only last week, and there's no one left but me now. But I ain't going to forget you, father. I'm going to stick right by you, spite of what folks say, and some day maybe I can get you out of here. I'm going to try, I can't never forget that you are my father, and so—"

AT THE POPE'S MASS.

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separated those who were privileged to have an audience with our Holy Father from less fortunate mortals, whose cards only allowed them to assist at Mass.

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"No."

"Why not?"

"Because it is not worth counterfeiting."

"Did you ever see a counterfeit Christian?"

"Yes."

"Why was he counterfeited?"

"Because he was worth counterfeiting."

"Was he to blame for the counterfeiting?"

"Of course not."

"Did you ever see a counterfeit infidel?"

"Why, no."

"Why not?"

"Athen!"

We pass the above catechism along.

Leo XIII. Grows Younger.

In an interview given to a reporter of the Paris Figaro, the venerable superior of the Sulpician Institute, just returned from Rome, tells how he found the Pope. "Although I have known him for many years," he says, "I am glad to be able to say that I never found him in better health; never brighter, livelier or bearing more bravely the burden of the pontificate. He continues to be an indefatigable worker, and work seems to agree with him. Not only does he not grow older, but he actually gives the opposite impression. As he advances in years he becomes more directly concerned with the whole movement of the age, bolder in his plans and more hopeful of the ultimate success of his

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Next after God in our love is Mary; infinitely below God, because He alone is the uncreated; immensely above all other creatures, because she is the Mother of God, being the Mother of Jesus our Brother, she is our Mother too. Jesus loved His Mother above all creatures, and we can not be like Him if we do not love her too.—Cardinal Manning.

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