### FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost.

BACKBITING.

And he spake rightly." (St. Mark vii. 35.) The Gospel tells us, dear brethren, that no sooner had Our Lord touched the tongue of the dumb man than he

began to speak rightly.

How often He has touched our tongues by coming to us in Communion, and yet how far we are from speaking rightly! It may be that we need healing more than the man of whom the Gospel tells. He had not the use of his tongue, and consequently could not employ it in the service of sin; we are blessed with its use, and yet, perhaps, we do not sufficiently realize that God wants us always to

speak rightly.

The tongue wrongly used is capable of effecting a great deal of evil. St. James calls an evil tongue a "world of iniquity." Calumny, slander, and backbiting are but a few of the many sins of which it is the cause. Whence, indeed, come so many disputes, quarrels, and as a consequence so much animosity between those who were formerly, or who ought to be, on terms of intimacy? Ask your own ex-perience if charity was ever wounded while you guarded against idle conversation, vain disputes, and unkind remarks. You may be certain that if the tongue be carefully watched over

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sins against charity will be fewer.

I am far from thinking that such faults are to be found only or indeed generally among habitual or hardened sinners. Some persons who consider themselves very pious and nearly perfect, who find it hard to collect sufficient matter for confession, do not always shun uncharitable conversations. Let them remember what St. James says: "He who offends not with his tongue is a perfect man." No piety is solid and genuine unless it be founded upon charity, which is the queen of virtues. We deceive ourselves in supposing that we are perfect, or even | Machines cannot sew up rips in gloves really pious, if we continue to gossip

Sins of the tongue are often most grievous, and are often likewise irreparable in their consequences. Let us dwell upon a few such sins as offend God by reason of the injury which they do to our brother, who is made according to His image. To speak badly of a person against whom we entertain an unkind feeling may seem to some people trifling or at most only venial. This is a great mistake if what we say does notable harm to him. It is no less grievous to injure double hinges. The frame may be our neighbor in his good name than in his property. To restore his goods is paints or stained and varnished. If a not very difficult if we still possess paper-covered screen is to be made, first them or have the means of procuring others of the same value. But when tightly over the folds, and cover with there is question of repairing the injury which we have done by speaking falsely about him, then the task assumes a much greater difficulty. It is about as possible to stay the progress an evil tongue from spreading in all directions. Nevertheless, we are bound to make every effort in our power to repair the injury. We are to be used in a hall or for a piazza, burlap in an olive green, in a frame state of the power to repair the injury.

we are so disposed.

But some one will say: "I do not belong to the class you have now described. I never say anything that is untrue of my neighbor, but simply mention to others those faults of which he is guilty." To this I answer: "If you do so in a grave matter, without you do so in a grave matter, without pour do so in a grave matter, without necessity, and to those who are not concerned about the welfare of the concerned the sin of slander. you been authorized to make known his failings? Are you perfect in vir-Would it please you if some one were to make your faults public? Do not then treat others in this way, since you are unwilling to suffer it yourself.

If you have been thoughtless in the past, let the future find you more guarded. Cultivate a kind, charitable disposition towards all, even those who offend you. Weigh your words with care, think of your own sins, avoid idle conversations and gossip.

#### Agnosticism.

President Schurmann, of Cornell University, has written an obituary notice of Agnosticism, in which he correctly characterizes it as "a passing fever of juvenile freethinking, a transitional and temporary phase of thought." His reference to it as "blindness from excess of light" is witty but misleading. It was the result of a monstrous one-sidedness of knowledge, in which the relatively ignoble specialty of empiric science predominated to the exclusion of the higher branches of learning. Agnosticism was compounded of ignorance and indolence. On its worst side i was simply the negation of thought on its best it was a middle ground over which the crass materialist might fee his way back to the path of right reason without a direct acknowledge-

#### ment of his impiety. - Church Progress. Something Worth Knowing.

Something Worth Knowing.

Surely there is compensation or an antidote for every pain and sting which nature imposes on us. The sharp bitter weather of our climate might seem unbearable could we not find means of er joying it without discomfort. It was long after wood was known to be a perfect non-conductor of heat and cold before any one thought of its possible uses in clothing, but now we take advantage of this fact. Wood is reduced to its strong silken fibres and then made into the fabric known as Fibre Chamois, which offers a perfect protection from wind, cold or sleet that makes healthful warmth possible in all weathers to everybody — and a durable protection that never fails till the garment is worn out.

worn out.

THE BEST is what the People buy the most of. That's Why Hood's Sarsaparilla has the largest sale Of All Medicines.

"There is no girl, however plain,

#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

'Tis Such a Little While.

Tis such a little while we walk together,
Along life's way.
Some weary feet that march beside us falter
Each passing day.
Dear friends that greet us in the morning
vanish
Ere it is noon,
And tender voices melt away in silence—
A broken tune.

A brief sweet time we journey on together
Through fields of green,
And then our voices break the silence never
That falls between.
No loving can reach them through the

distance—
No kindly deed—
We call to them in tender loving accent—
They take no heed.

We long to see the dear familiar faces.
But all in vain;
The footsteps that kept pace with ours so bravely
Come not again.
We catch the echo of a voice grown silent,
Faint and afar,
A dim white face gleams out among the shadows shadows Like some pale star.

'Tis such a little while for loving kindness Or cold disdain, To smooth the way for weary feet that fal-

ter,
Or chide and blame;
A little while, and it were unavailing
Kind words to say,
For those that walked yesterday beside us,
Have passed away.

Longfellow sold his early poems for a song, but he lived to receive \$4,000 or \$20 a line, for "The Hanging of the Crane," and when he died he was

worth \$350,000.

Girls, do You Sew'? Sewing is a most womanly art. A woman never is more feminine than when she has a needle and thread in her hand. It is the right of every little girl to be taught to sew neatly, even if it costs the mother some self-sacrifice. Very few women are wholly exempt from the needle. On the contrary almost every woman must take more o less care of her own wardrobe, even it she has no family responsibility. replace buttons, or mend. Some stitches must be taken, and how to sew neatly is an accomplishment quite as necessary, if not more so, to the happi ness of a majority of women than any other. If a little girl be taught early how to use her needle, sewing will soon

become a sort of second nature to her Home . Made Screens.

Inexpensive but very good-looking screens may be made from a clothes horse. If a fourfold screen is desired, double hinges. The frame may be painted with ordinary paints, enamel glue size to shrink it. The paper is then put over the cloth. Cartridge paper, either plain or figured, matting cretonne, denim, silk, art muslin, bolt ing cloth, leather, and Lincrusta Wal power to repair the injury. We need not hope that God will pardon us unless. The weave, is a suitable covering. The burlap, leather, or carved wood or metal may any of them be used in a dining room or hall. Bolting cloth in dainty frames, and embroidered or painted with an all-over tangle of leaves and flowers, is used to cover both window and fire-screens in rooms that are furnished in light colors. If in question, you are guilty of n of slander. By whom have the side towards the fire with zinc or tin. Cover the side towards the room with any material suited to its surroundings. The most beautiful fire screens to be had have brass frames holding a panel of stained or jewelled

Be Cooks First.

Kate Field, the clever writer, ad dressed some remarks not long ago to a girl graduate, which are especially timely at this season. To be sure they are to be taken with a grain of salt but they are none the less valuable and suggestive.

Dear graduates, cooking is the alphabet of your happiness. I do not hesitate to affirm that this republic, great as her necessities are in many directions, needs cooks more than all else The salvation of the national stomach depends upon them. We are a nation of dyspeptics because they eat the wrong foods, badly cooked, which they drown in ice water. They are dyspep-tics because our women don't know the rudiments of their business and resign their kitchens into the hands of incompetent servants, of whom they are afraid. Be cooks first and anything you please afterwards. On you

posterity waits.

A Sweet Expression. The beauty and value of a sweet expression is a treasure far surpassing regularity of feature or freshness of coloring, and is an addition to charms in that it bespeaks the sweetness of

"Half the beauty of a face lies in its expression. No face is really beautiful or attractive unless it has a pleasant, lovable expression. How many faces we see, perfect in outline, beautiful in every feature, and yet forgiving! lacking that most potent of all charms,

a sweet expression. I have seen many a pretty girl passed by for her plain sister — and why? Because the plainer face had more expression in it, was more at-

who may not enter the lists with he prettiest compeer if she tries to cultivate a pleasant and happy look. She will possess, then, an attraction which is doubly strong because felt rather than known. Beauty attracts all, than known. Beauty attracts all, but when we find a plain girl fascinating, the charm is far greater, because we cannot tell why she attracts us And this facial expression is a beauty which does not fade with years, but goes on increasing. And a kind, sweet expression is the outcome of a sweet life.

For the Book Borrower.

Speaking of borrowing books, says Bab, arent they cheap enough and isn't our civilization old enough for that sort of thing to cease. You or I love a book, we spend many happy or un-happy hours over it. Here a passage is marked by a pencil, there a speci-ally beautiful description is emphasized by some rose leaves between the pages and there, well, there where there was something that appealed to your heart or mind, a tear fell, and tears never fade. This book becomes a part of one's self. Some day Miss Rosalind Flighty appears and after the manner of her kind picks up this special book and asks you for it. You are kind-hearted and you don't know to refuse, and she has in her possession what is a part of your life, and the chances are ten to one that she pencils certain passages as "lovely," "too sweet for anything," and when the book comes home, if it ever does, it is so inoculated with the insipidity of the borrower that you catch it up with a pair of tongs and

A Threefold Offering.

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Mother of grace and mercy,
Behold how burdens three
Weigh down my weary spirit,
And drive me here—to thee.
Three gifts I place forever
Before thy shrine;
The threefold offering of my love,
Mary, to thine!

The Past: with all its memories Of pain, that sting me yet; Of sin, that brought repentance; Of joy, that brought regret, That which has been;—forever

So bitter sweet— I lay in humblest offering Before thy feet.

The Present: that dark shadow
Through which we toil to day;
The slow drops of the chalice
That must not pass away.
Mother! I dare not struggle,
Still less despair;
I place my Present in thy hands,
And leave it there.

The Future: holding all things
Which I can hope or fear,
Brings sin and pain, it may be,

Nearer and yet more near. Mother! this doubt and shrinking Unless I trust my tuture To thy dear Heart.

Making the Past my lesson,
Guilding the Present right,
Ruling the misty Future,—
Bless them and me to-night,
What may be, and what must be,
And what has been,
In thy dear care forever
I leave, my Queen!
—Adelaide A. Proctor.

Among the various measures for inreasing the number of independent occupations for women, the opening of horticultural schools for girls is obviously one of the most sensible and promising. Many of our agricultural colleges admit girls to their classes, but without very seriously attempting to turn out theoretically and practically-trained gardeners. In Germany, the first Gartenbauschule für Frauen was opened by Fraulein Dr. Castner least eighteen inches from the abdomen tution next fall, when one of the graduates will enter as teacher a similar school recently established at Riga, in On October 1 second institution of the kind in Germany will be opened on the estate of the Baroness van Varth-Harmating, near Plauen, in Saxony. The courses of study, extending over two or three years, include not only the most varied branches of gardening and horticulture, but also such scientific and commercial instruction as is needed for the successful pursuit of the business. Two students of the first-mentioned school have already established themselves on rented land and proved the profitableness of the occupation. It is also said that there is a demand for thoroughly trained female horticulturists as superintendents of the gardens on large estates. The fact that these new institutions are intended for gebildete Frauen und Madchen "is emphasized. In January last a society for the promotion of the support of women by means of fruit culture and

tary. -The Nation.

gardening was formed, of which Frau-lein Anna Blum of Spandau is secre-

Useless Forebodings. What a vast proportion of our lives most unfortunate. is spent in anxious and useless forbod-ings concerning the future—either our

own or that of our dear ones! Present joys, present blessings, slip by, and we miss half their sweet flavor, disposition which gives it birth. Hear and all for want of faith in Him Who what a well-known writer says of the provides for the tiniest insect in the sunbeam

trust in God that our children teach us

-we, who are so mutable,

and home.

so irritable, so unjust, and He Who is so watchful, so pitiful, so loving, so Why cannot we, slipping our hand into His each day, walk trustingly over that day's appointed path, thorny or flowery, crooked or straight, knowing that evening will bring us sleep, peace,

#### Best for Wash Day

For quick and easy work For cleanest, sweetest and whitest clothes Surprise is best

est for Every Day

For every use about the house Surprise works

UNDER OUR LADY'S CARE.

Manner.

The monks of Mt. Carmel are per haps the oldest religious order in the Church, as they are said to have been founded by Elias the prophet, and to have embraced Christianity under the apostles, devotion to the Blessed Virgin being one of their chief rules. It was to St. Simon Stock, an English member of the order, that Our Blessed Lady revealed her desire for the institution of the Scapular in 1251, appearing to him in a vision holding the scapular in her hand. "My beloved," she said, "receive this scapular as the livery of my confraternity. It is a privilege granted to you and to all Carmelites: it shall be a mark of predestination, a safeguard in danger, a pledge of peace and of eternal alliance. Whoever shall be so happy as to die wearing this garment shall not suffer the eternal flames of hell." Since St. Simon preached its adoption many Popes have especially favored the devotion, and many miracles testify to the power of Our Lady's protection against evil spirits in the hour of death. None. however, could be more wonderful nor more merciful than the incident which

What we are about to relate was told to Manly Tello, Esq., some few years ago by Rev. Edward J. Conway, now pastor of St. Mary's, at Painesville, O. In 1872 the Youngstown and Pittsburg railroad was being constructed from Ashtabula, O., to Ashtabula Harbor. Engaged in the construction of this stretch of road, was one Finnell about fifty-six years of age. He had been quite well-to do somewhere in the neighborhood of Pittsburg, but became reduced in circumstances owing generous indorsations he had extended to friends. In those more prosperous days he had held a higher position on

When Finnell first came as superintendent, he at once introduced himself and a nephew to Father Conway, then pastor at Ashtabula, informing him their respects to the priest, and to subordinate themselves as new members of

One Saturday, about noon, in June (or possibly July), Finnell's nephew came rushing in hot haste to Father Conway. Finnell had seen a man fall off the construction train, had rushed back to aid—taking the parallel track of the Lake Shore R. R., had been run

down by train; was dying.

The distance to be covered was a good half mile, and Father Conway and his companion made it in their best time. Arrived at the place of the accident the priest found from thirty to orty men standing around-what shall we say? the remains of poor Finnell on the track. He had been cut in two by the cars. The trunk of the body lay at

and lower limbs. Father Conway turned to the nep-new: "The sacraments are for the iving, not for the dead. I can do nothing here." Then after mental prayer for the deceased and some words of commiseration, the priest prepared to go, when a by-stander re-marked that the doctor was coming, and Father Conway, through an imand Father Conway, through an impulse of curiosity, waited as a locomotive came thundering along, bearing Dr. William Ames, a leading practitioner of Ashtabula. (The doctor s since dead; the present Dr. Ames

f that city is his son.) The doctor and the priest had often net at sick calls. Dr. Ames saluted Father Conway ; picked up one of the organs of poor Finnell, from where it lay detached on the ground, then tooped over, placed his hand upon Finnell's breast, and removing from it a Scapular of Mt. Carmel, held it up, saying: 'Father Conway, what's this?' The priest cared to make no further explanation under the circum-stances than it was a Catholic article of devotion. And then Dr. Ames, kneeling, placed his ear over Finnell's

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heart, looked up quickly and said: Why, Father Conway, the heart is

beating!" "Impossible, doctor," was Father Conway's instant reply. "That man has been cut into halves for three-

quarters of an hour. The doctor bent and again applied his ears: "Father Conway, the heart is beating." "Impossible, doctor," was again the involuntary reply of the lips of the convert himself—Signor Zola had a serious fall last year, and as a result one of the bones of his leg was late, for the leg was so swollen that

Dr. Ames, who was a man of great that as Catholics they had come to pay | dignity and force of character, (though unhappily an infidel), resented the remark and answered with some asperity:

"I'll count the beats for you, sir. One, two, three, four, five-"
"Enough,dcctor," said Father Conway, hastily. "I'll anoint that man." Instantly all heads were uncovered

as Father Conway donned his stole and proceeded to absolve and anoint the dying Finnell.

The heart that was true to Mary had never ceased to beat until that was consummated which every faithful Catholic prays for-the priest and the Sacra ments at the last moment of life. - Cathlic Columbian.

Vacation Time

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The healthy glow disappearing from the cheek and moaning and restlessness at night are sure symptoms of worms in children words were used in relation to DR.

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The healthy glow disappearing from the cheek and moaning and restlessness at night are sure symptoms of worms in children.

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How He Was Converted.

A writer in La Vera Roma tells a remarkable story in connection with the conversion of the ex-Mason, Solutore Zola. According to this accountwhich the writer states he received from the lips of the convert himself-Signor

late, for the leg was so swollen that they could not reduce the fracture. The pain was excruciating, and the swelling remained. On last Christmas Eve, Zola dreamt that, in spite of his suffering, he had gone in a carriage with sight seers—friends of his—to visit a shrine
of the Madonna. As they looked idly
about, a majestic woman, holding a
Child in her arms, and wearing a blue mantle, appeared to Him and said : ' You came once before to see me, but you did not pray to me; you even laughed. Have you nothing to ask me to-day? You are suffering from your leg; throw away your crutches and walk." He made the attempt and walked without difficulty; and, wishing to thank the Lady, he uttered the

only pious words he could re-member: "Dominus vobiscum!" Vacation Time

Is at hand and is gladly welcomed by all, especially those whose duties in life have caused them to greatly run down their system to meet the requirements, physical and mental, forced upon them. With these and others, it is important, whether at home, at the sea shore or in the country, that some thought be given to diet, and as further assistance to Nature, a good building up medicine like Hood's Sarsaparılla had best be resorted to. It the digestion is poor, liver deranged and frequent headaches seem to be the rule, Hood's will change all this and business in a refreshed state of mind and business of the restriction of the restriction of the strange words he uttered in his sleep, and Signor Zola told her of his dream. While he was speaking, he felt a strange tingling in the injured member, and on examination every trace of the accident had vanished. He stood up and experienced no pain; then falling on his knees, he wept and private to the strange words he uttered in his sleep, and Signor Zola told her of his dream. While he was speaking, he felt a strange tingling in the injured member, and on examination every trace of the accident had vanished. He stood up and experienced no pain; then falling on his knees, he wept and prayed. The writer declares that this incident is attested by the physicians, the neighbors and intimate friends of This was his dream, but a re-

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