

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON. Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost.

LOVE FOR OTHERS.

The Gospel of to-day, my dear brethren, tells us the familiar story of the good Samaritan. The special lesson which our Lord wished to teach us by this would seem to be plain enough; that true charity is universal, considers every one as its neighbor, and is ready to do good to all, even though it cost a good deal of personal sacrifice.

This is a lesson which we learn with difficulty and easily forget. The priest is obliged, indeed, to keep studying it all the time, for every one is coming to him with his trials and troubles, and cut off as he is by his profession from the natural ties of family, he has to consider all as his brethren and to try to treat them as such.

But here something happens which is a little strange. If an appeal is made for the orphans, or for some foreign mission, or for the sufferers by some calamity, a long way off, these seem to step to the front as neighbors without much difficulty, and we cannot complain that they do not get a reasonable share, especially when we consider that plenty of people outside the parish are helping to the same end.

Now, some people, indeed I fear we must say most people, do not seem to get hold of this idea at all. On the contrary, they appear to have an idea of their own which is truly an absurd one, and which would be even ridiculous were not the subject one of such gravity and importance.

My dear brethren in Christ, when will you wake up to the truth that there are few priests indeed that are millionaires, or even thousands, or that want to be, except for their work's sake? But even if the priest were a millionaire, he would not be obliged to put all his money into the Church work unless it had come from the people.

We beg of you, then, for God's sake and for your own sake, to put your shoulders to the wheel. For your own soul's sake, don't go before the judgment seat of God with a beggarly account of pennies spent for Him and dollars by the ten and hundred on yourselves.

SOCIALIST BAITS FOR CATHOLICS.

AN IMPORTANT AND MISLEADING PHASE OF THE SOCIALIST PROPAGANDA.

A phase of the Socialistic propaganda deserving the special attention of Catholics is the extraordinary effort being made just now to eliminate all reference to the essentially anti-religious character of Socialism, and to insist that it is purely an economic and political movement. The reason of the effort is not far to seek. A recent Socialistic visitor to our rooms "extends a warm, sincere, glad hand of welcome to every Catholic whose heart is burdened with the woes of mankind, and who is studying to find the way out of the wilderness of economic misery for all our race."

One should not need to remind them that it is quite impossible to agree in

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the diagnosis of the ills affecting the commonwealth to-day, whilst differing as pole from pole in prescribing the remedies judged most likely to work their cures. When, for instance, a well-known and able Catholic priest of the Middle West proclaims "that Socialism is powerful because it voices what every toiler feels, because it recognizes the need of reform and claims to possess the remedy for social ills;" when he further eloquently pictures the economic burdens of our time and the black injustice of many phases of the life of the struggling poor when he accounts the efforts of philanthropists or of partisan politicians to remedy these evils as a disappointment and failure, he does not, therefore and at once, align himself with the Socialists to spread their doctrines as the one saving antidote to the poison that is destroying the peace and well-being God would have flourish in our social economy.

Whilst agreeing with the Socialist in the recital of facts, portraying the need of radical reform in social conditions among us, he has started a men's class to see "what there is good in Socialism, which of his recommendations are tenets can be accepted and adopted by loyal Catholics." He does not "speak out for Socialism." Rather does he adopt the historic attitude of the Church of which he is a minister. That Church ever insists that her children be not blind in their service. She does not ask her followers to accept her teachings in those matters that are clearly within the scope of rational inquiry simply and solely because she has pronounced this or that to be the truth.

As to her stand in reference to Socialism, no one can be in doubt. Whilst her teachings are clear in their acknowledgment of economic conditions entirely out of accord with the best development of humanity, yet will she have sought to do with the Socialism ordinarily advocated to-day, as a proper stem according to whose principles social reform is to be achieved. For Socialism, besides being an economic and political movement, is also a philosophical system, a new evolutionary philosophy, a new interpretation of history and of the entire world process. The civilized world to-day knows this, the Socialists themselves proclaim it most ostentatiously. As a philosophical system, moreover, Socialism is essentially materialistic, and, therefore, atheistic, opposed to all positive religion and hostile to Christianity. This is an equally incontestable fact admitted among the fundamental tenets and the consequences of Marxian philosophy by prominent Socialist authors themselves.

Who, then, of Catholic training, can allow himself to affirm that Socialism is not concerned with religion, is not the clamor of the Socialist propaganda proclaiming the system to be primarily an economic and political movement?

EVER ANCIENT, EVER NEW.

As Christ, so His Church. It is ever the same in its spirit. Its outward form may change, as it has from the time when the twelve apostles went forth to convert the world, till the present time when the Church has its hundreds of thousands of bishops and priests in all parts of the world preaching the divine word. The cathedrals and churches everywhere stand in marked contrast to the almost absolute want of roofs to shelter the priests of God in the first ages, and yet the teaching and the spirit of the teachers are no different now from at any other time of the Church's history.

It is, as St. Paul taught, Christ and Him crucified, that the Church is teaching the world over to-day, for all that the Church does and says has Christ as the central figure and His life and death as the inspiration of its thoughts and the aim of its endeavors. There may be new things started and new ways employed in the non-essentials of religion, but as regards the essentials, the Holy Sacrifice and the sacraments, the doctrines taught are ever the same.

It could not be otherwise, for they were instituted by our Lord Himself Who founded the Church and must be, like Him, unchangeable. They suit every age, and every condition of life; they were begun with the time of Christ and are to last till the end of time; they are old and new at once — old in their origin and new in their application to present conditions and circumstances. The material nature around us does not change. The sun shines as brightly to-day as the first day it was placed by God in the firmament of the stars and the moon as the stars and all creation around us. The same must be the rule with regard to the things founded by God in the spiritual order — they have inherent in them permanence and continuity and will remain to be the last things of time and the first of eternity.

True religion is divine. It comes from God and tends to Him. He is its

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author and its life. Man is only its object. It is to act upon his intellect, his affections and his will, and it has power within to induce him, if he but yield to its gentle influences, to turn his mind to his Maker and to serve Him with all the faculties of his being. God, Who made our immortal souls, speaks to us always, but in diverse and manifold ways. In the old days He spoke by the mouth of Moses and the prophets, but in the new He spoke to us by the voice of Christ His Son during the time of His earthly mission, and He addresses us ever since through the voice of holy Church speaking in His name. Men essentially are the same in every age, it is whether it is Christ Himself they are hearing or His Church, the lessons are always the same. These lessons we would never know unless God taught them to us. We would never have the gift of faith unless God gave it to us of Himself through others, sent by Him, for faith, as the apostle says, "cometh by hearing." There is in man's nature the inclination to look up to and to listen to somebody above him, and this being is his Maker and that Maker we call God, infinitely powerful and infinitely good God has made man so and for his part He speaks to man to guide him in the way of truth and righteousness. Millions and billions heard that divine Voice since it first spoke; many heeded it in fullness, more corresponded to its teachings in greater or less degree, some, and not a few, turned a deaf ear to it. It was the wise and good that built up this world, established its laws and founded its prosperity. Wherever the Christian religion has flourished civilization and progress have flourished with it. May we not say that it was God Who did all these things, for the wise and good could not do them of themselves; it was His grace that inspired and emboldened them, even though it was through their instrumentality that the results were attained.

Sometimes men, led away in the pride of their intellect, have lost sight of God in thinking of and admiring themselves and have tried to destroy religion or establish new creeds and new religions; but vain, and forever must be vain, all such efforts. Man cannot destroy religion; it is contrary to the nature of things. Now is it for a man to make a religion, but for God to make one for him. God has been faithful to man in this regard from the days of Adam, and will be faithful to the end. There were the sacrifices of Abel, of Abraham and Melchisedech under the old dispensation: There was the sacrifice of Christ under the new, which is renewed and will be renewed mystically till the end of time. Like all God's works certain things are final; His merits are infinite and inexhaustible and it needs but the priest whom He has called chiefly for this and by whose hands He may offer Himself to be a propitiation to the justice of God and as impetration to His mercy to the end of time. As with the sacrifice, so with the sacraments which Christ left His Church. They are so many infinite blessings to those craving them, and so many of them. Let man remember, then, that God alone can aid and comfort him. Altruism and humanitarianism have failed and must ever fail; they are man's creation and have no lasting life in them. It is only divine love and charity that can last, because God always lives. He lives in His Church, and lives again in the faith and virtues of His children. God would bless all men in mind and in heart, in body and in soul, but bless them through His Church and through the faithful children of the Church, "the City of God" — "ever ancient, ever new." — Bishop Colton in Buffalo Catholic Union and Times.

Here is a dogma or creed, after pledging itself to have none. "Its workings will be simple, but its field of action limitless." Here is another dogma. "Prevention will be its watchword." There is another creed or symbol of attitude and purpose, though it does not tell us what it is going to prevent. It will "have a skilled surgeon as one of its members." This is a wise provision, for intellectual appendicitis requires skill. But these should be more than one, if he is not to be worked to death. "There will be no personification of natural objects." This will be hard on poets and orators. It will even prevent Dr. Eliot from being personified, for he is a natural object, quite natural; yet it is very convenient to refer to him as "he," rather than "it."

The Cardinal Andrieu and the Episcopacy. Three more Bishops — there are now forty — have just declared their adherence to Cardinal Andrieu, those of Carcassonne, of Nevers and of Langres. The new Bishop of Marseilles, Mgr. Fabre, has given to his adhesion a particularly solemn form. On the very day of his consecration, at which Cardinal Andrieu assisted, he said, responding to an address of the Archbishop of Bordeaux: "In mounting the throne of the Primates of Aquitaine, you denounced in connection with despotism certain laws; you have declared that they placed no obligation on one's conscience; that one had not only the right, but the duty, to disobey them, that one ought to make them null and void. These declarations have spread far and wide. To-day the government is seeking you; to-morrow she will condemn you. 'Of little import to you are threats and punishments. You vanquish them

THE "NEW RELIGION."

Dr. Eliot's recent outgiving about something he calls the "new religion" is in consonance with the utterances of certain agnostic professors, as reported by Mr. Bolce. They all look towards the same objective — secession from Christianity.

In this new religion, says the ex-president of Harvard University, "there will be no supernatural element; it will place no reliance on anything but the laws of nature."

As God is only supernatural, this proposed new religion is atheism or pantheism. There is no alternative; it is no God or All-God. Against both these errors Christianity stands like a wall of adamant. By Christianity we mean the Catholic Church.

This new religion "will not be bound by dogma or creed," says the ex-president.

Then it has a creed, if the doctor is its mouthpiece; its creed is that it shall not be bound by any creed, it will be found hard to build a new religion or any kind of religion on negations.

The doctor's program is limited almost exclusively to telling us what the new religion will not do, or be. It would be more enlightening if it told us what it is to be and what it is going to do. It is like a man that give in its long list of foods only list of those that are not to be served. The hungry diner would prefer mention of something that he could get.

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