FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

TRINITY SUNDAY

My dear Christians, the honor and My dear Christians, the honor and dignity received in Baptism exceed all worldly honors, because in Baptism we are made children of God and heirs to the heavenly kingdom. To-day on the feast of the Holy Trinity, we are especially reminded of the graces received when, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we were made Christians, and I wish to have you consider with me the great honor of becoming children of God, through Baptism.

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There are few persons in this world who do not relish honor and praise. This one may be proud of the distinction bestowed by descent from an old and honorable ancestry; another one glories in the attention given to his skill, wealth, or accomplishments; others again strive for high positions and are only happy when they can command the homage of their fellowmen. But, after all, what are these honors of the world? Alas, they are valueless, deceptive and fleeting; fickle like the men who bestow them. They seldom last long in life, and death ends them all. Contrast with these the honor of being a child of God. Can there be a greater honor conferred upon a creature than to be loved by its Creator? God says to each of us: "This is my beloved child." And in beautiful words St. Paul tells us: "You are all the children of God, by faith in Jesus Christ. For as many of you have been baptized in Christ, have put on Christ." (Gal. iii, 26, 27.) It was different in the Old Testament when Baptism had not been instituted. Much as the Israelites loved the Lord they dared not call Him: "King of Kings, Creator of heaven and earth," but they were not given the privilege of addressing Him as "Father." God permitted them to call Him: "King of Kings, Creator of heaven and earth," but they were not given the privilege of addressing Him as "Father." Although the Jews boasted that they were children of heaven and earth, but they were not given the privilege of addressing Him as "Father." Although the Jews boasted that they were children of Abraham, they did not dare to call themselves children of God. This exquisite title was reserved for the Christians, who were bidden by the Lord to pray: "Our Father who art in heaven." If not expressly commanded to do so by Our Lord, it would hardly be credible that man could aspire to such honor. through Baptism.

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making known the weakness of human nature. It would be impossible to overcome it, if it were not that the Catholic Church can point to a (divine sanction of the Sacrament which, though it at first seems to impose upon us a sore trial, in its soothing effect upon a sin-ladened soul proves to be a priceless boon. For non-Catholics, who have never entered a confessional under the weight of sin and came out of it with.

never entered a confessional under the weight of sin, and came out of it with a sense of the heavy burden being lifted, it is impossible to understand the transformation that has taken place in the penitent, who has heard the absolution spoken assuring him he is once more at peace with his Maker.

Witnessing the outward evidence of this transformation, as shown forth in the conduct of the penitent, a Protestant minister has hit upon the idea that it would be a good thing to introduce into Protestant oburches the practice of confession. The minister in question is the Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, Pastor of the Central Congregation Church of Topeka, Kan. He is of the opinion that in every Protestant church there should be a confessional where the members of the congregation could pour

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CARDINAL GIBBONS' RULES OF LIFE

His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons, has answered the old, old question of how to live long and happily by quoting from his own code of life. The celebration, recently of the Golden Jubilee of His Eminence's ordination to the priesthood and the Silver Jubilee of his elevation to the cardinalate give an added interest to the expression of his views on life. The simple will as which will be supported to the cardinalate give and added interest to the expression of his views on life. The simple will as which we have the cardinalate give and added in the cardinalate gives and the simple will be supported to the cardinalate gives and the cardinalate gives and the cardinalate gives and the cardinalate gives and the cardinalate gives a support of the cardinalate gives and the cardinalate gives an added in the cardinalate gives an added in the cardinalate gives an added in the cardinalate gives a support of the cardinalate gives an added in the cardinalate gives and the cardinalate gives an added in the cardinalate gives an views on life. The simple rules which he has followed have enabled him to he has followed have enabled him to arrive at his seventy and seventh milestone after a lifetime spent in hard and continued mental and physical labors. "To one meeting him for the first time," says M. E. Clemens in the New York World, "it is difficult to believe that the kindly-faced gentleman who bears himself with such an elasticity of carriage is a man very nearly eighty years old." In reply to an inquiry as to the secret of his wonderfully preserved vigor, His Eminence said, with a gentle smile: "There is nothing wonderful about it.

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Try to preserve an equal and tranquil disposition. By so doing one is enabled to overcome those hindrances in well doing which frequently arise from a turbulent mental cendition. Avoid anger and meet the many vicissitudes of life calmly. Nothing conduces so much to wear and tear of the human body as worry. Worry is generally recognized as a deterrent in those things which lead to mental and physical progress."

The truth of this is exemplified in His Eminence's own life. He is optimistic. He does not worry. He is calm and collected always. Few have his even poise of will and ability to meet and overcome difficulties and annoyances.

Never becoming ruffled mentally, he always is able to decide serious matters and to face a contingency philosophically.

"Another important thing to remem-

tresh air and his almost unbroken regularity of meals.

The Cardinal's mind is always active. He keeps informed on all the important topics of the day.

"Keep occupied," he continued. "A man or woman without occupation is but a derelict in the path of those whose lives are engrossed by the necessary effort to benefit themselves or those in whom they are interested, and nothing tends more to longevity than activity.

"Work is essential to good health. Iron is more wasted by rust than by wear. Activity should be a marked part of every one's nature, and in varied activity will be found the best means of usefulness and success.

"Always make provision for a sufficient amount of repose and sleep. Late hours to bed and laggard habits in the morning are the causes of many failures in the attainment of a vigorous old age. Eight hours of sleep are an important factor in the repair of nervous expenditure, and those who begrudge one-third of the twenty-four hours to quiet and restful repose are very aptto avail themselves of time intended for work in order to replete, wasted energy."

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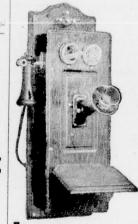
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