

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS FOR EARLY MASSES

By the Paullist Fathers. Preached in their Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Fifty-third Street and Ninth Avenue, New York.

One would think, my dear friends, that the Apostle would hardly have needed to remind any one having common sense, or even a little experience, of such an obvious truth as this. Surely no one expects, when he plants some kind of seed, to have some other kind of crop come from it.

But when it comes to the soul, many Christians seem to think that everything regarding it may be shifted at their own will: that they may go and do as they please in their souls, and that, later on, whenever they may desire, all this work which has been done in a moment, and those souls which have been sown and reaped, can be put right back where they were as they came from the baptismal font, or even set on a perfect level with those in which the seed of every virtue has been implanted and carefully nurtured from childhood.

Ab, my dear brethren, this is a great and a terrible mistake. Hear the words in which St. Paul continues: "He that soweth in his flesh, of the flesh also shall reap corruption."

All this is specially true, as the words of the Apostle teach us, of the sins of the flesh, such as drunkenness and impurity. The body will hang on to sin after the soul has given it up, and will drag the soul again down with it.

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ANOTHER NUT FOR SIR G. ERRINGTON!

United Ireland, August 22. We are fortunate enough to be able to-day to make another irrefutable contribution to the secret history of the Errington Embassy. We have already compelled Sir George to exhibit himself to the public gaze of the world chuckling confidentially with Lord Granville over his plans for ensnaring and deriding the Vatican. We last week gave evidence directly identifying him with the authorship of the mendacious quibbles of the Daily News. This time we will be able to show, again out of his own mouth, that his mendaciousness with respect to the Dublin Archbishop was not an isolated thing, but was portion of a deep laid conspiracy carried on for at least twelve months previously at Rome with the view of packing the Irish Episcopacy with the nominees of the English Government. By one of those mysterious dispensations which baffle the most cunning schemes for concealing deeds which shun the light, the following telegram has come under our cognizance:

From Errington, 18 Albany, N. Y. To Dean Neville, Booterstown, Near Dublin. I heard this morning from Rome. Your news is, I fear, too true.

This mystic message at first greatly puzzled me. The telegram was handed in at the Burlington House office, which is the nearest to Mr. Errington's chambers in the Albany, London. It bore the stamp of the Kingstown delivering office, with the date "June 10, '24"—twelve months before the Dublin Archbishopric came up for decision. What could it mean? We turned to the newspaper files of that date, and at once obtained the key to the middle. In United Ireland of June 14, '24, which was published on June 13, and the news in which was of the date of the very day after the above telegram was delivered at Booterstown, we found the following paragraph:

"It is authoritatively stated that Rev. Dr. O'Callaghan has been selected by the Pope to fill the important post of Coadjutor Bishop to the Most Rev. Dr. Delany, of Cork. The choice practically lay between Dr. O'Callaghan and Dean Neville. The selection of Dr. O'Callaghan must be regarded as a token that the Errington policy is not in the ascendant at the Vatican just now."

The announcement and the date shed a flood of white light upon the telegram. It is beyond all question an intimation from Mr. Errington to Dean Neville that it is all over with his pretensions to the Bishopric of Cork. Deeply as we deplore the baleful influence of the peculiar school of Irish ecclesiastical which Dean Neville is the headpiece, we refuse to believe that so eminent a churchman and able a man as Dean Neville undoubtedly is could have stooped to invoke Mr. Errington's good offices in one of the most delicate esoteric concerns of religion.

We shall gladly receive any explanation he may desire, in his own vindication, to offer Mr. Errington's impertinent despatch and offensive condescension. It is just to Dean Neville, and more like Mr. Errington's handy-andy diplomacy to assume that he thrust his uncollected services upon Dean Neville, as he did upon the Vatican, less with the hope of changing the counsels of the Pope by his mendacious antics than of impressing Lord Granville with the idea that he was engaged in some notable intrigue for sopping the powers of the Church in the interest of England. From the almost infantine simplicity with which he has facilitated us in convicting him by his own letters and telegrams, it would not be too much to infer that he opened communications with Dean Neville simply for the purpose of giving some third party evidence that he enjoyed the confidence of a powerful section of Irish churchmen.

We will leave Dean Neville to square accounts with him for the injurious imputation unquestionably conveyed in this clumsy telegram that the dignitary who was, to the knowledge of all the world, the only one mentioned in the same breath with Dr. O'Callaghan for the Bishopric, was a party to an English layman's officious intrigue in his favour, and made this English layman the tribunal to which he applied for official information as to the decision of Rome. So long as Mr. Errington's communications remained secret, Dean Neville might have been amused at his impudence and self-importance; but now that it has become necessary once and for ever to unmask the man who has been for eighteen months endeavoring, by means of the signed ring of England, to bring enmity between Rome and Ireland, it is no longer possible to pass by the telegram from the Albany in silence. Upon whatever real footing he stood with Dean Neville, it is certain that to Lord Granville (whom he, of course, acquainted with the Neville correspondence) he represented that he was the confidant of the whole pro-English school of Irish Catholics. In the same manner he boasted to him of "the strong pressure at his command" in the Vatican. It is now perfectly certain also that—no matter in what ill-manner, or with what ludicrous ill-success—he intrigued against Dr. O'Callaghan's appointment as violently as against Dr. Walsh's twelve months afterwards. In the Cork case, as in the Dublin one, Dr. O'Callaghan was elected by a majority of the priests, endorsed by the laity of the province; while the nomination of Dean Neville was just as vehemently struggled for by the Catholic Whigs and anti-Nationalists, whose chiefs have since been contributing thrilling chapters to the annals of bankruptcy and fraud. We have the revelation now in black and white that all the while that Mr. Errington was prating softly at the Vatican about Indian and Maltese missions, he was really exercising whatever clandestine "pressure" the prestige of England could command systematically to impose O'Callaghan upon Ireland. Up to the present it is only he and the Gladstonian Government that are involved in the guilt of this transaction; and the signal discomfiture of their plots, in Dr. O'Callaghan's case, as in Dr. Walsh's, may lead the Pope to regard with mild amusement, rather than with indignation, their vulgar schemes to over-reach his Holiness. The revelation we make to-day, however, raises distinctly, on Mr. Errington's own allegations, the uncomfortable suspicion that the

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