

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

Rev. F. F. Hickery, O. S. B. TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ENEMIES OF THE CHURCH: THE DEVIL

The arch-enemy of the Church and of the souls of men, my dear brethren, is the devil. He is the instigator, whereby the world is full of wickedness and turns against God; he is the seducer of the human race, the cause of that fall, the result of which is the flesh lusteth against the spirit.

The greatest mistake in warfare is to undervalue, to hold your enemy too cheaply. To have any chance of escaping the wiles of the devil we must study and realize the depth of his malice, his craft, his powers, and how he even manages to make men do his work for him.

Why should the devil hate us, and seek to ruin our souls? Out of hatred and spite to Jesus Christ our Lord. The evil spirit was cast out of heaven for pride and disobedience; and it is another hell to him to see men restored to the favour of God, and his own former glorious position in heaven occupied by them.

and save? In very truth, are they not the friends and tools of the devil? No man likes to be made a tool of for another man's gain and end. The devil's taunts will not cease for all eternity, when once these dupes, these tools, have lost their own souls, and perhaps ruined their children.

We see, then, the enemy; the reason why he hates us with so much malice; his craft, his powers; the depth of degradation to which he drags us, making us his tools, making us ruin ourselves and the souls of those most dear to us.

Seeing all this, let us be on our guard and resist the evil one. "Resist the devil, and he will fly from you," says St. James (iv. 7). Prayer is the weapon. "Our help is in the Name of the Lord." (Ps. cxxiii. 8)

DRAWING DOWN VENGEANCE

The infidels of France have done their best for forty years to bring God's vengeance on their country; and they are persisting in that, right up to this moment. The legislation passed to make the war orphans wards of the State, and to exclude Christianity from their education was a direct slap at God's face.

HEAVEN WITHIN

By Lordman

Did you ever notice those heavy fog banks that cover land and sea during the days of April and May? When it snows and rains alternately, and it sometimes looks as though half the night still hung in midair at noon? We look up with a sigh and a longing for better days, and we wonder whether God Himself is hesitating or has forgotten about sending us another Spring.

What a pleasure and joy enlivens our very beings when things brighten up and a clear blue sky begins to smile at us. How the warm spring sun transfigures the hilltops and floods the valleys with light and cheer; our hearts beat faster and we feel as though new life were coursing through our veins.

CONSTANT PAIN AFTER EATING

The Tortures of Dyspepsia Corrected by "Fruit-a-lives"

St. MARTIN, N.B. "For two years, I suffered tortures from Severe Dyspepsia. I had constant pains after eating; pains down the sides and back; and horrible bitter stuff often came up in my mouth."

according to his wont before the war. As to the chair, perhaps it is as well not to investigate that charge. Doing so might lead a "drive" for chairs as a vital need of the boys.

But, to return to The Spectorator's question: "What are the fathers and, above all, the mothers, of those young girls doing, to allow their daughters to frequent the gathering places of soldiers and sailors?"

AN IRISH MOTHER'S HEART

There is beauty in her mountains and a charm in Erin's hills, A glory in her inland lakes, a music in her rills. But your inland lake and mountain rill, your charm can ne'er impart

AN OPEN SECRET

"My Muredach" is the pen-name of Monsignor Francis Clouston Kelley, the distinguished American prelate.

APPALLING IGNORANCE OF RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE

An Eastern college professor recently experimented with public school children by presenting to them a picture of Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper" for the purpose of finding out how familiar they were with the central figure and personality of Our Lord.

A VITAL QUESTION

At the beginning of the War, The Spectorator, London, wanted to know "What are the fathers and, above all, the mothers, doing?" This was in reference to the large number of young girls who frequented the streets of the city and other places where they would encounter men in uniform.

The boys in uniform deserve everything that can be done for them and that is good for them. It is not good for them to be the targets of empty-headed busybodies who want to "amuse" them every spare minute they have, nor does it help them to have young women following them up: some from the genuine, though misguided, desire to brighten their spare hours, others through sheer frivolity and yet others to run them down and entrap them in matrimonial snares, with a view to allotments, etc.

PILATE, THE PROTOTYPE OF DOUBTERS AND SCOFFERS

Rev. H. C. Hengell in Our Sunday Visitor

Nearly nineteen hundred years ago Jesus Christ, on trial before Pilate, solemnly proclaimed, "For this came I into the world: that I should give testimony to the truth" (John 18, 37) With a sneer Pilate asked, "What is truth?"

REAL SOURCES OF COURAGE

One of the leading British Generals, Sir Hubert Gough, writes: "As a soldier, I am convinced that no man can bear the terrific strain he is called to stand in war if he trusts entirely in his own will and strength. He must be able to feel that after he has done his best, made all his plans, made all arrangements, his result is in Higher and Greater Hands. That knowledge supports, men and leaves them calm and fearless."

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