

FIVE MINUTE-SERMON

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FORGETFULNESS OF GOD

"Dearly beloved, be ye humbled therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in the time of visitation..."

How great is the number of people who live as if no God ruled in heaven above them!

There are those, too, who have been taught that God exists, and told more about Him than His mere existence, yet they have been told wrongly or not instructed sufficiently.

We should all bring home to ourselves the undeniable truth that we need God's help. We need it in order to act physically and to act morally.

We are particularly interested in her comment on the Knights of Columbus' efforts for the revision of history text-books in our schools.

To have our acts morally good, as well as physically successful, we need God's help. And what right-thinking man is not anxious that all the good possible should come to him from the actions he performs!

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The other eminent Britisher, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, comes as an exponent of spiritualism and the prophet of a movement which he gravely assures us, will be the dominant force in the religious world within five years.

THE SEAT OF HIS LOVE

During the month of June we are bidden by Holy Mother Church to kneel with adoring faith before the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, which is not only the symbol and emblem of His love, but also its source and seat.

From the earliest times the Heart of Our Divine Saviour was the object of loving regard, especially in the Blessed Sacrament. But in the ages when the faith of many grew cold as a result of the arctic blasts of the Reformation and the chilling breath of that most diabolical of all heresies, Jansenism, Our Lord revealed His Heart in all its consuming love to the humble Visitation nun of Paray-le-Monial, Margaret Mary Alacoque, who was enrolled amongst the saints of the Church.

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years of age, all the ladies about twenty-five. And there will be marriages as well, but with none of the uncertainty that now marks that venture, for then every one will mate with his or her true affinity, and, probably best of all, there will be no bearing of children.

The question suggests itself, why Americans not merely endure this sort of humbug, but are actually willing to pay for it. Scarcely any other people would tolerate a constant and unending nagging and superiority down their throats; certainly none other would pay for the performance.

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of individual and social morality has made the need doubly evident. Add to this fact the growing conviction that a purely secular education is faulty because it does not educate the whole man.

The Church cannot regard as satisfactory any system of education in which religion is not the foundation of the whole curriculum. Her first duty is to train her children in the knowledge and practices of the Faith.

WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE

Extension of the suffrage and more general participation in public affairs bring to Catholic women enlarged opportunity and increased responsibility.

In no way can they use their opportunity and show their appreciation of responsibility in greater service to their country than by consistent endeavor to maintain the standards of Catholic womanhood in manners as well as in morality.

It is deplorable, but none the less true, that coarseness of expression and vulgarity in similitude appear to be affected with deliberation by certain women of prominence as an evidence of intellectual freedom.

There is a closer relationship between morals and manners than is generally conceded. In fact, while departure from good taste may not invariably connote moral disease it may be regarded as a premonitory symptom of such disease.

Catholic women have done and are doing much by example to restore modesty in dress. They can perform another service by setting an example of refinement in speech. They need not become precieuses in their public and private utterances in order to set such example.

is sacred to exercise especial care in their walk and conversation.

The influence that women can wield in national life under the new conditions is incalculable. Yet so surely as the standards of womanliness are lowered in speech as well as in actions, in manners as well as in morals, in good taste as well as in ethics, that influence will sensibly diminish.

HOLY FATHER TO BLESS STATUE

Loretto, June 8.—The restorations in the Holy House of Loretto are now practically completed. The statue of the Blessed Virgin, which is to take the place of the one which was recently destroyed by fire, is being carved of the same kind of wood and as far as possible is to resemble the original.

The renovated statue will be the centre of an elaborate and notable international ceremonial. Devotion to the Blessed Virgin has ever characterized the Italian people. The many graces and favors obtained at the famous shrine of Loretto have made the statue especially dear to the hearts of the people.

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