

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

"A little while and now you shall see me," (John xvi. 16.)

In the Gospel that we read to-day our Lord foretold to the Apostles His approaching death, and their hearts were filled with sorrow at the thought of soon losing Him.

The life of man is short, and as the Psalmist says, passes away like a breath. When we look forward to the future and make plans in our imagination, life seems long, but year follows year in rapid succession, and soon the man who looked forward to a long future has to look back upon an unexpired past.

No employee is allowed to use liquor in any form when on duty, and no employee will be allowed to work when there is any indication that he has used liquor in any form before coming to work, and the smell of liquor about him will be sufficient.

This is not an isolated case. It is a policy in force on all the lines that enter Chicago, and that enter other cities, for that matter.

The breezy agent, drummer, engineer, clerk, and so on, who needs stimulants to smile and to work and to think, are soon numbered among "the missing and the dead" in the battle for business success.

The most popular society ought to be the total abstinence one. It may not assess for weekly benefits, but it will safeguard position and health, and assure dividends in respectability and happiness.—Catholic University.

AN EXPERT OPINION Dr. Evans, who is paid \$10,000 a year to write a daily health article for the Chicago Tribune, must be a man of considerable knowledge and experience.

When a young life starts out from the shelter of home to fight the battles that must be fought and brave the dangers that must be faced, one of the most priceless possessions, one of the greatest safeguards, or she can have is that of total abstinence from all alcoholic liquor.

Life is short, and it would be the height of folly to cling to it. Of course we may enjoy the good things and pleasures of this world, for God gives them to us in His incomprehensible kindness, but it behooves a Christian to act, as St. Paul says, as if he did not delight in it.

MOTHER

MOTHERS' DAY, MAY 14

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therefore let us live mindful of eternity. Let us lift up our hearts above what is earthly and temporal; and as time swiftly passes, let us pray to Him, who never changes, to give us grace to keep from sin and to make us persevere in what is right.

TEMPERANCE

DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR DRINK

Intoxicating drink disqualifies. From what? From almost everything that requires reason, talent and effort. Men who pay for labor or for effort recognize the disqualification of drink almost as clearly as they recognize the disqualification of bad health.

Public service corporations realize the drawbacks of drink and legislate against the users. A railroad in Chicago lately posted the following notice:

Who can ever depict the tragedies that are daily enacted in the hearts of American mothers, the untold tortures they endure from the neglect of their children?

When we are in the presence of a man who is his master—a man who would call any bluff he could make. Villa followed Kelly down the lobby and handed him the pistols.

When Kelly cowed Villa, he had it in for another revolutionary conspirator named Garibaldi, who was about to receive some preference in the military line.

Garibaldi, slender, pleasant-faced, entered the hotel. But he was not alone. With him were several United States army officers and four secret service agents.

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count. It is the things that he learned at his mother's knee, the principles that she instilled into him in his very cradle, the tastes and habits that she formed, the strength and courage that she breathed into him.

When we were tossing on beds of deadly fever and foie cared to come near us, who held the cooling cup to our parched lips? Who bent over us day and night and, with almost superhuman strength, snatched the darts from the hands of death?

Many mothers in the poor working classes freely sacrifice all that people hold dearest in the world for their children's sake.

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let me ever catch you on this side of the river again. You know what I mean. Now go, and go fast!"

FILIAL RESPECT

Parental love and filial affection are natural to man. They are deeply planted by the God of nature in the human heart. No other love is so strong as that which urges the parents to struggle and make sacrifices for their offspring; no affection so sacred as that which prompts the children to honor and revere those from whom they received the life they enjoy.

Some one has said that in the history of any man there is no more galling recollection than the reproach which memory frequently flings before him who has been wanting in duty to his parents.

In these days, however, an unnatural coldness has seized upon the hearts of many a son and daughter. One of the crying evils of the day is filial ingratitude and disrespect.

A man who knew not the blessings of Christianity, who viewed the family merely as a natural institution could speak thus beautifully of filial obligation. Yet how often in homes supernaturally elevated by the sacramental grace of matrimony and made as one with the home of Nazareth do we find the young forgetful even of the consideration which even the offspring of animals give to those to whom they owe existence?

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the ignorant, the lukewarm, the cold members of the Church are particularly those who are entirely indifferent to the Catholic press, who neither patronize nor read what is written and published for their defense, instruction and personal benefit.

As soon as we cease to pray, we hasten toward hell.—Bl. Cure d'Arz.

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