FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Easter Sunday.

THE TRIUMPH OF CHRIST.

This is the day which the Lord hath made: let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. cxvii. 24.)

things, my brethren, a day of joy.

days of cloud and tempest, so also is our joy keener and more intense when

it follows sorrows.

It is for this reason that the joy of

Easter is greater than that of Christ mas, or of any other season of the Christian year. For we have been

Christian year. For we have been passing through a time of sorrow. We

have beheld in Passion-tide our dearest Lord in suffering. We have beheld Him as the King of Martyrs, worthy

of the title, because his pains were so far in excess of anything that mere

man has ever suffered or could ever suffer. We have seen Him in His

agony in the garden, when the sins of the whole world and of all time were

presented to His vision and pressed

arraignment before impious and unjust

judges; His cruel condemnation and

finally led forth to die a malefactor's

chosen to be His special friends and disciples, and who had been His con-

stant companions in His public min-istry. They all forsook Him and fled,

leaving Him to die.

Then we have followed Him along

the sorrowful way of the cross: we have meditated deeply upon His three last hours of agony; we have almost

heard His deep, expiring groan as He rendered up His soul to the hands of

humiliation to which our Lord subject-

dead. He has risen glorious and tri-umphant, and in His glory and tri-

umph all mankind are sharers. For by His resurrection He has overcome

death and opened unto us the gates of everlasting life. He has triumphed over sin, which brought death into the

world, and which was the cause of His

life which He will give to His faithful

may be filled with the true spirit of

receive, that your joy may be full; and your joy no man shall take from

Pope Leo Gives Honor to Sisters of

The estimation in which the Vicar of

Christ holds the Sisters of the different

religious orders was shown at a recent

reception. Members of diplomatic

circles, military officers in full uni-

form, ladies and gentlemen from the four quarters of the globe, were in

attendance, all in the costume which Vatican etiquette requires. There

were also two Sisters of Charity whose

simple habit was in striking contrast

to the dress of the lay persons in at-

tendance. As soon as they were in

troduced the Holy Father cried out,

loud enough to be heard in all parts of the audience chamber: "My dear Sisters, welcome, welcome!" It was an incident to be forever remembered

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cause for rejoicing than this.

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brethren, that your hearts

"Ask and you shall

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death upon the cross.

His Father

Just as we love the sunshine more after

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Easter Bells of Feldkirch. Zealously and victoriously the armies of the great Napoleon were sweeping over Europe. No fort was strong enough to resist them; no number of men large enough to defend a city, at that time, when the French battered at its walls. On the frontiers of Austria was a little town called Feldkirch. It had

no more than three or four thousand people, mostly God-fearing men. The great Napoleon found Feldkirch in his way as he advanced, and gave an order to one of his generals to take it, just as a housewife would order a servant to kill a fowl for dinner. The general selected was Massena; and difference. one beautiful Easter morning, as the people arose to go to the first Mass of the Festival, they saw General Massena's forces, numbering eighteen thousand men, encamped on the heights above the town. The sun as it arose shone on long files of French muskets, a sad though glitter ing sight to the people, who had been thinking only of their Risen Lord.

heavily upon Him, filling His Sacred Heart with deepest grief. We have called to mind His betrayal by His trusted friend and disciple; His Naturally there was the greatest consternation. No one knew the best course to pursue, so a hurried meeting death. Despised and rejected by His own chosen people whom He had come to save, a robber and murderer preof the town council was held. One thing all were agreed upon-that it was useless to oppose the overwhelming numbers of the enemy. Then some one arose and suggested that a suitable person be sent to the French ferred before Him, we have beheld Him abandoned to the tortures of the heathen soldiers, scourged and spit upon, and crowned with thorns, and camp with a flag of truce and the keys of the town, asking for some degree of mercy, that at least the women, children, and old men might And worse than all is the thought that He was forsaken by those whom He held most dear, those whom He had be spared, and a general sack, the awful accompaniment of war, averted.

At this junction an old and revered priest arose, and all listened with close attention; for his counsels had always been loving and wise. "My children," he said, "this is Easter Day. Cannot God, who arose from the dead, protect us in our distress? Shall our first act in this calamity be to for-sake Him? We of ourselves can do nothing. What are we against that vast number awaiting the order to attack us? Let us go to church as usual, and trust to God for the rest."

Now, if we have thus learnt well the At those brave and earnest words lessons of Passion tide, the joy of Easter hope sprang anew in the breasts of the faithful, and the various sextons were will come to us in all its fullness. If we have pondered well the depth of ordered to ring all the bells of the town as joyfully as possible. Troops of people thronged the streets and ed Himself in His death upon the cross, we shall well realize the greatness of His triumph to-day. The joy that filled the hearts of the Apostles, of the holy women, and, above all, the Imentered the churches, and one would not have known, except for that menacing host upon the hill, that anything had interfered with the happiness of those who were rejoicing in the maculate Heart of our Blessed Lady when they knew that the Lord had Resurrection.

risen, will indeed, be ours to-day, and And so the joy bells rang and rang and rang; and the French, hearing them, took word to their general that we shall cry out in the words which the Church puts into our mouths: "This is the day which the Lord hath made: they were ringing because of the arrival of reinforcements; that the let us rejoice and be glad in it;" for "the Lord is my strength and my praise, and is become my salvation." place had been relieved in the night Therefore, to day the voice of praise and of salvation "is in the dwelling of by a large portion of the Austrian The general, believing this, the just throughout the world."

"For the right hand of the Lord hath wrought strength;" the right hand of the Lord—that is, His almighty power—has raised up Jesus from the dead. He has significant the lord of the Lord of

ordered his troops to retreat at once. Thus, while the bells of Feldkirch rang, the French army stole away; and the people fell upon their knees and gave thanks to God for their de-

Some Costly Blunders

Of all things, boys and girls, acquire the habit of carefulness. Be careful about neatness in dress and cleanliness of person. Be careful about trying to speak correctly. Be careful always to be kind and polite. Be careful in your daily duties, in your letter-writing, in your intercourse with others. If you try to practice this virtue while young you will never have the serious trouble will never have the serious troub cleanliness of person. Be careful about trying to speak correctly. Be careful always to be kind and polite. "Well, Jane, did you get a favor-able answer from Mr. Williams?"

Jane, a shorthand writer, had ap plied for a vacancy in the publishing house of Williams & Morton. A friend long holding an exceedingly important position in the establishment had informed her of the vacancy, and paved the way for her application, and had received almost a promise of the place for her.

The tears came into her pretty eyes at the question, for she had counted on

"No," she answered; "Mr. Wil liams writes me that I evidently am not suited for the position. I can't imagine what makes him think so; I have the best testimonials, some experience, and with such a friend as Mr. Jackson right on the spot to speak for me, and such encouragement as he gave me. I thought I was sure of it It's an awful disappointment.'

"Can you think of any reason for Mr. Williams' change of mind?" Mr. Jackson, going by on his way home, came in on the question. Jane turned to him for enlighten

"What do you suppose did it, Mr. Jackson? You know, of course, that Mr. Williams has refused the place to

"I'm sorry to have to say it, little Your letters of application made the trouble.

"My letter! Why, I'm sure it was very well written. "Yes, as far as penmanship was

concerned. By the way, how did you address it?" "Why, to Mr. Williams, of course."

"You have a copy of your application, I suppose?" "No ; I wrote out several forms, but tore them all up after I had sent the

best one.' "Do you remember precisely how

you addressed your letter?"
"No; I can't think of it just now. "No matter; I happen to have the letter with me. See-

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"Well, what's wrong?" "In the first place, the head of the firm is Mr. John T. Williams One of the partners, his brother, happens to bear the name of Thomas J. versed the initials and the letter went to the wrong man. In the second place, the establishment is at 7 and 8, instead of 5 and 6."

"But every one knows where Williams & Morton's is; the letter could not go wrong. And the younger Mr. Williams could see, the moment he opened the letter, that it was for his brother. I don't know how such very slight mistakes could make so much

"But by glancing at the directory you could have written the address cor-

rectly at once."
"I thought I remembered it; and I

couldn't see the directory without going to the apothecary's five blocks away."

"It would have been worth while."

"Of course," said Jane, the tears brimming over again. "I would have gone and looked it up, but I was almost certain I had it right—and then," falling back on hos first argument, "they ing back on her first argument, "they are so well known.

"If you were in their employment you would often have to write to people not so well known, where the mistake of an initial or a number might prove a serious matter. That was Mr. William's comment. Your letter, he said, revealed a lack of attention to detail, which he would not run any risks

The blunder cost Jane a good place, but, when finally after six months more of efforts to cure bad habits and persevering search for employment, she finally secured something, she soon proved to be the most attentive and painstaking of secretaries.

Not every applicant for work, however, is so fortunate as to learn just why an application fails which she has every reason to hope would be favorably considered.

Lack of attention to details, the feel-Lack of attention to details, the feeling that "it's almost right," or "it will do," has spoiled many a fair prospect.

An Incident of the Russian Famine.

One day in the past winter, when the than that?"

Combined with others of his trade to bring misery and starvation on the people. That is all."

Now, "said the inspector, addressing the baker, "let us see what you have to say, Jacob. Is it true that he said nothing and did nothing more

One day in the past winter, when the suffering of the Russian people from the famine had reached its height, a stranger of poverty-stricken appear-rnce, muffled up to the ears in a patched and threadbare cloak, entered a baker's shop in the streets of Moscow. It was already dark and the shop was crowded with customers. The stranger stood silent and motionless in a corner of the shop until his turn came to be served; then, stepping up to the keeper of the shop, he asked:

"What is the price of the bread,

master?"
"Three copecks and a half the

pound," was the reply. "So dear as that?" "That is cheap for times like

"But I have only three copecks in my pocket."
"Go and fetch the other half-copeck

and then you shall have your loaf. "Where am I to get it from, if I have not so much as a single cent at

home?' "Then you must go without the

bread.'

you hear what I say?"

You are very hard upon a poor

· Hard or not hard, that is the price of the bread. If it suits you, well and good; if not, you can go your way."
"For the sake of a few cents you would let a poor family die of hun-

"You have bothered me long enough with your nonsense. Be off about your business! I have no time to waste on you. Be off, I say!" As he uttered these words he raised his

arm with a menacing gesture.

The intruder did not exhibit the submission which generally characterizes the Russian peasant. Instead of withdrawing, he continued with unwonted pertinacity:

"Government has imported large supplies of corn, but you still keep up the prices-or, rather, you continually raise them. No one can deny that you are utterly without ordinary charity or kind feeling for the poor.

Take care what you say or else l will teach you to respect your betters. "I respect honest people, not those who grind the faces of the poor."

Will you begone?" me a loaf for my three copeks; that is a reasonable price, and you bakers have no right to charge as much as

"I advise you for your own sake to be off; I cannot stand this much

"And I repeat to you that I do not

"You do not mean to go!" roared the baker, in a rage. "Wait a bit; I will find a way of getting rid of you." So saying he took up a stout cudgel and brandished it over his head, while he shouted in an angry "If you do not take yourself off this moment I will beat you black

"Will you really? Not quite so ast!" And, seizing the stick, the stranger wrested it out of his hands. The baker cried loudly for help, and his man ran to his assistance.

a great uproar, with threats enforced

by not a few blows, they thrust the intruder out of the shop.

In the street a crowd had collected, attracted by the altercation and noise. Among them were two or three con-stables, who elbowed their way through the throng up to the shop door. When they saw what was going on they arrested the stranger and took him to the police station. The baker and some of his men followed to give evidence, and the usual escort of idlers and vagabonds was not wanting.

When the stranger was brought before the inspector to be interrogated the latter asked him, with a supercilious air, who had taught a low fellow like him to behave in this disorderly manner and make disturbances in

shops.
"Sir," replied the man, "I had no intention of making a disturbance. I went into the shop to buy a loaf."
"What is this dispute about, then?"

"The baker would not take three copecks for a loaf, but demanded three

and a half—"
"It was quite right," interrupted the baker angrily.

'You hold your tongue! Who gave you leave to speak?" said the inspector. Then, addressing himself again to the prisoner, he continued: "If you thought this man charged too much why did you not go elsewhere in-

stead of causing a disturbance?"
"What would be the use of going to other shops? The bakers are all leagued together to put this exhorbit-

ant price on bread."
"However that may be, you have made a disturbance and insulted that baker. You are guilty of a breach of the peace.

"But, sir, the disturbance was none of my causing, God knows. The man took a stick to beat me; I did nothing but take it from him, without so much as hurting a hair of his head." But you abused him-

"Aye, and soundly too!" muttered the baker under his breath. "I said nothing more than that he

was hard upon a poor man, and had combined with others of his trade to

"Sir," replied the baker, "do you consider it a slight insult to accuse me of bringing misery and starvation or

my fellow-countrymen? The inspector stroked his long mous-ache. "Certainly it is a grave affront," he said-adding to himself "one which you richly deserve."
Then turning to the prisoner he put to him the questions with which he ough to have commenced his interregatory

"What is your name? What is your trade? Do you know how to write? On the man replying in the affirmative the inspector bade him write down his name and his trade. The man

took a pen from the desk and wrote on the paper before him in a clear, bold hand: "The Grand Duke Sergius, Governor of Moscow." Then he handed the paper to the inspector. The consternation of the astonished official may easily be conjectured. He

sprang to his feet, went up to the Grand Duke and looked him full in his ace. Then he kissed his hands and begged pardon for having failed to

suppliant baker, "you will pay a heavy penalty — not for the personal offered to me (for you did not offense know who I was)-but for the wrong you have done to my poor by selling your bread at a price which may almost be called a prohibitive one for the laboring classes.

Then he gave orders that summary punishment should be inflicted on the offender according to Russian His commands were executed forthwith; the unhappy baker had a taste of the knout, which effectually cured him of any wish to grow rich at the expense of his suffering fellow-countrymen. It need hardly be said that the Grand Duke Sergius is extremely popular amongst the poor of Moscow.—

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