

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Beethoven: You will bear with a word of advice this morning concerning attendance at Mass for it is notorious that Mass is often culpably neglected during the summer months.

Yet Mass on Sunday is something we should set apart as of the gravest obligation all the year round. Of course there are reasons which excuse, but they must be serious ones. For the sacrifice of the Mass is not only to be assisted at by a strict law of the Church, but it is the greatest act of our religion. It is Christ on Calvary, and nothing else.

The difference of time and place, therefore, has little to do with the identity of the act, for the spirit of man is superior to both, and the power and love of God are supremely so. It is the identity of the great act of redemption and its perpetuity and its universality which bring us to our Lord's cross in holy Mass.

In wishing you, therefore, all the relaxation of the pleasant summer weather, I also insist that you shall enjoy it in union with our Lord, and that Sunday shall be the chief day of rest for your body, I sincerely trust that it shall not be the less by your soul's day of purification.

TEMPERANCE

A MILITANT MONSIGNOR

Last month," says the May issue of the C. T. A. U. Advocate, "Father Cassidy of Fall River, Mass., was invested with the robes of a Monsignor. We are glad to salute him as Right Reverend. We feel that the Priests' League of which he is president, and the whole National Union have been honored by his elevation to this new dignity.

ALCOHOL AND THE MEDICINE CASE

Among other questions discussed by the distinguished Dr. Sims Woodhead at a public meeting in England a few weeks ago and reported in the British Temperance Advocate, was that of the medical use of alcohol. Dr. Woodhead stated that he did not know of any condition in the treatment of disease that could be treated by alcohol that might not be equally well treated by some other drug.

A MARTYR TO HAY FEVER

"Fruit-a-lives" Cured After 15 Years' Suffering

CORNWALL CENTRE, ONT., NOVEMBER 17, 1911. "I was a martyr to Hay Fever for probably fifteen years and I suffered terribly at times. I consulted many physicians and took their treatment, and I tried every remedy I heard of as being good for Hay Fever but nothing helped me.

The real cause of Hay Fever, I am convinced, is not the pollen of flowers, but the impurities in the blood. "Fruit-a-lives" cleans the blood by regulating bowels, kidneys and skin, and thus relieves the excessive secretion of the nervous system. Try "Fruit-a-lives".

This occurred directly in proportion to the amount of alcohol given. It is time we medical men revise our ideas as to the giving of alcohol in cases of fever and in cases where it is not being given.

As to the good of blood-making port wine in cases of convalescence and debility, he said the questioner assumed that the port wine was blood-making. It is not and is no good in that respect. A patient might get a feeling of well-being from alcohol, but it is not a remedy. It is a stimulant.

ALCOHOL AND ACCIDENTS

On January 1, the new Ohio Workmen's Compensation Act making employers assume a large share of the responsibility for accidents went into effect, and as Opha Moore, the secretary of the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, later wrote, "It seemed an appropriate time to urge upon the members the adoption of all possible means of reducing the number of accidents. Among these was a proposition of anti-alcohol rule, drawn up after months of careful investigation and consideration of the evidence of railroads in the country and of European accident insurance companies showing that many serious accidents can be traced directly to the use of alcoholic drinks by the employees."

NO NATURAL NEED FOR IT

There is no natural need for alcoholic beverages; the overwhelming majority of mankind have at all times got along very well without them; and all evidence goes to show that their use is extremely dangerous and injurious to man. All that combats man is deteriorated by their use. And if it was done away with, the work of the priesthood would be much lightened and their labor much more fruitful. The Church, and she alone, through her priesthood, can secure the practise of that self-denial necessary to control the appetite for stimulants.

Trust the Church of God

In these days of unrest and indifference would it not be well to publish often these golden words of Cardinal Newman? As sentries call out to encourage each other, the Catholic on the watch tower gets encouragement by such trumpet calls as these—Dr. W. T. Parker.

ARGENTINA AND MASONRY

The Oriental Freemasonry sect that has caused so much trouble in Latin countries and in Mexico, has against the Argentine Republic's government and got worsted just recently.

The "Orientalists" are distinct and separate from the American and British Masonic orders and have been making strenuous efforts to "break in" by establishing new lodges in Canada and South America.

In a few years they have founded one hundred and eight Oriental lodges in the Argentine Republic, composed of bad Catholics of Latin extraction, and their membership is estimated at 4,500 in Argentina.

The progress attained within that comparatively short time made them believe that they should come forth from their obscurity and ask the government for a public, official recognition of their society. The government at once replied that it was not customary for it to grant such coveted favors without due inquiry into the character of the request, and that consequently it was necessary to examine the constitution and rules of the Masonic society before granting the desired recognition.

This particular Masonic society does not look for the general good of all the citizens, but only seeks to promote the selfish interests of its members, to the detriment of the Argentine Republic. Its constitution obliges its members to oppose the liberty of teaching in order to exclude from the schools the clergy and religious communities, a policy contrary to the constitution of the Argentine Republic.

It is anti-Christian, and requires its members to combat Christian faith. The Argentine Republic is bound by its constitution to protect the Catholic religion and to that account cannot tolerate the Masonic sect, which is opposed to the political liberty and independence, but at the same time obliges them to vote for the candidates that belong to the Masonic association. Masonry constitutes a state in the state, imperium in imperio, though it is rather a travesty of the state.

A MAN'S SOCIETY

Mr. Charles R. Drum, a Protestant, one of the leaders in the "Men and Religion Forum" movement, and a glowing orator recently, Philadelphia to the Holy Name Society, "I thank God," he said, "for the Holy Name Society of the Catholic Church, for that great organization of thousands of men pledged to maintain the purity and the sanctity of the name of God. If there is a Catholic in this audience who does not belong to that society, I want to tell him that he is a disgrace to the great Church that brought the Christian religion down through the 'Dark Ages' to us. Would to God there were such an organization in the Protestant Church!"

We call the attention of all our Catholic men to these strong words of an outsider. The case could be put more forcibly by the devout Catholic. Surely the Catholic man who refuses to be a member of the Holy Name Society has need to hang his head. And it is a pity that there are so many men by whom this suggestion ought to be taken.

The Holy Name is the society par excellence for the Catholic men. All other so-called Catholic societies are very good in themselves, benevolent, social, charitable, but instinctively one looks to the Holy Name Society to find the men who constitute the bone and sinew of the Catholic parish.

THE LUTHERANS AND ST. PETER'S

There are many things Lutherans or Methodists or Baptists can do in Rome; they can bribe, flatter or unscrupulously Romans to attend a few services, they can make common cause with the freemasons, they can make friends with the Asino, but build a Lutheran church to vie with St. Peter's—that way madness lies. Have they never read of the sculptor who thought he could design a better Moses than Michel Angelo? He can be told in three lines. He made his statue (you can still see it at the fountain) near the church of San Bernardo; he went to San Pietro in Vincoli to compare it with Michel Angelo's; he committed suicide. Or take a more modern instance. The builders of new Rome thirty years ago determined to set up their Palace of Justice by the Tiber on a kind of counterblast to the Dome. They spent

SEX TEACHING

In his May sermon at the opening of the Conference of Catholic Charities in St. Louis, Archbishop Glennon referred to sex education as an unchristian theory which if put into effect would only lead to a still greater evil.

"In the Catholic system of education," said the Archbishop, "may be found an answer to the academic questions concerning child morals and sex education that the fatalists of to-day discuss so glibly. For we would teach our children to be educated in the Catholic faith and in how to avoid, and, doing so, we cover in principle the entire question: for when you teach what is right and wrong in thought and word and deed you give to every child a form of life simply sufficient for the guidance. Disease is the result of sin, and it is totally avoidable, and, in fact, immoral to treat disease of its cause and to ignore the law of right and wrong, for virtue and vice are back of it all. It is only where education is pagan and secular, where children are bereft in tenderest years of religious instruction, that conditions arise which necessitate the introduction of these immoral theories, theories which even if put in force would probably lead to greater decadence still.

There is one way to purify the schoolroom, and that is to put Christ there; there is one way to put Christ there; there is one way to keep pure the child mind, and that is to put him under the care of Mary, the Blessed Mother, with the Christ Child as his companion and friend. There is one education to-day which is complete, and the only one, and that is religious education, and it is that education that to-day we include in the group of Catholic charities."

WHAT ONE CATHOLIC COUNTRY HAS DONE

Belgium is one of the most Catholic, and one of the most prosperous and progressive countries in the world. The New Zealand Tablet, in the course of an instructive series of articles on socialism, gives a brief list compiled a few years ago by Father Van der Heyden, of the work done in the interests of the labouring classes by the Catholic party since they assumed the reins of power.

INFLUENCE OF THE MADONNA

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SOCIALISTIC SYMPATHY WITH MURDEROUS COMMUNE

Says the Socialist organ, the Herald of Milwaukee: "French comrades mourn the death of Paul Brousseau. He was a participant in the Commune, etc. Why American Socialists thus openly condole with their French comrades is easily explained. The Communists were not only not the enemy of their country, but of God and His Church. After the siege of Paris by the Prussians, when their motherland lay bleeding at the feet of her conquerors, they took possession of the city, burned several buildings and murdered over sixty saintly priests, headed in martyrdom by Archbishop Darboy and the aged Father Deguery, pastor of the Church of the Madeleine. The Communists killed them in groups, a few of whom on May 29, 1871, five on May 25, and over fifty on the following day. The last group had been thrown into the prison of La Roquette. From this they were taken on foot to the heights of Belleville. As Barbara de Courson relates: 'All displayed heroic courage. The best known among them was Father Ollivault, rector of the Jesuit house in the Rue de Sevres, who thirsted for martyrdom. After a painful journey through the streets the prisoners were driven into an enclosure called the 'Cite Vincennes,' on the Belleville heights. Here they were literally soaked by the Communists, men, women and even children. There was no attempt to organize a regular execution like the one in La Roquette. The massacre lasted an hour, and most of the bodies were disfigured beyond recognition.'

WATSON'S MAGAZINE MAY BE EXCLUDED

Tom Watson, the rampant bigot of Georgia, and one of the founders of the so-called Guardians of Liberty, has fallen into the clutches of the federal law for publishing a vicious and indecent article in which he attacks such excellent citizens and churchmen as Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal O'Connell and Cardinal Farley. Copies of Watson's magazine containing the cowardly article were sent to the postoffice authorities in Washington. The postmaster-general rules as follows: "Newspapers or other publications containing violent criticism of any particular religion, race, or sect, or of the mails if such criticism takes the form of personal slander, scurrility or obscenity, in which case the publisher becomes amenable to the criminal laws of the United States, and may be fined or imprisoned or both, and his publication debarred from the mails."

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