

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Feast of the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin.

Today, my dear brethren, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin. Let us stop a moment and consider what is meant by this title, as given to our most immaculate and blessed Mother.

You remember that there is a similar feast on the third Sunday after Easter, in honor of her glorious spouse, St. Joseph; and that he has lately been given the title of Patron of the Universal Church.

But there is another sense in which to understand her patronage, and to avail ourselves of it, besides this one of her protection of the Church as a whole; and this other is practically more important for us to realize.

You know that we are all encouraged to choose certain saints whose name we bear, or to whom we have a special devotion, as patrons, to obtain for us the blessings and helps we need, temporal as well as spiritual.

But it is quite plain that we should not omit, and certainly it is not the custom of Catholics to omit, the name of the Blessed Virgin from the list of patron saints, whatever others may be chosen with her.

And let us remember particularly that above all is the Blessed Virgin the advocate of sinners. If, then we wish ourselves to escape from the power of some temptations or evil habits which are threatening our ruin, let us not forget to go to her.

Many people, when a little constipated, make the mistake of using saline or other drastic purgatives. All that is needed is a mild dose of Ayer's Pills to restore the regular movement of the bowels, and nature will do the rest.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

True Words.

As the boys and girls grow up, it is a serious question in every family what they will do for a living. Where are the best opportunities, and to what are the children best adapted?

It is a mistake to suppose that children will acquire good manners when they are, as people phrase it, "old enough" to understand their property, if the small observances of good breeding are ignored or neglected in the first four or five years.

After Stowell Jackson's death, a New York merchant said of him: "I never met Mr. Jackson but once, yet an incident in which he had exerted a strong influence over my early life.

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Follow me; I'll lead you out of this scrape.

He then turned in a new direction and walked off, and the men followed him. They had not gone more than a mile when they saw the cheerful blaze of their camp-fires. They all gave a loud hurrah at the sight.

Children Without Toys. Mrs. Moleworth, the author of a number of pleasant books for young folk, is also an enthusiastic worker among the poor of London, and in a recent article she relates many touching incidents connected with her life among the lowly.

Mrs. Moleworth found one little girl in a wretched house who was ill with an incurable disease, and all day long she lay patiently in her ragged bed, watching the damp spots on the wall.

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God's will to take me, all I asked was to have time to face the truth, and prepare as best I may for their future.

Margaret's eyes filled with tears. "Well, Ellen, and then?" "He examined me carefully, and then he said that a few months was the utmost he could promise me, and if any sudden accident were to occur, it might only be a question of a few weeks.

Margaret hid her face in her hands. "Margaret, dear, do not grieve; you know how I long to go. It is only the thought of my children that troubles me; but God will take care of them. He is the Father of the orphan; I will trust Him about them; I will not fear."

Margaret raised her head. "They will be as my own," she said eagerly. "With God's help, I will be a mother to them."

"I know you would, dearest; but is it right to leave the burden upon you? Ought I not rather to write to their father's brother, and see whether he and his wife would take them?" "Certainly not," said Margaret. "Don't send them to strangers, even though they are their flesh and blood. You know nothing of Robert O'Donnell; and we are your cousins, Ellen. Our mothers were second cousins, and I am sure we have been like sisters to gether, haven't we all our lives? And if I had been the one to go, and had John also, we would have left our Frank to you, and you would have cared for him?"

"Indeed and I would," said Ellen fervently. "Well, then, if you are to have heaven first, and leave earth to me, I will take yours," and Margaret tried to smile.

"And John?" said Ellen. "He is quite willing, and will do all he can for them, especially for Willie." Ellen clasped her hands together. "What can I say to you, Margaret? You are doing me a service for which I have no words to thank you. You know, you can guess, what is in my heart. Oh! how I will pray for you and your husband, Margaret, and I pray that your mother's prayers will bring down blessings on you."

"Now say no more, Ellen darling," answered Margaret, laying her hand on her friend's lips for a moment. "Here comes Frank, I declare! to fetch me, I suppose; but he will have a game with the children first."

And the children rushed forward again to greet a visitor of their own age—a bright curly-headed boy of seven, whom they immediately carried off to their side of the garden. The two mothers gazed after the group with admiring eyes.



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CHAPTER I.

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A small, neat-looking house stood back from the main street, and was surrounded by a garden, in which, at the moment our story opens, two little children, a boy and a girl, were playing; while near them, reclining in a low chair, and wrapped in a shawl, sat a woman who was intensely hot, lay a pale, delicate-looking young woman, with the expression in her face of one who had patiently borne long and wearing suffering.

Presently the garden-gate gave a click and a pleasant, bright-looking lady entered. The children greeted her with a shout of delight, and upon the appearance of certain delicious looking apples from her basket, retired to enjoy them, leaving the visitor at liberty to approach the invalid.

"Always the same?" said the latter, as she stretched out her hand to her friend, and smiling sweetly. "Always bringing something with you, spoiling those children, and spoiling me, dear Margaret."

Margaret Murphy's only answer was a warm kiss; then she said looking anxiously at her friend, "How are you to-day, Ellen?" "A little better, I think, dear; I had some sleep last night, and my cough is not so troublesome to-day. Well, dear, the Dublin doctor did come yesterday, after all, though it was long past the hour he appointed."

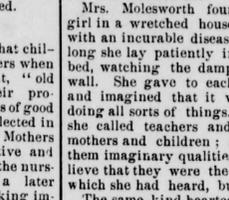
"Oh! he really did. And what did he say?" "He told me the truth, Margaret," said Ellen gravely; "I begged him to do so. I told him I did not fear death, save for leaving my children alone in the world; but that, if it was

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