

FIVE-MINUTE'S SERMON.

Quinquagesima Sunday. CHRISTIAN SELF-LOVE.

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I have become as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal.

We see from these texts that charity is indispensable. We must have it or we shall never see the face of God in heaven.

But what does this love of God consist in? It consists chiefly in keeping faithfully God's commandments.

This being so, I can express the meaning of my text by saying: "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and do not keep the commandments of God, I am become as a sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal."

If we faithfully keep God's commandments we pay Him true homage and worship—such as is acceptable to Him and worthy of Him.

Another says: I will fast; I will give alms; I will help to build churches and schools; I will feed the poor, but I cannot give up that sin that I am addicted to.

Not that kind. St. Thomas' Emulsion does not delimitate the stomach as other cough medicines do; but on the contrary, it improves digestion and strengthens the stomach.

Some people have periodical attacks of cholera, cholera, dysentery or diarrhoea, and have to use great precautions to avoid the disease.

Not that kind. The dog must have seemed a gigantic monster to him; but in spite of that he had not remained safe on his lofty perch.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. A Beautiful Legend.

When the Holy Family had returned to Nazareth, and St. Joseph was following his trade in peace, he received an order to make a certain cabinet for which he needed a straight and fine piece of wood.

Early in the morning, therefore, St. Joseph took his axe and started for the house of Caius, for such was the soldier's name and the Child Jesus went with him and helped him to carry the cords with which the tree was to be bound.

Now, as it happened, Caius' little daughter, a baby scarce three years old, came trotting out in pursuit of her mother, whom she had missed, and in her tiny arms, which could barely hold it, she carried a little lamb.

Her mother thought she meant her little pet she carried, and which feeling himself released, ran nimbly off, in the direction of the falling tree, which snapped just at that moment and fell heavily on the head of the little creature.

Then the Child Jesus came forward, and gently asked her to give Him the lamb, and though the woman was inclined to refuse to allow Him to touch it she could not resist the eyes, already in childhood so beyond all others in force and mildness.

Twenty years afterwards the soldiers, Caius' legion, being stationed in Jerusalem, the mother and child, then a woman grown, followed Jesus to Calvary, amongst the few believers; and twenty years later than that the mother had died peacefully a Christian, the daughter sealed her faith with her blood at Rome, confessing in martyrdom the God Whom she had known from her infancy in Judea.

A Sparrow's Love. I returned home from the chase and wandered through an alley in my garden. My dog bounded before me. Suddenly he checked himself and moved forward cautiously as if he scented game.

The dog approached it softly, when suddenly an old sparrow with a black breast, quitted a neighboring tree, dropped like a stone right before the dog's nose, and with ruffled plumage and chirping desperately and pitifully sprang twice at the open mouth.

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CHATTS WITH YOUNG MEN. Catholic Columbian.

All work and no play makes Jack a dull young man, as well as formerly it made him a dull boy. He needs recreation. The only question is—Where, when and how shall he seek amusement? That question is no fun to answer—it is too serious.

This problem of amusements is serious enough to deserve the name of a battle. It has to be dealt with not only in the way of sober thinking, but also in the way of eager watchfulness and inflexible determination.

But amusements are not to be placed in the category of things essentially evil. With them our battle is of a different order. Its aim is not to destroy, but to regulate.

No amusement should be allowed to diminish the vital force. Ah! that word vitality—that mysterious and subtle force, compared with which steam is a bungler, and electricity a wandering tramp.

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Best for Wash Day. USE SURPRISE SOAP. Best for Every Day. For quick and easy work. For cleanest, sweetest and whitest clothes. Surprise is best.

may be, we take no heed. An un-sleeping vigilance watches over us: it is the vigilance of One stronger and wiser than we, who is the Eternal God.

Good and God, springing from the same root, are the same in meaning. "Good-ye" is only "God be with you."

Lead kindly Light, amid th' encircling gloom; Lead Thou me on; The night is dark, and I am far from home, Lead Thou me on.

A Wonderful Cure. A poor widow named Wilhelmina Riehl, who lived at Neubau, in Austria, fell dangerously ill of a most painful disease, and, being confined to her bed, was unable to work to support her four little children.

Well, late one very cloudy afternoon, Johnny was coming from the druggist's with a small bottle of paregoric for the baby, who had a pain in her stomach.

At last Johnny, who was by this time a mile from home, and it was fast getting dark, asked the man what they were.

"Cakes," said the man. "Gimmie one?" begged Johnny. "No," said the man, "I don't give them to little boys."

It was a cake of soap! Good Night. There is a tender sweetness about some of our common phrases of affectionate greeting, simple and unobtrusive as they are, which falls like dew upon the heart.

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