

Silent Grief.

You bid me raise my voice. And pray For tears; but yet this choice Resteth not with me. Too much grief Takeeth the tears and words that give relief...

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON.

WORKING FOR GOD.

"Why stand you here all the day idle?" (Matt. xx.)

We are all called by God, my dear brethren, to labor in His vineyard. That is to say; we are called to serve God faithfully; to fulfill His Divine will; to observe His laws and precepts; to avoid the evil He forbids, and to do the good He prescribes...

Besides the claim God has on us in justice, He has also a claim on our service by reason of the Redemption. We belong to Him because of the price He has paid for our salvation. He has redeemed us at the price of His Precious Blood...

What pitiful, what hardened creatures we are when we forget these plain truths: when we act as though we were a law unto ourselves, and practically act as though we are responsible to no one. How dull is our sense of justice, how hardened is our heart when we can forget or ignore God and the claims He has upon us...

Are there any amongst us here this morning who have forgotten what they owe to God? Are there any whose years of sin and neglect of God have made them so deaf that they cannot hear His call to them; who do not know that their place is in His vineyard? To such as these does God now say: "Why stand you idle?"

Kindness to Animals. Certain people believe that when we die the soul enters the body of a dumb animal; if this were so, we would all have the privilege of being maltreated as so many poor, helpless beasts. Von Ruppel says: "How much of mind your spaniel hath I know not."

We are now on the threshold of Lent—the special season of prayer and penance. Be no longer idle. Enter upon God's service with courage, with honest zeal, with firm hope in God's mercy. Begin at once—begin with a good confession. God is now calling you; for many of you it is even now the eleventh hour; for many of you this call may be the last.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A Great Man's Sorrow. Here is a pathetic story of Paderevski, told in the Gold Penny: "You must be a happy man," said one to him, to which he replied: "You perhaps are not aware that my wife died some years ago, and that my only child is an incurable cripple. He is all I have in the world, and my wealth and my fame can do absolutely nothing for him..."

Noble-hearted Boy. One day a gentleman saw two boys going along the streets of a large city. They were barefooted. Their clothes were ragged and dirty, and tied together by pieces of string. One of the boys was perfectly happy over a half withered bunch of flowers, which he had just picked up in the street. "I say, Billy," said he to his companion, "wasn't somebody real good to drop these flowers just where I could find them?"

Three Doors. You have each of you three doors to guide: mouth door, eye door, and ear door. Mouth door is a very important factor, and has intimate relations with the others. For instance, if something goes in at eye door of which you highly approve, the mouth door opens to let out words expressing your approval or admiration. Or, if a boy who keeps evil company does not shut ear door against swearing and other bad language, then very soon—perhaps without his knowing it—that same bad language which slipped in at ear door comes slipping out of mouth door.

A Trained Mind. There is no faculty which we have that cannot be improved or weakened by its use or negligence. The hand becomes strong and the arm brawny by constant use. The mind, too, like the hand, strengthens only by being constantly called into action when it is plastic, in the youthful years. So it is with memory. It is either good or indifferently bad by being always loaded or left empty. The youth that has nothing to do with his mind, that is given no cares, grows to manhood with a careless, empty head. But let the mind of the boy be disciplined to attention while he is growing to manhood and he will hold by the habit to the ways acquired. This attention of the mind to discipline cannot begin too soon.

His Weakest Pupils. A professor at St. Charles' College, Elliott City, Md., recently announced that he was going to take two of his weakest pupils to Baltimore. This unexpected news created quite a sensation among the members of his class. One of the hopefuls, who could not bear the suspense more than a few minutes, asked his teacher who were the pupils he intended to take. "The pupils of my eyes, because they need to be treated," was the laconic reply of the professor.

On the Doctor. It was an Irish newspaper, according to Macmillan's Magazine, that once published this highly defamatory paragraph: "Dr. F. has been appointed resident medical officer to the Mater Misericordia Hospital. Orders have been issued by the cemetery committee for the immediate extension of Glasnevin Cemetery. The works are being executed with the utmost despatch."

Most Unwise. It is a continual effort to employ cod liver oil in its pure state when the stomach protests against it. Almost equally vain are ordinary emulsions, which possess little value beyond their power to subdivide the oil. But where the oil is really needed, the elegant and efficient preparation, Maltine with Cod Liver Oil may be most satisfactorily used.

In the family where the dumb creature is cruelly treated can very plainly be read the character of the people. There is very little of Christ's principles there. Aside from actual cruelty, that is, causing them unnecessary pain, it is cruel to cage animals or wild birds. They pine for their freedom just as any boy or girl would do, to be suddenly shut up in a small room, with only bread and water to eat.

The Dog in the Lighthouse. There is a dog up on the Maine coast which is a valuable and valued assistant at a lighthouse. According to the Portland Daily Argus, the animal is the only dog regularly employed at any lighthouse in the district, and he performs his duty in a manner that is perfectly satisfactory. He is attached to the lighthouse at Wood Island, off Biddeford Pool, and has been there for a number of years. He is the constant companion of the keeper, and has learned much of the duties of Uncle Sam's lonely watchers.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

Catholic Columbian. Over and over again have the young been warned by the old to avoid debt, but frequently as the warning has been repeated, still is there need for it to be uttered: Debt, Disencouragement, Disgrace. "Certainly, my boy, take it along. You are good for anything we have in store. Pay whenever you are ready." The merchant was a kind-hearted gentleman who thought he was serving the best interests of his customer and his own as well. But in both he was seriously wrong. The young man, finding on every hand that credit was so easy to obtain, soon educated his wants beyond his earning ability, and presently became so hopelessly involved with debt that, smarting under the goading of his creditors, he deserted his home and died by his own hand.

A Bishop's Story. The Episcopal Bishop of Rhode Island tells the following incident in his own life, and draws a lesson from it for the benefit of all boys. It is very difficult to get boys to heed the advice of their elders, or to profit by their experience; but after all, it is our duty to place wholesome examples before the rising generation, with the hope and prayer that they will be heeded by some few of those whom we wish to benefit.

So in our early life, one serious injury may prove to be very disastrous. The formation of any evil habits in our youth may deform and blight the whole life. The most important part of our existence is that in which our characters are assuming their form. If you bend over and fasten a young tree for a year or two, you can never make it grow straight again. "Just as the twig is bent, so is the tree inclined."

The Test of a Gentleman. There are many tests by which a gentleman may be known, but there is one that never fails: How does he exercise power over those subordinate to him? How does he conduct himself toward women and children? How does the officer treat his men, the employer his servants, the master his pupils, and man in every station, those who are weaker than himself? The discretion, forbearance and kindness with which power in such cases is used, may indeed be regarded as the crucial test of a gentlemanly character.

The "Dark Ages." Hume and Robertson have long been consigned to disgrace for their want of accurate erudition, especially in relation to the Middle Ages, which to them are merely the Dark Ages; while to the medievalist of our day they appear to be the special age of light.—Professor Goldwin Smith.

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Aurora Feb. 14.—Dear Sir.—The article published a few days ago, relating to the recovery of Rev. F. Elliott, of Richmond Hill, has been discussed at length in this town. It states a fact similar to those of many cases here, all of which are well known to our citizens.

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