

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Low Sunday. THE CHRISTIAN'S PEACE. Jesus came, and stood in the midst, and said to them: Peace be to you. And when He said this, He showed them His hands and His feet...

He stood in their midst. To-day He stands in the midst of us and utters the self-same words: "Peace be unto you."

Yes, dear friends, ours is to strive, to contend with self, with a nature that is fallen, with a propensity to evil, with desires that are selfish and carnal.

To be at peace with the world is the aim of many men. But to have one's life run smoothly on, to be hindered neither here nor there, to be always in the sunshine and never in the shadow...

Our duty, then, dear brethren, is to strive, and to keep the law of God, that first law written on our hearts, that law which He has given to us both by His words and by His life on earth...

Peace, indeed, are we above all others if our Easter joy is only that of the worldling, and our peace that which this world gives.

THE OUGHT-TO-BES.

Written for The Catholic Standard and Times by Rev. J. T. Roche, author of "The Obligation of Hearing Confession," "The Law of the Sacraments," "Moral of St. Joseph," "Belief and Unbelief," etc.

ALMOST UNANIMOUS.

The Legislature of Massachusetts has just passed a bill forbidding girls under seventeen years of age to attend public dances unless accompanied by the parents or guardians.

The chief of police of New York has made public a statement, in which he says that "three-fourths of the abandoned women of the city were made so by dancing."

This instruction should be given in the home, beginning with the very dawn of the child's intelligence; but the Bishop warns parents strongly against making religion burdensome or distasteful to the little ones.

It is well right here, I think, to make an admission. Amongst the young people of this day and age dancing is one of the most popular forms of amusement.

Our Catholic girls, as a rule, are pure and clean of heart. They are innocent, and the dance, under proper

environments, is rarely a source of danger. All this I know to be true, but it is true only of those girls who have pleasant homes at home...

A MISNOMER.

It should not be forgotten, at the same time, that the unfavorable character of the home surroundings has frequently much to do with the subsequent career of the children.

I have frequently seen it that a fruitful source of destruction of the young is the drink evil, and particularly in the case of the mother of the family.

A drunken mother, is almost too horrible to contemplate. Can it be wondered at that the children of such a mother go wrong?

Beyond all doubt, then, our citizenship is in heaven. We are thus reminded of the titles granted to us in baptism, that we are then made the children of God, and heirs to His Heavenly Kingdom.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

The Right Rev. John Bernard Delany, D. D., Bishop of Manchester, N. H., devotes his Lenten Pastoral to "Christian Instruction."

Every doctrine of our holy faith from the existence of God down to the least Catholic practice of devotion, is denied or assailed. Sometimes it is attacked by open hostility, but more by a chilling indifference, or by a bitter ridicule of all the claims of religion.

This is in the spirit of that great school builder and apostle of popular Christian education, the Right Rev. Bishop McQuaid of Rochester, N. Y., who has been wont to say: "If you build no schools for the children of this generation, you will need no churches for the men and women of the next."

Bishop Delany urges parents to take an active interest in the schools, and give their children as full a course as possible.

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"OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN"

Certain words of St. Paul to the Philippians are very striking. "Our conversation" he says, or as another translation gives it, "our citizenship is in heaven."

Already, even here and now, we share with the saints their joy in being the sons of God, the redeemed of Christ, the temple of the Holy Ghost.

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CHRIST'S MESSAGE TO THE MODERN WORLD.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL "HISTORY."

The need of Catholics being always on the alert to prevent the Public Schools from becoming centres for the propagation of anti-Catholic prejudices is emphasized by the way in which history has been taught in one of the Public Schools of Montpelier, Vt.

Father O'Sullivan, who was summoned before the school board to give testimony, furnished a summary of the outrageous method of instilling the minds of the young with anti-Catholic prejudices.

The accused teacher defended herself by asserting that she had found in "West's History," which "had been placed in her hands" by the school authorities.

OPEN MINDEDNESS.

Father McSorley writes in the March Catholic World of a virtue, "Open Mindedness," which should characterize us all.

Improvement, as a result of criticism passed upon our work and behavior, is the first fruit of open-mindedness.

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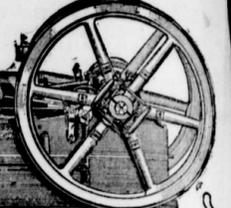
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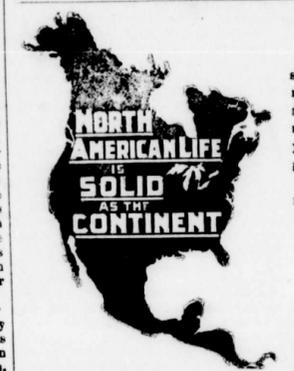
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