

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTE-COST

THE PHARISEE

"The Pharisee standing prayed thus with himself: O God, I give Thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers; as also is this publican. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess."

In the Gospel of to-day, we have a most interesting parable recorded for our instruction. Two men, a Pharisee and a publican, went to the temple to pray. The former was to all human appearances a good, pious man. He fasted, prayed and gave alms: But he did it all publicly in order to be seen and to gain the praise of the world.

The publican, in his humility, acknowledged that he was a sinner, asked God to be merciful to him and, as our Lord assures us, "went down to his house justified rather than the other."

Pride is the immediate consequence of original sin and exists in man from the beginning. It increases during infancy, and, when the mind is able to comprehend its evil effects, has acquired such strength that it requires severe conflicts to subdue it.

Pride is opposed to God because it seeks to deprive Him of His glory by ascribing to man what belongs to God. It is besides the basest ingratitude, for man has absolutely nothing which he does not receive from God.

Pride is opposed alike to the good of our neighbor and of ourselves. Filled with an opinion of his own good qualities, the proud man undervalues the good actions of others and attributes them to unworthy motives.

The proud are detested by God and man; by God always, and by man always, too, unless when concealed by the pharisaical mask of hypocrisy.

The hypocritical Pharisee concealed his pride and others' vices and was esteemed by men. God, who searcheth the heart, saw that he did nothing for God's sake, but that he even had the audacity to praise himself and arrogate to himself the glory belonging to God.

Let us ask ourselves, my dear friends, if we do not more resemble the Pharisee than the publican. Do we, like the Pharisee, perform our actions in order to attract the esteem of men? Or do we fast and perform other good works purely to humble ourselves before God?

Extreme caution is no less harmful than its opposite. No one with whom we come in contact escapes without some impression from us for good or evil.

Perhaps no man ever practiced all he preached, but this is not a final argument against preaching.

SOME RECENT CONVERTS

BEAD ROLL OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LATELY BECOME CATHOLICS - MANY DISTINGUISHED IN CHURCH AND STATE

His Beatitude Abdull Hassin, Patriarch of the Syrian Jacobites.

Rev. Aelred Carlyle, Abbot of the Anglican Benedictines, Caldey Island, South Wales, and his entire community of twenty-two monks.

Dame Mary Scholastica Ewart, Abbess of the Anglican Benedictines, Milford Haven, and thirty-five members of her community.

Mr. Ralph C. R. Pomeroy, Estate Agent, Caldey Island, South Wales, and Mrs. Pomeroy.

Rev. Richard Johnson Walker, of Little Holland House, Kensington, London; alderman and late mayor of Hammersmith; formerly an Anglican clergyman; graduate of Balliol College, Oxford; editor of The Oxford and Cambridge Review; author of "The Mystic Pair," etc.

Mrs. Hemelryk, Southwark, London, wife of Colonel Francis Hemelryk.

Herbert B. Miller, Grenada, Miss. The late Isaac Roth, San Buena Ventura, Cal., received on his deathbed.

Fred J. Storts, Memphis; received on his deathbed.

Mrs. C. A. White, benefactor of the Episcopal Cathedral parish, Fond du Lac.

Miss Ruth Harris, Fond du Lac, Wis. Stanton Fowler, well-known hotel proprietor, Southwark, London.

Roland Hatfield, Alamosa, Colo. George W. Harper, Fort Smith, Ark., of the firm of Harper & Wilson; received on his deathbed.

Henry B. Humphrey, real estate agent, Portland, Ore.

Miss Jeanne Dixon, Waukegan, Ill. Eric Gill, the English sculptor, Brighton, London, and Mrs. Gill.

Mr. Augustus G. Paine, Jr., a prominent member of the P. E. Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York.

John H. Caldwell, Buffalo, N. Y.; received on his deathbed.

Walter W. Golsen, Salt Lake; founder of the Salt Lake Motor Club; received on his deathbed.

The late Hon. Thomas A. Blackstock, Sheboygan, Wis.; President Phoenix Chair Co., ex-member of Wisconsin Legislature and State Senator; Mayor of Sheboygan, 1892; Republican nominee for Congress in 1892; mentioned for governor in 1894; of Irish Presbyterian parentage.

Lieutenant Brinkman, son of General Brinkman, of the German Army. Now studying for the priesthood.

Miss Fanny M. Salmon, Presbyterian missionary to China. Miss Salmon is the daughter and niece of Presbyterian clergymen.

Mr. Paul Patton, son of Dr. Francis L. Patton, President of Princeton Theological Seminary; graduate of Princeton.

Mr. Henry C. Watts, late assistant editor of Pax, Caldey, South Wales.

Miss Grace Campbell, daughter of Judge Campbell, Groveton, Texas.

Miss Neva D. Bower, Columbus, Ohio.

Capt. Benjamin E. Benton, Pine Bluff, Ark., a veteran of the Confederate Army; relative of the late Thomas H. Benton, Governor of and U. S. Senator from Missouri, and of General Ben and Henry McCullagh.

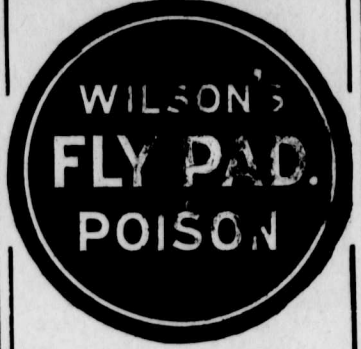
Miss Spearman, daughter of Sir Joseph Spearman, Baronet, of England.

Miss Caroline Aherns, St. Louis. Oliver Henry Wheeler, U. S. N., Pueblo, Colo.

The late Dr. Arthur Edward Spohn, San Antonio, Texas.

The late Edward H. Murray, a prominent business man of Altoona, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Retlinger and her four children, Walla Walla, Wash.



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TEMPERANCE FOR BOYS Talking to a group of boys recently in Washington, Secretary of State Bryan, whose total abstinence is well known, said: "If, since I was grown, I had ever felt tempted to begin the drinking of liquor, I would have been restrained by the feeling that it might injuriously affect some one who looked to me for an example."

There was a story told in the public press of the suicide of a couple who, though millionaires ten times over, young in years and enjoying good health, found life a failure because they were childless.

And in nine cases out of ten the childless couple who adopt a son or daughter reap a reward here as well as in eternity. They get love, attention, duty from the foster-child which would never have been theirs, the result of intimate companionship akin to the blood relationship of parent and child.

Then there will be but two sides—Christianity, represented by the

then it is but a just equilibrium. He does all things well, and in turn appreciates any co-operation with His divine will. If childless couples adopt as their own children whom His hand has deprived of parents, He will reward them in the comfort these adopted sons and daughters shall be to their foster-parents.

PRESBYTERIAN VAGARIES

The recent conversion to the Catholic faith of Paul Patton, son of the Rev. Dr. Francis L. Patton, formerly president of Princeton University and latterly at the head of Princeton Theological Seminary, has caused, as was to be expected, a flurry of excitement among the Presbyterians of the United States.

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On Sunday, November 16, 1845, he preached his last sermon as rector of Elton, and on the evening of the following day he was received into the Church by Bishop Wareing, at Northampton. A few of his late parishioners shared this grace with him.

Father Faber's hymns are known and sung wherever the English tongue is spoken; and the name of Faber is on the lips of millions of all classes of persons—profound theologians as well as lisping children.

Well informed Catholics understand how absolutely necessary is Baptism in order to obtain entrance into heaven. It may be conceded as morally certain that unbaptized infants suffer no sensible pain, such as is inflicted upon those condemned for actual sin.

Really, if the Presbyterian Church can approve of a Mass being celebrated by a priest of the Greek rite for simple Ruthenians, for the one purpose of keeping them nominally at least in the Presbyterian communion—they have reached the limit of religious deceit and duplicity.

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The Catholic Church, however, need not worry, nor be alarmed. There are defections—they must come. But statistics prove that the accessions are far greater in number. The time is near for the disintegration of the Protestant sects.

Water, of course, must be used, and where at hand it should be consecrated or blessed. But, in case of emergency, water that is pure suffices, and there should be no dangerous delay in order merely to send for holy water.

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