FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

OCTAVE OF THE HOLY INNO-CENTS

The manifestation of our Lord to the nations in the persons of the three wise men is what holy Church bids us consider to-day. We think this a fit occasion to remind you that the laity have a duty to make manifest our Lord and His dootrines as well as the clergy. It is the will of God that all who have acknowledged, Jesus Christand believe His dootrine should preach Him and it to others. We pass by the divinely given office of teaching which parents enjoy and which others who share their dignity must partake of, including those who assist in the household, and teachers and guardians; of such the ty must partiage of, including cases who assist in the household, and teachers and guardians; of such the honor and duty is to train children in the doctrine and discipline and correction of the Lord.

What we wish more particularly to insist upon is the missionary office of every Catholic, especially in these days of error and inquiry. Now, it is a characteristics of all spiritual good that it is in some sense communicable. The priest cannot, indee t, give his office to another, but he holds it to give the truth and the grace of Christ. "Freely (that is to say, gratis) you have received, freely give.' So with the layman every grace he has has been received not only for himself but also for others. The Christian heritage is the common property of all the sons of God; it is the destiny to which all mankind has been called. The Infant King of man is enthroned in the arms of Mary, the second Eve and the mother of all living, and his arms are stretched out to embrace and make sonsof God of all the children of men. He who claims to be What we wish more particularly to children of men. He who claims to be the brother of Jesus Christ is unworthy the title unless in mind and act he every heart of man. The Catholic who be condemned for hiding his talent.

But somebody might answer: 'Father

'Father'

cally; but, to come down to actual fact can you tell me how I can practically show people the truth? First, by word of mouth. Scarcely a day passes but that you can say a plain, strong word for the cause of Christ. The air is full of objections to religion, and every objection should be met on the spot and refuted. If any one denies, in your hearing, the ce of God, the immortality of the existe ce of God, the immortality of the soul, the divinity of Christ, the inspiration of Scripture, or any other trush of religion, it is your duty to affirm these fundamental truths at once, and it is a great honor to do so. If you say you have no learning, I answer, that the highest learning is not so good a quality as sincere conviction; and I answer again that those who assail the truth in common conversation are generally the mmon conversation are generally reverse of learned. The enemies of re ligion are, for the most part, as ignorant as they are bold. Learning is good, but it is not learning we need most. We need to have sincere convictions, and we need to have the courage of them. 'I believed,' says the Psalmist, "and therefore did I speak.' Truth sounds so well that its bare mention is a powerful argument. Furthermore, the honest Christian who deends his religion will not be without

the divine assistance to do it well.

But we should not only defen we should attack error. If you do them no better service than to set them right. This must be done with discretion, to be sure. But do not be too anxious about discretion. When you see error attack it; in such cases kindliness is the chief rule for securing a hearing. It is amazing that men and a hearing. It is amazing that men and women can piously love the truths and practices of religion, and live along from day to day without vigorously at-tacking the error and vice everywhere about them. What coward is so mean

as the pious coward?
Finally, a good life is a manifestation of our Lord and His doctrine of wonder-derful force and attractiveness. Be chaste, temperate, charitable, kindly mannered; be industrious, neat, truthful—these simple virtues will be like a pulpit from which you can preach your supernatural faith. As a tippling, lying, loading Catholic is a hindrance to him the contrary chartery chartery chartery chartery. his religion, so is the contrary character the recommendation of religion.

TEMPERANCE

WHAT CAUSES THE FLOW OF SPEECH

Dr. T. D. Crothers of Hartford, the well known leader among temperance physicians in America, is opening a new ield of investigations. He says in the

Lancet and Clinic:
"The last formed and highest function of the human brain, called consciousness of right and wrong, is the first to be-come palsied from the toxic action of come palsied from the toxic action of alcoholic spirits. This paisy is a feeble-ness to recognize the ethical relation of life and surroundings. Considerable literature of the present time is the direct product of brains working under the influence of spirits and drugs. language, thought, purpose and changing conceptions of the author indicate moral abnormalities and drug-taking. Articles written under the influence of cocaine have a distinct literary cast. Articles written under the influence of beer have another marked characteristic. The writer who depends on alcohol for inspiration, unconsciously writes down the evidence of the spirits he is using and their singular influence in his brain.

TEMPERANCE NOTES According to a judge in Quebec (quoted by l'Univers of Paris) there is no inherent right in liquor-selling. A desender of the saloon business recently referred to the rights of those engaged therein. "Pardon me," interrupted the lights, "the lineage given to selloon therein. "Pardon me," interrupted the judge, "the license given to saloon-keepers does not constitute a right; simply a permission."

when a young priest in Massachus-stats I joined the ranks of the grand army of Oatholic Total Abstinence, and al-though in later years I have not been able to take an active part in this grand work, yet during the torty-two years of my priesthood I have been true to the principles and practise of total abstin-

eace, and I will here confess that is has been one of the elements of whatever success I may have had as a priest or Bishop.—Bishop Garrigan, Sioex City. Once it was customary to " drink like

Once it was customary to "drink like a gentleman." To day a gentleman is known, among other characteristics, by his sobriety. Drinking bouts once were common in college life. The drinker in college can not now "make" the athletic team or any accredited society, secret or other, but only makes a fool of himself. But the drinking song snrvives. Is it not about time that self-

whisky; just as, up to the sixteenth century, civilized nations did not know tobacco. Beer is only 5 per cent. alcohol, and wine about 12 per cent; but whisky is 50 per cent, alcohol. The whisky is 50 per cent. sloohol. The liquor question was scarcely a political and morsi question until the beginning of the nineteenth century. It took the world a hundred years to find out that whisky was a social injury and it has taken us nearly another hundred years to realize that stimulants are not attract. to realize that stimulants are not stimu-lants but rather narcotics, and that whisky does not warm the body, but on the contrary, lowers the temperature of all the vital organs.—Catholic Citi-

You no doubt know the old illustration that if you want to turn off the gas there are three ways of doing it. If you want to turn off the gas in your own house first of all you can turn it off at the gas works. That I suppose is total prohibition. Some say it is impossible. There must be some crack that does it if you could only get hold of it. Then another way is cut it off at the meter in your own house. I suppose that is more like local option. We want in our own communities, in our own districts, to have the power to say that this shall be as we want. Then there is the persona method. You may turn off the little tap right over your own head in your own little room of personal abstinence. -Temperance Cause.

The Rev. Father Donahoe, speaking at the recent Catholic Charities' Con-ference, held at the Catholic Univerference, held at the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., said, discussing "Causes of Delinquency": "We have reason to set ourselves against liquor drinking, for there is no country in the world that is suffering as much from the world that is supering as a America.

There is greater need of its being denounced from the pulpit than ever before. Liquor drinking and immorality are closely linked in the salcons, in many places of amusement and even in homes, and we leaders in social uplift should understand fully the part that the use of intoxicating liquors plays in demoralizing the boys and girls, so that we may see the necessity for working together vigorously to remove this curse from Catholic homes."

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DIVORCE OPPOSED BY-THE CHURCH ALONE

"The scandals of America" are pointed to by the Saturday Review, London, as an example of what might happen in England if a reckless system of divorce were established by law. That the reproach is not unmerited is made evident almost every day by proceedings in the divorce courts of a nation founded on a

divorce courts of a nation followed on a Christian basis, and yet sanctioning laws that strike at its very life. "Jadge —— has been trying divorce cases all morning," said a lawyer as he left the East Cambridge court-house. "I forget how many he can dispose of in

"There will be no getting through with them after a while," remarked another member of the bar. "The Catholics are the only people aren't getting divorced, as far as I can

The extent to which this divorce evil is spreading is rousing to protest all truly patriotic citizens who see in its encroachments on the family the ultimate destruction of the nation. His Eminence Cardinal Farley recent

ly pointed to some statistics that emphasize the extent of the national

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veritable army of men and women living in this country and one that is daily in-creasing in which the moral rectitude has been removed. And how many children are affected by the example and direction of their parents in such cases! What an effect it has upon the lives of these children and what an effect upon family life and homes in this country in general.

It is a part of the State's duty to try to treat this requires or it and that

to remedy this growing evil, and that duty should be performed without delay. There should be no such thing permitted There should be no such thing permitted in this country for the country's sake as the breaking up of a home and family by divorce. The law of the country should be that there should be no divorce granted when a valid marriage has taken place. Divorce makes cor-ruption, ruin, and dissolution of families

And yet with what facility the marriage bond is snapped in twain by the hand of the State! For what trivial causes men and women are permitted to divorce one another. "No more trial marriages for me," said a boy of nineteen years, whose wife, a girl of seventeen, was seeking a divorce after three months of married life. A case reported as "extremely interesting" was that of a wife, of forty-nine ,ear standing, asking divorce on account of cruel and abusive treatment—a reason that has so many phases in the divorce court that it has almost lost its original court that it has almost lost its original meaning. Any act—intentional or unintentional—may be distorted into an act of cruelty. Refusal to attend dances; failure to supply dainty food and fine raiment—almost anything serves as an excuse for the man or woman who seeks to put off the bonds of existing marriage or take on new orang. It is a reflection or take on new ones. It is a reflection on our laws that such flimsy pretexts for divorce are ever allowed to come before a judge. And yet the threshing out of evidence not infrequently reveals causes little, if any, graver than those cited. The very fact that the divorce court is rivalling the moving picture show as a diversion for a certain class of loafers, men and women, proves the frivolous character of many of the cases presented

for trial. A Boston woman divorced her husband most accommodatingly that he might marry her friend. "I am a Socialist," she said, according to press reports.
"Why then should I demand ownership of an individual any more than owner-ship of anything else?" A little seven-year-old son, robbed of his rights by his parents, was called upon to corroborate his mother's views:

Mamma told me it was best that papa should go away from us and mamma knows best. It does seem funny, though not to have papa with us. I like Miss —. She has been kind to me and I not to have papa with us. I like Miss

—. She has been kind to me and I am not a bit cross with her for taking and a way.

does fortunate worker and to some extent—at least to the extent of a \$1,000,-000 accompanied by a suicide—was satis-

papa away.
Another incident, that suggests Brigham Young's harem methods, is that of a husband thrice married and twice divorced petitioning for legislation to create a trust for the support of his exwives and the children of the broken marriages.

Surely such degenerate proceedings are no indication of a Christian civilization. They stamp on the nation the

brand of paganism. What power can arrest the progress of this divorce evil? That question was answered nearly two thousand years ago when Jesus Christ commissioned His apostles to preach the doctrine of Christian marriage—a doctrine that recognized no severance of the marriage recognized no severance of the marriage tie save by death. The Catholic Church alone has remained steadfast to that teaching. Our separated brethren have preserved the words they borrowed from the Catholic Church, but they have failed to sustain the law. The church of human origin has no strength from of human origin has no strength from within to defy the allurements of expediency or the commands of temporal

expediency of the commission of temporar power.

The Catholic Church alone, founded by Christ Himself, has never wavered in belief or practise. Down the sges it has had but one law of marriage for prince or peasant. When the Edict of Milan proclaimed religious freedom, the voice of the Church was heard denouncing divorce, insisting on the sanctity of ing divorce, insisting on the sanctity of arriage, the rights of children, the sacred indissoluble bond of family love and unity. And to-day the same voice delivers the same message—to the salvation of man and the permanence of Christian nations .- Sacred Heart Re

To endure all things with an equal and peaceful mind not only brings with it many blessings to the soul, but it also enables us, in the midst of our difficulties, to have a clear judgment about them, and to minister the fitting remedy for them.

DIAGNOSIS OF A CASE

OF SOCIALISTIC OBSESSION

The United States Court is in session in Fort Scott. Among the criminals under investigation are the Appeal to Reason and its dirty side-show, the

Reason and its dirty side-show, the Menace.

15 will be attempted to prove by evidence that has been gathered by the government, that the whole outfit is just rotten, the most disreputable fake of all fakes in this land of fakes. The head of the j ib who came to Kansas with empty pockets fifteen years ago, blew out his brains on Monday last when he was to have appeared at court for "sending obscene matter through the mail." He left an estate valued at \$1000000 Warren, the editor who hasn's brains enough to blow out, but who has a

enough to blow out, but who has a speciality in gall, assumes the whole blame for "the ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" at Girard. Warren tried hard to get into prison a couple of years ago, so as to become a sort of Toussaint L'Ouverture for the Socialist brand manufactured by the Appeal to Reason. He and the unfortunate suicide Reason. He and the unfortunate suicide who were harvesting the dollars of honest, but blinded working-men, worked nights in sounding the slarm — that capitalism was persecuting Warren and the Socialist cause was in peril unless "the oppressed and enslaved laborer" would litt the heel of the oppressor from the prostrate body long enough to get out another dollar for the noble "cause" of humanity. The Appeal to Reason. of humanity. The Appeal to Reason made a lot of money out of that arrest of Warren, who was convicted and ordered to the penitentiary. More money came in, with a cyclone of indignant protests that the workingman's friend and the workingmen's pocket book reliever should be imprisoned. President Tait saw the capital Warren would accumu-late if committed to prison and ordered his discharge, so that Warren's ambition to take Debs' place at the head of the Socialist ticket vanished.

warren was nearly nearborozen at mispardon and he tried to get into prison in spite of the pardon. Subscriptions to the Appeal began to fail off. The several funds for the defense of Warren had to cease and financial matters began to look bad for the sufferers in the same of labor. The Girard Agroulance cause of labor. The Girard Aeroplane Co., a side show of the Socialists, netted a few dollars. The Socialist coffee plant brought in something, but the working man's Socialist butter was found to be unfit for fair axis-grease. Daba' cigars, unfit for fair axis-grease. Deby cigars, \$3 a hundred were a rank failure and nearly broke up the Socialist party in Crawford county. After trying in every possible way to improve the harrowing condition of the oppressed and enslaved workingman, an original scheme was hatched at Girard. People had become pand to the kind of noise made by the Apused to the kind of noise made by the Appeal to Reason, so the takers got hold of a Baptist prescher who could not make an honest living at the gespel and whose regard for truth and decency was not a predominant passion. They set him up in the newspaper business in Aurora, Mo., just across the line from Girard, then out comes the Menace to make more noise and raise more racket than all the noise and raise more racret than air the other noisemakers put together. Phelps (originally whelps) was sent over from the Appeal to Reason with plenty of workingmen's dollars and a bunch of Girard girls who could stand the stench. The religious dreadnaught to destroy the power of the only obstacle in the way of getting more grist for the Girard mill was set in motion. The Menace was launched just like the Appeal to

Warren was nearly heartbroken at his

years, while the poor workingman is still at his old job just as before. The Catholic Church sent out a warning to the world that Socialism is a revolution against Christian civilization and the echoes of that warning were heard in every part of the globe. They were heard in Girard and the grist was diminished. The Appeal made big money by persistently exploiting the workingman against his employer. Now the Menace was to increase the revenues hurch. The Appeal the Catholic Church. The Appeal tried to nake wealth and affluence and thrift and business success oaious to the factorily successful. The Appeal's daughter, the Menace, by lies, slanders, daughter, the Menace, by lies, slauders, seandals and mire generally, has been pretty successful in vitiating the atmosphere wherever it finds its way. It has stirred up "old Harry" among ignorant and suspicious people who are probably shocked, that the Cathoric Church (which has been preaching at d

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practicing charity in this country since it was discovered), was just a huge whited sepulcher, built and enlarged by several popes for housing the bones of murdered Protestants or strangled infidels, of the hopes and aspirations (if such have bones) of free-born, tx-paying,

such have bones) of free-born, tax-paying, money-making American citizens.

Phelps, the bunco-steerer in charge of the religious department of the Appeal to Resson, has eighty pure, modest, maidenly, etc., etc., girls employed in arranging whatever is prepared in the rendering establishment of the Menace. Phelps knows that his stuff in all lies. Walker doesn't know because he is incapable of knowing and makes money by being ignorant, but the gang have shrewd lawyers to keep the liars sale from the law. Phelps will be up before the grand jury, it is alleged, before the Fort Scott Court acj urns and the carburated hydrogen effluvia that will penetrate the brick walls of the federal building when he is on the stand, it is said, will be heavy enough to support a hat and strong enough to stagger a Missouri mule. Missouri mule.
Whatever the Appeal to Reason may

have made out of its socialistic disp-trap is no criterion for the success of the Menace. The former began humbly and dosed out homeopathically. The latter began in intoxication and supplied an overdose of bigotry which is sickening even those who ordinarily welcome an attack on the Catholic Church. While the secular press, to a suspicious extent by its sitence evidences as metal. extent, by its silence evidences sympathy with these diabolical attacks of the Menace, there are fair-minded and fair-fighting Americans who, though not Catholics themselves have taken up the gauntlet and are battling bravely for the Church that always has been, is to day and always will be in the forefront of the fight against the foes of Christian

A Crimson Crime

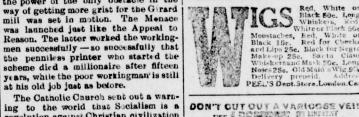
Criticism of Catholic theology is legitimate, but lying about the moral character of priests is infamous. A man may object to Catholic rites and cere monies and be a gentleman, but when he slanders Sisters of Charity he forfeits

the respect of honest, fair-minded men.
One may reject the claims of the
Catholic Church and be a liberal-minded decent, patriotic citizen of the republic but when he denies Catholics, any social political, civil or religious right which here remains nothing but the incarna-

there remains nothing but the incarna-tion of gail and bigotry.

It is wrong to lie about the devil, but when falsehood carries with it defama-tion of pure, innocent, noble womanhood, it becomes a crimson crime. Brann's Iconoclast.

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