

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. M. BOSSAERT

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

THE REVELERIES ON THE LAST DAYS BEFORE LENT

A genuine, honest friend shows his friendship especially in times of trouble and poverty, and it is when a father or mother is in distress that a devoted child can best display his filial affection.

1. Now, my brethren, let us not forget that we are God's friends; "I have called you friends," said our Divine Saviour; we are Christ's brethren, for He declared: "Whosoever shall do the will of God, He is My brother and My sister."

2. Can you really bring yourselves to act thus? Is there no compassion for our Divine Lord in your hearts? What harm has He ever done you, that you should treat Him so shamefully, and nail Him so cruelly to the Cross?

3. It is incredible that any of you, my brethren, can deserve such a reproach—I cannot believe that you will be so hard-hearted as to plunge recklessly into the sins and follies of the Carnival. I cannot believe that your conscience will allow you to tolerate any sinful actions on the part of those under your control, and I trust that you have enough real love of God in your hearts to make you ready to follow my advice.

I would have you all, but especially the young people among you, remember that a day may come when you will regret having endangered your virtue and innocence, the fairest and most precious possessions in life.

TURNING TO GOD

The toll of death demanded by the earthquake in Mexico will run into the thousands. Other hundreds of thousands have been made homeless and penniless.

When man fight their own kind they meet on equal terms. When the forces of nature are let loose against him, man shrinks into the insignificance of complete humility.

self before the omnipotent power of God. The earthquake in Mexico repeated the old story. Hundreds of thousands fell upon their knees and with one accord prayed to Him Who rules the world.

CHRIST ALONE BEFORE PILATE

Lent is upon us and it will be well for us if we can catch something of its spirit. Mere abstinence from food will not necessarily imbue us with a penitential spirit.

Nothing is more profitable than mortification and nothing is more necessary. If the Incarnate Son of God went out into the desert and fasted for forty days and forty nights, none of the sons of man can think it needless for them to enter into a Lenten Season in memory of the fast of our Great Exemplar.

No season in the ecclesiastical calendar is so eloquent in its appeal to the heavy burdened or so persuasive in its winsomeness with the lovers of Christ as is Holy Week. Its story of Christ's immolation of Himself for the salvation of sinners makes the worst of us to pause.

The loneliness of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane and in the house of Pilate and on the cross when John had to lead away His afflicted mother must touch our hearts if we have hearts that can feel. The loneliness of Divine Goodness and Love in the vast desert of worldly pomp and hollow pretense must stir hidden depths in souls that can but comprehend. Such loneliness the saints understood best and in it they abided while they were in the world, being not of it.

Moral courage is the supreme need of humanity. In the piping days of peace sensual indulgence of every sort enervates the race, and men dare nothing that disturbs their comfort. War with all its horrors may be less of a curse than such peace.

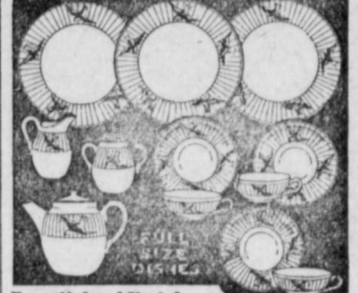
FATHER VAUGHAN ON FASHIONS

Commenting upon Cardinal Amette's recent appeal to women to rebel against fashions which were opposed to decency, Father Bernard Vaughan, the well-known English Jesuit, says: "Modern fashions are as injurious to a woman's body as to her soul."

health, they might live to see a second and third generation." Father Vaughan spoke of the lure to sin, and added a word of sterling advice: "Dress modestly. Bear yourself modestly. Create in a man a respect and reverence for you, and have nothing to do with animal dances or animal dancers. The great mistake is to forget that false love is ephemeral, while pure love is everlasting. In the long run vice cannot compete with virtue. It is too heavily handicapped."—The Echo.

Sanctity consists in the right performance of everyday duties.—Father Farrell.

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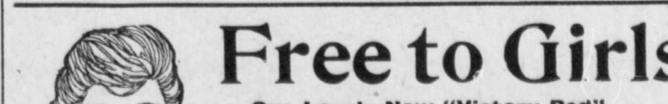
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THE DOMINION BANK

At the Forty-Ninth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of The Dominion Bank, held at the Head Office, in Toronto, on 28th January, 1920, the following statement of the affairs of the Bank as on the 31st December, 1919, was submitted:

Table with financial data: Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st December, 1918: \$446,503.22; Profit for the year, after deducting charges of management and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts: \$1,250,053.83; Less: Dominion Government War Tax (on circulation): \$60,000.00; Taxes paid to Provincial Governments: \$2,350.00; Making net profits of: \$1,169,703.83.

GENERAL STATEMENT LIABILITIES

Table with financial data: Capital Stock paid in: \$6,000,000.00; Reserve Fund: \$7,000,000.00; Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward: \$495,707.05; Dividend No. 149, payable 2nd January, 1920: \$180,000.00; Bonus, one per cent., payable 2nd January, 1920: \$60,000.00; Former Dividends unclaimed: \$4,089.00; Total Liabilities to the Shareholders: \$13,739,796.05.

ASSETS

Table with financial data: Gold and Silver Coin: \$1,980,842.69; Dominion Government Notes: \$5,843,726.00; Deposit with Central Gold Reserves: \$4,100,000.00; Notes of other Banks: \$1,170,382.64; Cheques on other Banks: \$6,816,287.08; Balances due by other Banks in Canada: \$3,857.96; Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada: \$1,988,043.33; Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value: \$7,900,080.39; Canadian Municipal Securities, and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value: \$13,334,525.62; Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value: \$1,996,115.44; Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks: \$9,352,534.25; Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Loans elsewhere than in Canada: \$4,698,984.25; Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest): \$5,396,248.68; Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest): \$1,050,488.62; Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contra: \$1,168,405.41; Real Estate other than Bank Premises: \$5,469.57; Overdue Debts, (estimated loss provided for): \$74,566.85; Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off: \$5,407,180.30; Deposit with the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund: \$304,500.00; Mortgages on Real Estate sold: \$22,680.84; Total Public Liabilities: \$143,504,919.82.

E. B. OSLER, President. C. A. BOGERT, General Manager.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS: We have compared the above Balance Sheet with the books and accounts at the Chief Office of The Dominion Bank, and the certified returns received from its Branches, and after checking the cash and verifying the securities at the Chief Office and certain of the principal Branches on December 31st, 1919, we certify that, in our opinion, such Balance Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank.