

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
HOW WE SHOULD USE EARTHLY
POSSESSIONS

"And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity, that when you shall fail they may receive you into everlasting dwellings." (Luke xvi, 9.)

Since worldly goods are to many an occasion of sin, and the cause of their damnation, to remind us of this our Lord calls them the "mammon of iniquity." He would have all those who follow Him use them so as to insure His fellowship, and that of the angels, saints, and all who have His glorious cause at heart.

He would have us understand, that though what justly or naturally accrues to us, is ours, as far as man's title extends, yet He, the Creator and Preserver of all things, is their only absolute owner.

we should seriously before God examine ourselves on the matter. Can we in all candor say that this species of charity has been displayed in our lives to the extent that our earthly substance has warranted? If so, it is well; but if not, it should occur to us that had we gone out of life before this, it is, to say the least, gravely doubtful that we would have had friends to receive us into everlasting dwellings. From this our duty for the future is clear.

TEMPERANCE

AN INCIDENT WITH A MORAL
Coming home from Europe on one of the great liners I noticed the captain—a ruddy-faced Scotsman—did not use wine at the table, and when urged declined with great politeness.

The captain refused to partake in any way, giving no reasons, but declining with the utmost courtesy. Some of the passengers were persistent to know why he could not join them in taking a little wine—among them a judge, who, on one occasion, pressed the captain for reasons of his refusal with persistence.

Each one shook hands with the captain in the deepest gratitude for his courage, for he was a hero on a higher plane than we ever realized. That poor Scotch woman's intuition and faith that her boy would rise to eminence if he followed her promise was fulfilled.

WHAT TO TAKE AND WHAT TO LEAVE

One of the biographers of St. Basil, Archbishop of Caesarea, assures us with charming naivete that although this great Doctor of the Church mastered the main principles of geometry, medicine and other branches, he held them subservient to the studies that bore more directly upon his sacred calling.

to join hands in a riotous excursion into fields of reading or of study that, if not actually prohibited by the Church, are highly likely, at the least, to lead to a weakening of the faith and a resultant lowering of the moral standard.

Undisciplined mental dabbling is not at all, as some appear to think, synonymous with intellectual breadth. The confusion may be avoided by the exercise of common sense, prefaced by frequent prayers to the Holy Ghost.—New World.

CONVERTED BY TRUTH AND LOVE

I have learned something new. "Slackers," are of little use to the Church, I read. Then I learn the "Slacker" referred to is the convert who disappears never could see why converts should parade themselves; at the same time I am willing publicly to give the reason why of my conversion, hoping it may be of benefit in leading some poor wanderer home.

The Anglican Church, thanks be to God, taught me as a boy that the Christian church is an institution with an established hierarchy; instituted by Jesus Christ to continue His mission until the end of time.

When matters began to take a more serious hue, I wanted to investigate. I would ask myself the question: Why should I accept Christianity simply because it had been inculcated in childhood. Then followed, what I now look back on as the formative period.

Meantime I considered fundamentals. I instinctively realized that I did not produce myself, consequently I had to admit "a first cause," and I was not long in accepting the arguments advanced by St. Augustine concerning God and man, creator and creature; I acknowledged truth to be universal and God the creator of all things.

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I had formulated an idea of a teaching body in my boyhood; not alone a teaching body but a teaching body with a Divine authority; one not tossed about by every wind of doctrine but firm in the doctrine of sound words, once delivered to the Saints.

now read devotional works, for example the Lives of the Saints; the more I feel inclined to acknowledge my littleness, and to thank God from the bottom of my heart for the gift—(and I look upon it as simply the Gift of God) of the true faith.

My love for the Anglican establishment was next to veneration. Here let me say that I was a firm believer (even as an Anglican) in the Real Presence; the foundation-stone of everything Catholic. But strange to say this was the stone upon which I stumbled out of Anglicanism.

My insecurity began to dawn upon me, much to my chagrin. I often thought of these words of the old saying and paraphrased them: "If ever by choice or chance you should go to Modena, you will be shown Tagoni's bucket; but it is not the true one."

My dream was dispelled. Had I been the dupe of a pseudo ministry? I firmly believed I had; but, withal, I love the Protestant Episcopal church for the good she did me.—H. A. Wimbush, in The Missionary.

LOVE OF GOD

There is a way in which the obligation of worshipping God is plain to the common sense of every one. To be grateful to those who do us good is a natural instinct, implanted not only in all races of men, but even in animals.

TEACHING OF NATURE

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still more with much light. In the early history of the Israelites we find little said about a future life. God led them to His service chiefly by the fear of immediate punishment or present reward.

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DENOUNCES BAD PRESS

Cardinal Mañi, president, and far more than honorary president—the keenest worker in the "Good Press" organizations of Italy—has published a telling article against the "Bad Press," more particularly against the immoral literature which pours out over the country from time to time.

It became a scandal during last summer, which was in reality a good thing because so glaring that it could not but be seen. And that at a time when Italians were filled with a patriotic spirit and rose up against it hand in hand with the Catholic organizations, mainly that led by Cardinal Mañi himself.

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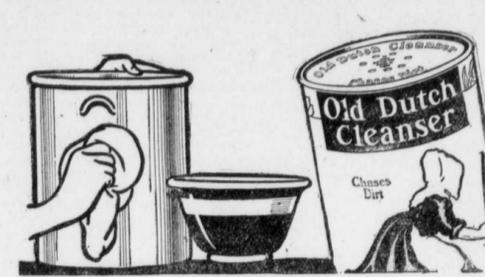
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