

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

EXTERIOR CONDUCT

"And entering into the temple, He began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought, saying to them: It is written: My house is the house of prayer, but you have made it a den of thieves. And He was teaching daily in the temple." (Lk. xix, 46, 47)

Man can assume innumerable roles in this life. He should assume some role, but one that is consonant with righteousness which should really be found in his heart. Rather than a role, perhaps it should be called exterior conduct. But whatever we term it, it should be conformable to God's law and be a real reflection of what is in the heart. As a rule, the exterior will reflect the interior. But this is not always so, owing to the fact that man can, if he desires, conceal what is within him, and because circumstances sometimes urge a man to act otherwise than his heart dictates. It can not be said that simulation is an evil practice in all cases. Sometimes there are reasons for assuming an exterior that is not in reality our own. A mother will sometimes appear what she is not, in order to correct her child; a detective will impersonate various characters, in order to capture the malefactor. Nay, we do not in fun often assume various roles? Certainly only the pessimist would condemn these and many other blameless deceptions of man. The most extreme rigorist would not consider them grave failings, even though, perhaps, he would be inclined to call them imperfections.

But we must admit there exists in the world too much of the tendency to appear what we are not. It is, no doubt, often excusable on various grounds, but in the greater number of cases it is reprehensible. Where can you find a class of men or women among whom pretence does not make itself manifest? The rich, the poor, the ignorant, the learned—all classes are affected by it. In fact, the greater the worldly blessing, the more pretence there is with it. It is manifest in dress; it is shown in society; it exists at home; it is apparent everywhere. Though it may not be entirely ruinous, its effects certainly do not elevate; though it may be excused by people, as it generally is, it does not thereby lose its malice. The lessons of humility, which are repeatedly taught in the Gospels, can neither be learned nor assimilated by such people; and, as a consequence, true holiness can not exist in their lives.

But this practice of assuming a role not befitting our interior, or making use of ourselves for a work in no way meritorious, is not by any means confined to our persons alone. We also misuse the things around us. The Gospel gives us a glaring example of the abuse of something exterior to man. It is good to be in the temple or church; it is lawful to buy or sell. But it is not good to be in the temple or church to buy or sell; and this incomparably worse to be in the temple and to be buying and selling dishonestly. Perhaps it was the intention of those who bought and sold to go into the temple for their negotiations and carry them on unjustly, thinking the people would be inclined to believe that because it was done there, it was just dealing. The scheme worked, for they did deceive the people; but He to whose eyes all things are open, could not be deceived, and He did not pass them by. He made manifest their wickedness and began then daily to teach in the temple, using it for the purpose for which it was intended.

The motto of the Christian should be to be right and real—or to be really right. In other words, we should keep the law and show that we keep it. There are many people in the world who are right, but who, unfortunately, always do not appear real. They are those who always do not manifest their beliefs, or who sometimes are inclined to hide them. Catholics often are to be blamed in this respect, even though in their hearts they feel that they have not committed a fault of any serious nature. But they should remember that they are not living a life apart from the rest of the members of Christ's Church. They are parts of a whole; they make up a unit of the great society of the Church. Now, it is evident that, unless the parts function rightly and really, sometimes the society made up of these parts will suffer in many respects. To be more explicit, it is not a fact that thousands of our people become very indifferent about political elections? Individually, it may be true, for the result of the election would make little difference to each one. But often the whole Church, or at least some members of it, are made to suffer because of this indifference. However, it is not because the outcome of an election will not affect many of our people that so large a number of them are indifferent; in the majority of cases, it is because they are imbued with a false sense of tolerance. We would never urge our people to be other than tolerant, but tolerance will not conquer the armed enemy on the firing-line. Hence, where tolerance consistently can be exercised, we should practice it; where it can not, we are guilty if we use it. When principles and rights are in question, and where

experience has taught that tolerance only makes the situation worse, then another course must be pursued.

Let us remember, therefore, to use everything as it should be used. When something—no matter how holy or sanctified it be—is used for any other end than that for which it was created, its use is put to naught from a moral standpoint. Everything wrong that exists in the world today is here because some means have been used for wrong ends. They have even so distorted Scripture as to pretend to prove from it the hundreds of false religions now prevalent in the world. Hence, the correct use of God's gifts and of man's just products will make us right and real.

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FEEDING LAYING
HENS

It is an accepted fact that hens must have some form of animal protein in their feeding ration and this is usually supplied by beef scrap. Two years ago an experiment was started at the Experimental Farm, Nappan, N. S. to determine the relative values of beef scrap and skim milk when added to the laying ration. Two pens were made up of ten birds each, as a uniform in breeding, age and type as it was possible to select. The rations fed to each pen were alike and constant except that Pen 1 received beef scrap and Pen 2 skim milk. The results obtained show the possibilities there are of realizing good value for skim milk by feeding more of it to the hen.

The average production from the ten birds receiving beef scrap for the two six-months feeding periods (Nov. 1 to April 30 each year) was 615.6 eggs at a feed cost of \$13.75 or 26.8 cents per dozen, leaving a profit over feed cost of 97.2 cents per bird. In Pen 2 the ten birds receiving skim milk over the same period had an average production of 609.5 eggs at feed cost of \$12.70 or 21.8 cents per dozen leaving a profit over feed cost of \$1.49 per bird.

By taking the average of two years it was found that 698.7 pounds skim milk valued at 20 cents per hundred and thus costing \$1.30 gave greater returns than 89 pounds beef scrap at a market price of \$7.24 per hundred thus costing \$2.62. If as believed at the Experimental Farm, the increase in production from the pens receiving milk can be attributed to the value of skim milk as a food for laying hens, it would only be fair to state that the farmer had received slightly better than one dollar per hundredweight for his skim milk when he marketed it through his eggs.

As this feeding test has only been carried on for two years it does not permit our drawing definite conclusions yet. However, the results to date would lead one to believe that a part of the skim milk available on the farm can be very profitably marketed through the egg and would seem to be a more profitable proposition than paying \$7 per hundred for beef scrap in order to supply the amount of protein so essential for profitable egg production.

W. W. BAIRD, Superintendent,
Experimental Farm,
Nappan, Nova Scotia.

40,000 HARVESTERS WILL BE
WANTED FOR THE WEST

At least 40,000 harvesters will be required to garner the Western Canada Wheat Crop this season, according to information received at general headquarters of the Canadian National Railways this afternoon. Of this number approximately 20,000 will have to be secured from Eastern Canada, it being thought that the remainder can be supplied by the three Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.

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A further meeting is to be held about August 2nd in Winnipeg to decide upon the date when the special rail fares for harvesters will go into effect. This date will be governed by the time when the farmers are prepared to accept harvesters. Representatives of Canadian National Railways were asked by the Government Officials to state how well they were prepared to handle this traffic and they were told that the National Railway System has approximately 400 cars, of the very latest type of colonist equipment held in readiness for the handling of the excursion. In addition there are ready for service on these trains a number of specially designed lunch counter cars, all of them larger and better equipped than any other cars of this type in the country.

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"I, the writer of this, am a Protestant," he says, "a Free Churchman, and although I have very many dear Roman Catholic friends, and know, to my own exceeding self-reproach, that most of them practice their religion much more faithfully than most of us do our own, I have no leanings whatever to the Church of Rome."

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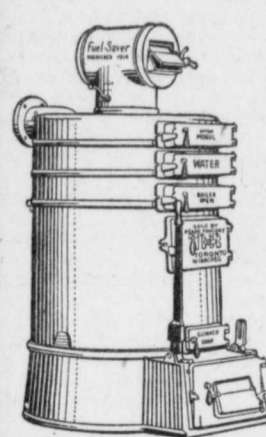
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