

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE CERTAINTY OF DEATH

"And when He came to the gate of the city, he beheld a dead man carried out on a stretcher...

The prophets of old cried out that the world was desolate of spiritual wealth, because people did not think within their hearts...

PATRIOTISM AND RELIGION

By Rev. John A. Ryan, D. D.

Patriotism is sufficiently vital to evoke some thoughts fit for consideration by young men and women...

None of you is too young to have become acquainted with patriotism as it is understood in the time of War...

That patriotism I shall attempt to describe under two heads: sane nationalism and social justice.

In the world of the spirit, there is a certainty in His mind and established laws that are infallible.

How few people think of this order of God, certain to us as to execution but uncertain as to time and manner!

What a disappointment death generally is to those who are dear to the one who is stricken!

great, unless it exemplifies social justice. The members of every class, every group, every section, must receive a reasonable measure of effective opportunity for right life and the pursuit of happiness.

The method of progressive taxation must be perfected and extended to reach adequately, but without discouraging enterprise, all forms of surplus profit.

Finally, the unfavorable contingencies of life, chiefly sickness, accidents, unemployment and old age, must so far as necessary, be provided for by a comprehensive system of social insurance.

FRENCH SOCIAL WEEK

DELEGATES FROM TWENTY NATIONS AT CONFERENCE

By M. Massiani

Lyons, France.—After having carried its sessions successively to many of the largest cities of France, from Strasbourg to Rennes and from Amiens to Marseille, the "Social Week" of France brought its seventeenth conference this year back to the city where it first came into being...

"THE CRISIS OF AUTHORITY" The increased attendance was due, no doubt, in large measure, to the general subject selected for study and discussion, namely: "The Crisis of Authority."

A brief list of some of the more prominent speakers will show the value and the authority of the lectures: Mgr. Besson, Bishop of Lausanne; Mgr. Deploige, Senator from Belgium and Director of the Institute of Philosophy of Louvain; M. Maus, Director General of the Belgian Ministry of Justice; Father Rutten, member of the Belgian Senate, and the historian Georges Goyau, member of the French Academy, also prominent lawyers and professors from several law colleges spoke.

Cardinal Tacci Attends Cardinal Tacci, who had come to France as Papal Legate to attend the festivities in honor of Saint Madeleine Postel, in Normandy, stopped in Lyons to attend the sessions. Cardinal Maurice, of Lyons, presided at practically every meeting and many Archbishops and Bishops were in attendance.

of note that in his study of the abuse of authority in public life, M. Cretinon, former member of the Lyons Bar Association, advocated the institution in France of a Supreme Court modeled after that of the United States.

Another interesting recommendation was that of Dr. Biot in an address on the duties of the medical profession in the campaign against immorality.

"The Liberty of the Church and of Her Relations with the State" was the subject of the very important lecture delivered by Father Desbuquois, S. J., Director of the Action Populaire de France.

"The Church," he said, "must remain supremely independent in the domain of conscience: the Church cannot be nationalized because it is universal, nor can it be in any manner subordinated to the State."

Authority in the school The question of authority in the school, one of the most important subjects discussed, opened with a scholarly address by Mgr. Lavallee, Rector of the Catholic Institute of Lyons, who declared that the family today has little share in the authority on matters of education.

"The Church," he said, "cannot remain foreign to the education of children for whose spiritual life she assumes responsibility at the time of their baptism. Authority in the matter of education belongs by right to the family and to the State, although the authority of the latter must and should be only that of supervision."

There was a touching scene at the end of one of the most important sessions when Mgr. Roche, Bishop of Tulle, made a brief address. Bishop Roche is a Hindu, the first of his race to be raised to the hierarchy, and he asked permission to speak in order to thank the Catholic missionaries who had called him to the honor of the priesthood and whose charity had made it possible for an humble native boy to become the head of a diocese.

The Social Week of 1926 will meet at Le Havre. The subject will be "International Relations and International Law."

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