#### FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Trinity Sunday.

THE DIVINE MAJESTY.

For Him, and by Him, and in Him are all things: to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Epistle of the day.) To-day, my dear brethren, the Church, having completed of the round feasts and fasts which she began on Christmas, having brought to our remembrance our Lord's birth, His holy childhood, His our Lord's orth, His holy childhood, His ministry on earth, His Passion and death, His glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and the coming of the Holy Ghost as He had promised, finally brings us into the presence of the Being by whom all these wonderful works have been accomplished, and who is the sole object of our adoration-the ever Blessed object of our adoration—the ever Blessed Trinity, the three Divine Persons, the one God. She bids us contemplate, so far as it is possible for us, the great and ineffable mystery into the faith of which we have been baptized, and to join with the angels and saints in the canticles of heaven, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and who

is, and who is to come."
"Of him, and by him, and in him are all things," says the Apostle, re-minding us of this highest of all the teachings of the Christian faith. Of the Father is the Son, and by the Son is the Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and in whom in their life and mutual love. The dis-tinction of the Divine Persons is this Nature is only one; of, by, and in that One are we and all things created.

We and all the world around us are of God; not part of Him nor born of Him according to nature, nor proceed-ing from His substance, but still of Him in that we owe our being entirely to Him who drew us from nothing by His Almighty power. Nothing could ever have existed outside of God Himself except through the wonderful, incomprehensible act of creation. From nothing, nothing of itself could come all things are from and of God, who created them from nothing.

By His Almighty power, then, we have been created, and by it now we are sustained. We could not live for a moment except by His continual support. It is only by His aid that we can draw a single breath, walk a single step, or perform the simplest act. The winds and the waters, and all the powers of nature, as we call them, are His powers, too, which he lends to us, and makes subservient to our use.

And in Him we live and move and are. He is nearer to us than we to ourselves. It is not only that He makes us live; it is His life by which we live; our life comes from and belongs to His eternal life. The life of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is in Him-

self; ours is in Him.
To Him, then, the one and only true God, "be glory," as the Apostle says, "for ever and ever." How often we say these words, "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy and how little do we think of what they mean! If all that we are and have is from God, by Him and in Him, how can we set ourselves apart from Him, or claim anything for our-selves against him? How can we selves against him? glory in ourselves, or desire glory from glory in ourselves, or desire glory from others, when all glory, praise, and honor belong of necessity to Him from whom, by whom, and in whom all things are?

say, "Glory be to God." Not some glory or praise or recognition of His greatness from us, as a sort of tax or tribute which we must pay to keep the rest for ourselves. No, when we have given glory to God as we should, there will be nothing left for us to keep. will be nothing left for us to keep. This is the perfection of the creature. to prostrate itself at the foot of its Creator's throne, and to cast all the crowns it has received before Him that sitteth thereon, and to say with the angels and saints in heaven, "Thou art worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power, because thou hast created all things, and for thy will they were and have been

#### The New Freemasonry.

"New Masonry of the Grand Orient" is the title of a work by Georges Bois, just issued at Paris. Since the publication of the Pope's Encyclical on Freemasonry, Humanum Genus, and the revelations which followed, it appears that Encycle Masonra and American Market Paris In that French Masonry has undergone a radical transformation. The ancient rites have been abandoned. The new rites of the French Grand Orient were promulgated in 1887 for symbolic or blue Masonry, in 1890 for red Masonry, and in 1891 for black Masonry. These new rites abandon completely the ancient, physical and traditional trials, which are now replaced by carefully calculated moral trials. They have also completely abandoned the ancient notion of the Grand Architect of the Universe, to frankly become atheistic. At the same time, says a reviewer of this work, from whom these details are borrowed, an extremely remarkable political evolution—unique in the history of Masonry— was accomplished under the impulse of the Grand Orient. Since 1888 the annual assembly of the Delegates of Lodges, assembled at Paris in the first half of September, was 'thank you' or 'more meat,'" called Universe, to frankly become atheistic. Since 1888 the annual assembly of the Delegates of Lodges, assembled at Paris in the first half of September, was transformed into a Masonic Parliament for the preparation of laws which are afterwards brought before the legislative assembly of the nation by Freemason deputies, senators or members of the Government. The author, M. Bois, advocate to the Appeal Court of Paris, makes this evident regarding the deliberations taken from 1888 to 1891, by abundant and extensive extracts. Here is to be found the source of many of these opposition laws, and the definitive formula voted and adopted

of several legislative projects which and, strange to say, the old crow was had space to transcribe the whole of it have not yet been brought before Parliament, and the explanation of an organization of adminstrative and political government hitherto un-known, of which the public had no All these facts are supported by irrefutable documents, for the volume is, properly speaking, only a collection of Masonic documents. This 'brief for the prosecution" includes a certain number of the historical documents, some of which touch on the very origin of Masonry, directly transcribed from the originals, the most of which are very rare and almost impossible to be reached. The work forms the most accurate and most complete account existing of that European pest, Freemasonry.—Roman correspondence of the Boston Pilot.

#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A Boy's Wit.

One of the parish sent one morn— A farmer kind and able— A nice fat turkey raised on corn, To grace the pastor's table.

The farmer's lad went with the fowl, And thus addressed the pastor: "Dear me, if I ain't tired! Here is A gobbler from my master.

The pastor said: "Thou shouldst not thus Present the fowl to me; Come, take my chair, and for me act, And I will act for thee."

The preacher's chair received the boy, The fowl the pastor took – Went out with it, and then came in With pleasant smile and look.

And to the young pro tem, he said:
"Dear sir, my honored master
Presents this turkey, and his best
Respects to you, his pastor."

"Good!" said the boy; "your master is A gentleman and a scholar! My thanks to him, and for yourself, Here is a half a dollar."

The pastor felt around his mouth A most peculiar twiching; And to the gobbler holding fast, He "bolted" for the kitchen.

He gave the turkey to the cook, And came back in a minute, Then took the youngster's hand and left A half a dollar in it.

The Lesson of a Dream

A certain rich man, about to die, directed that all his possessions should be sold, and the proceeds invested in a large diamond which he could hide in the hollow of his hand, and thus carry his wealth to heaven. His treasurer took steps to fulfil the charge without Meantime his master fell into delay. a deep sleep, and dreamed he stood before the gates of Paradise. But when he sought to enter the blessed place he found that he had lost his treasure somewhere on the way, and fell to

Said an angel who drew near Why do you lament?"

"I have lost my diamond," answered the man, describing it.
"We should call that dross where we abide," returned the angel; "the memory of one kindly act on earth would more avail you here. And have

you none?"
"Alas, I know of none!"

"Not one?"
"I dried an orphan's tear one day,"

said the man, hesitatingly.
"That tear is here," replied the angel, "laid up for you. Behold it!"
And as the astonished man gazed upon the tear, it shone so brighly and shed so gentle a light upon his soul

#### "Kindness."

"O Auntie, dear! do look at that poor dog that is coming in at the open gate. I am sure he is starving, he is so thin. apple-tree. May I not give him some-thing to eat?" There, he has lain down under the

ing."
When May offered the dog the food he seemed too weak to stand, but raised she must have been amply repaid. He ate and drank ravenously, then licked May's little hand as she raised it to pat his head, and said to her, in his dumb his head, and said to her, in his dumb way, as plainly as we could have spoken: "You are kind and gentle, and I love you for your goodness."

When he had finished May picked

When he had finished May picked up the plate, on which a small piece of meat had been left, and turned to go into the house, when she was startled by a loud "caw, caw." On looking up she saw a large, black crow on one of the branches of the apple-tree. "What do you mean by frightening me like that?" said May, who had a little way of talking to everything: "do you want this piece of meat?" put-

always on his perch in the tree to welcome May with his loud "caw, caw," to which she kindly replied:
"Good morning, Mr. Crow," and gave

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him some breakfast also. One morning long afterwards May went as usual to the apple-tree with Rover's breakfast, but he was not Rover's breakfast, but he was not there; she called and called again, yet two bound guard books. Dear brother, he did not come; she looked up into I never knew how much he cared for the tree to see if the old crow was there, and there he sat eyeing her very closely. "Good morning, Mr. Crow," closely. "Good morning, Mr. Crow," she called, but he answered not a word; she gave him some meat, which he ate greedily, watching the plate which she held all the time. "You're a funny old bird," she said, and put the plate down, thinking Rover would come by and by, but no sooner had she turned to go than the crow flew down, and taking a large piece of meat, flew away with it. "You naughty greedy old bird," said May, indignantly; and while she stood thinking about it back Crow on his way out of the door and Rover looking well pleased, but securely tied. She waited to see what it all meant. Presently the old crow was the slightest diminution of affective to me, one passage from which I have permission to recite. It is as follows:

"It is quite true that there never was the slightest diminution of affective to me, one passage from which I have permission to recite. times, each time bringing the dog a portion of his breakfast. She called

papa had tied Rover up because the new gardener was afraid of him, and that he had forgotten to mention it to

Of his brother and sister in particuher before leaving in the morning.

'Mr. Crow, you must forgive me for calling you a naughty, greedy old bird," said May, going over to the savage bird and stroking his black feathers. "You are a dear, good, kind old thing. Is it not funny, auntie, for a dog and a crow to be such

"Yes, dear," she answered; you so that even the least of us can do little acts of kindness for each other. It's a lesson we may take to heart, my little one."

M. C. Dorrian.

#### FEARED HIS INFLUENCE.

Why Cardinal Manning's Relatives Held Aloof From Him. Mr. Purcell, writing in the Dublin

Review, contributes a long article on the late Cardinal Manning as an Anglican, from which we may make sufficiently interesting extract: It has often been said of Cardinal

Manning that his Anglican days are to him a page in his life finished and turned down. It may, indeed, be a closed book, as far as his public action or speech is concerned to the outside world, but to himself his early life, with its hard-fought victory, is a page on which his memory ever lingered

which he never forgave. Since that day we have never met; no letter has ever passed between us." The Cardinal spoke of his brother with great affection and respect. He added: "I saw him twice; once at a railway thing to eat?"
"Yes," said auntie, looking down into the sweet eyes glistening with tears of pity; "go into the kitchen and Margaret will give you some meat; the poor creature must be stary"But what I treasure most," said the Condinal relationship of the condinal some family heirlooms and books. Cardinal, pointing to a book-shelf, "are those two volumes im which my brother bound up all my letters to him. a face so full of gratitude that even if she had counted her kindness a task affection for me still survived." His brothers and sisters held aloof from him for the most part; yet, if estranged from him in religion, their hearts were from first to last knit together in the closest ties of mutual esteem, affection

and love. To show how fully the Cardinal shared this family affection, I will recite here one passage from a letter to a near relative, written almost on the eve of his departure from out of the Church of England—that time of trial for him and for them who were bound to him by ties of family affection. The letter is dated:

Lavington, 1850.

My Dearest —:

\* \* \* \* I feel sad at the thought

Westminster, S. W., Jan. 9, 1892.

MY DEAR-\* Frederick has kept all my ing. Indeed, I have been more touched and surprised than I can say Indeed, I have been more at all your letters and those of my father and mother. \* \* \* Never

father and mother.

For a day have I forgotten them at the altar in the Holy Mass. H. E. C. A. Indeed, it was his brother's great affection for the Cardinal which stood in the way of their meeting. A like cause, coupled, perhaps, with fear of his influence, operated with other members of his family, who, after he became a Catholic, though their love survived to the very last, held aloof came Mr. Crow, took another piece of meat, and May noticed that he flew to the barn; so, following quickly she reached there just in time to see Mr.

not believe what she saw until again the crow went and returned several times, each time bringing the design that we have made the crown that times, each time bringing the dog a portion of his breakfast. She called her aunt, and together they watched the strange performance until Payer. the strange performance until Rover had had all that he could eat.

May afterwards learned that her mutual love was cherished to the end,

lar the Cardinal often spoke in terms of affection. In reference to the members and fellow-workers in the old days, the Cardinal said:

sider it right or proper, or comporting with the dignity of the cause I repre-sent, by making advances to subject myself to a rebuff. But I met more than half way those who held out a hand to me. We parted; they held hand to me. We parted; they held aloof from me; but not one, I verily believe, of my friends in those days of trial bore ill-will against me person ally, or even resented my quitting their side. They avoided me because they were in fear of my influence over

unto the end, of his Anglican life was very susceptible to external influences, to the praise or blame of men, to public censure or applause.

with a half-sad pleasure. The friends of his youth, his co-partners in hope, his fellow-workers in a cause he held sacred, were dear to his memory. Yet dearer by far to his heart were those, of whom, since he become Catholic, he rarely or ever spoke—his own kith and kin, brothers and sisters. With one exception, they all remained where he had left them—in the Church of their baptism. "My dear brother Frederick," the Cardinal said to me, "is like a Spanish hildago in his high sense of honor and in his loyalty and allegiance to the Church of his baptism. He looked upon my leaving the Church of England as an act of disloyalty which he never forgave. Since that day we have never met: no letter has a spanish which is fathfully tired, never fails to effect a prompt and lasting cure even in the worst cases. The following extract from a letter from Mr. Jas. M. Carson, Banff, N. W. T. will speak for itself:—"I have been troubled with constipation and general debility and was induced to use your B. B. B. through seeing your advertisement. I now take great pleasure in recommending it to all my friends, as it completely cured me."

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