### FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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OUR DAILY BREAD

The miracle wrought by our Divine Lord in the wilderness still takes place every year, when God multi-plies the fruits of the earth, so that daily bread and nourishment are provided for us all. Yet the earth does not bring forth her produce without the cooperation of men, who must also do their part, if the harvest is to succeed. Let us consider shortly today what we must do in order to have our daily bread and means of livelihood in the world.

1. In the first place, we must ask

God for what we want. We all, even the rich, are, as St. Augustine says, beggers at our heavenly Father's door, for everything that we possess and enjoy comes from Him. With out Him we should not have a grain of corn to eat, nor a drop of water to drink, nor anything to wear, nor a house in which to dwell. St. James tells us that "every best gift and every perfect gift is from above, ming down from the Father of hts." Now, God has told us plainlights." Now God has told us plantly that He wishes us to ask Him for
His gifts: "Ask and it shall be
given unto you," said our Lord, and
in the "Our Father" he taught us
to pray: "Give us this day our
daily bread." Hégic it is our duty to ask God for His gifes, and to pray humbly, with the consciousness of our own poverty and unworthiness, but yet with confidence that He will not refuse us what we need for our sustenance in this world. Many people, however, act very differently, and never think of praying in the morning or at night; they do not thank God for their meals, and devote all their time to worldly business and interests. Even on Sundays and festivals they do not pray, and either absent themselves altogether from public worship, or behave at it in a manner calculated to insult rather than to honor God they even muck at others who really pray. How can men who thus look down on prayer, expect God to bless them and enrich them with His

The second thing required of

The sentence pronounced by God against Adam: "In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat thy bread," concerns us all. We can look for food and sustenance from God only on condition that we work diligently each at our respective task. In the book of Proverbs we read: "In much work there shall be abundance but where there are many words there is oftentimes want." St. Paul says very plainly: "He that will not work, neither shall he eat." You see, therefore, that an idle man has no right to food and drink, and he cannot claim our pity if he comes to want. It is God's will that we should work, as well as pray, in order to have our daily bread. Prayer is necessary to obtain God's blessing, but we must not simply pray and do nothing; every one is bound to labor in the position in which God has placed him, and it is only when we work that He will bless us and supply our needs. There is much truth in the proverb:
"God helps those that help them-

By means of prayer and labor week. If a workman wastes all his

To sum up: if we are to have our daily bread, we must ask God for it in humble prayer, we must work hard, practising thrift and avoiding useless expenses. It you act thus you will never come to want. Should poverty, however, be your lot, remember how Christ called the poor, and not the rich, blessed, and how He and most of His Saints lived lives of poverty and labor.

MONUMENT TO THE GREATEST

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It would be well if this new, mag nificent monument could be a creation, rather than an imitation; an interpretation of the art, the architectural science of today—a beautiful religious monument of glass, steel and marble, reaching 1,000 feet or more toward the sky. This church will commemorate the end ing of a plague more dreadful than the plague followed by the building of Santa Maria Della Salute in Venice. - Arthur Brisbane, in The

#### SENATOR SHERMAN'S MISAPPREHENSIONS

They say there's but five upon The decorum of that sedate and honorable body must have been hilariously disturbed on last Saturday when the member from Illinois, its Papal States. The use and necestary of the Papal States. The use and necestary of the Papal States. in opposing the project of the League of Narions, sounded his feeble alarm against the possible menace of the Vatican. But Senator Sherman apparently took himself seriously. "There is danger," he said without that principality was acquired even a blush for his bigotry, "that by him, or conferred on him, because the Vatican would have the control-lead to poverty. We ought to apportion what we have with prudence, so as not to run short. It is no wonder if people are ruined who spend in one day what ought to last them a problem of the control of few of them maintained on that territories in several countries in occasion the composure and decorum Europe and in Africa. By law the wages on drink, gambling or amuse ments, how can his family live? If that ordinarily attend the serious deliberations of the Senate. How could it be otherwise? Even Senator tunnecessary tuings, she will have nothing for the rest of the week. Such people have no right to grumble, they ought to remember the saying: "A penny saved is a penny gained."

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The Pope, who ordered the building of St. Peter's, the most magnificent church in the world, by Michael Angelo, developed the bighest architectural art of his period. That magnificent dome was the newest thing in architecture. Michael Angelo and the Pope directing him imitated nothing they created.

dent Wilson entertaining any project that might be of eventual benefit to Catholic interests? And even if the majority of the nations that will, in the course of time, become members of the League could justly be designated Catholic, would this in itself justify the wild conclusion of Senator Sherman? The Senator knows little about the past if he thinks that all the nominal Catholic countries are, or ever have been, controlled in their policies by the ideal Catholic spirit; he knows little about the recent history of he says: "The temporal kingdom to the preserve to the Holy See the date which had been solemnly restored to, it."

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France and Italy if he feels that the is founded upon a thousand years of political conduct of these two nations affords him plausible grounds for his absurd conclusion.

Sherman's speech that he, like many another Protestant, has but a vague or a false idea of what is meant by the Temporal Power of the Pope.
"From an early day," he continued,
"the occupants of the Vatican have believed, and still believe, in the in-herent right of the Papal authority to administer civil government."
The meaning which the Senator evidently intended to convoy by these words is a "cruel libel against the Papacy and an insult to the Catholics of the country. We can well afford to ignore so ignorant and groundless a charge when it is made by so vile a sheet as the Menace or by the rest of the mephitic brood of slanderers, but our patience is taxed to resentment when we find it coming from the lips of a Senator of the United States. It would be well for enator Sherman and others of his ilk to read the admirable encyclical of LeoX III. on the Christian States in which the relations of Church and State are clearly defined; the persual would eradicate some of their misap prehensions on the point and possibl destroy some of their bigotry. "God has divided the government of mankind," says the luminous Pontiff, 'be tween two powers, ecclesiastical and civil; one presides over divine things the other over human. Each in its sphere is sovereign; each is marked with limits perfectly defined, and traced in conformity with its nature and its special end. Hence there is, as it were, a circumscribed sphere, in which each exercises its action jure proprio. . . Thus all that is suc-red in human things in any respect whatever, all that relates to the salvation of souls and the worship of God, either torough its nature or

things, the judgment of which, for various reasons, belongs to the religious and to the civil power, she wishes that there be mutual accord by which blessed means both powers will be preserved from fatal dissen-But the Catholic reader will easily discern that Senator Sherman's ignorance of the real meaning of the Papal claims to temporal sovereignty is chiefly responsible for his blufider. Any reliable handbook of modern "They say there's but nive upon this isle," says Shakespeare's Trinculo in The Tempest, "we are three of them if the other two be brained like us, the state totters." It is, indeed, fortunate for this country at number of the Atlantic Monthly. present that the other members of Even a superficial study of the mat the United States Senate are not ter will assure anyone who takes "brained" like Senator Sherman. was not made Pope by the temporal princip principality,

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How Senator Sherman, even with caused order and justice to reign

respect, and the Pope's noblest claim to temporal eovereignty is the free choice of a people delivered by

them from servitude."

If Senator Sperman had thor-It is painfully evident from Senator oughly understood this sovereignty, in the sense in which we have just described it, he would not have given such a deplorable exhibition of ignorance as was witnessed in the halls of our senate.—Buffalo Union

> Every reasonable man must draw his plan of life, and make it in due time.-Formey.

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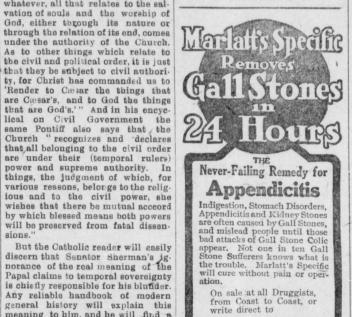
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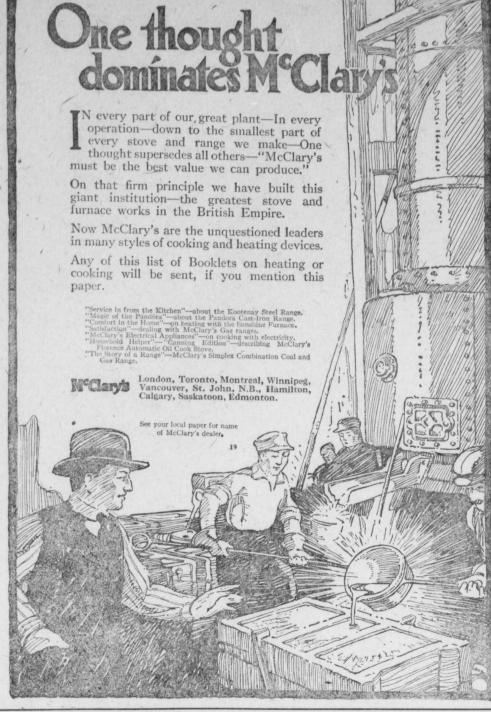
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