FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Sunday Within the Octave of the

AFFER A MISSION.

There is nothing, my dear brethren, which can give more joy and consola-tion both to pastor and people than a mission such as that which was closed

last Sunday.

Thank God, there were many who had been living previously in sin, but who really turned from it then with their whole hearts, and who now have a happiness in those hearts to which they had long before been strangers.
This happiness ought to last all their lives. God means that it should ; they can make it do so if they will.

But how will it be in fact; how is it too often, after such times of grace and fervor? We have had missions before, which really seemed as if they marked a new era in the history of our parish; but we look for their fruits now and find them only few and far between. Too many of those who made them went back a month or so afterward to the old ways of sin.

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What was the reason that they did not persevere? Why was it that they had the same sad story to tell when they came back this time that they had

Was it that they never expected it to be otherwise? Perhaps so. Some Christians—shame to say it—seem to think that moral sin cannot be avoided. Such do not really try to avoid it; how can they? How can any one seriously attempt what he believes to be impossible? No wonder that such as these fell; the question is if indeed they ever arose. For how could they have made the purpose of amendment which a good confession requires? Let them understand, at least now, that it is possible to abandon mortal sin at

once and for ever.

But was it, perhaps, that they thought they could keep the grace they had got by their own unaided strength; that they could fight the devil singlehanded, or even that he would never trouble them much again? Ah! my brethren, if any of you thought that he made a terrible mistake. Satan does not give up the souls which he has once possessed so easily. He knows the advantage which all habits of sin give him, and he is going to make the most of them. He will surely attack you, and you are weak, while he is strong. If you undertake to fight him alone, you will go to the wall. You cannot conquer him unless God helps

But, after all, there are not many Catholics who do not know that it needs God's help to persevere. Oh! yes almost every one will say, when asked after confession if he is going to avoid sin for the future, that he will, "with the help of God.

Well, then, what is the matter? If we know that we are in danger, and that we can escape from it, but only by God's help, why does not that help come and save us?
I will tell you why it does not. And

to do so I have only to turn to the first words of to day's Mass: "He shall call on me, and I will hear him; I will

deliver him and glorify him."

That is the whole story. If we want God to deliver us, we must ask him to do it. In other words, if we wish to persevere, we must pray. If we do not go to God to get the strength which

especially careful of his morning prayers; who does not above all, make often the best of all prayers—that of again coming to the sacraments—is a fool and the devil's laughing-stock.

The great majority of those who have been leading a bad life, and who abandon it at a mission, or at any other time, will not persevere unless they are willing to take the trouble to make frequent and earnest prayers, and to come to confession again within a month. That is simple fact; it is the teaching of experience, not mere guess-work. Are you, my friends, willing to take that trouble for your soul's sake, or do you prefer to fall as you have fallen before?

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only given a fair trial. GEO. LAURIE Portage la Prairie, Man. GEO. LAURIE Portage la Prairie, Man. Mr. W. Thayer, Wright, P. Q., had Dyspepsia for 20 years. Tried many remedies and doctors, but got no relief. His appetite was very poor, had a distressing pain in his side and stomach, and gradual wasting away of flesh when he heard of, and immediately commenced taking, Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery. The pains have left and he rejoices in the enjeyment of excellent health, in fact he is quite a new man."

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Ross Leaves. Some one has beautifully said: Kindness is stowed away in the heart like rose-leaves in a drawer, to sweeten every object around." A little girl,

about nine years old, was walking along a muddy street in Chicago. Her father held her hand, and seemed very tender in his care of her. The quality and stile of their garments hinted strongly of wealth, while the strong, good face of the father, and the loving, weet tone of his child, told of some thing better than wealth—even of depths of hearts. Just as they reached a crossing, where the mud was thicker and the wind blew stronger, and vehicles of all descriptions passed each other in tiresome confusion, they noticed a poorly clad old woman, on whose trembling arm rested a large basket heavily laden, standing on the corner, as if fearful of crossing over. She looked anxiously at the whirling carts, and deprecatingly at the passers

by. No one seemed to heed her as the well-dressed throng hurried along. "Come, Edith," said the father, "this is a dangerous crossing; papa

will carry you across." He put out his arms, as he spoke lovingly. But the child only whis-

pered:
"Papa, I have rubbers; I'm not afraid of the mud. Papa, see the poor old women—she seems afraid of some thing; see how she trembles. Couldn't you help her, papa, while I run ahead? For answer, the gentleman approached the old woman, saying, in a

"This is a tiresome crossing, madam, let me lead you across; give me the basket, please.

Could you have seen the rested, thankful look on that weary old face, as the woman found herself safe on the other side, I think you would have echoed her fervent cry: "God bless that man, and the blessed child, too!'

Of course there were sneering smiles on some countenances which witnessed the quiet act of helpfulness, but it mat tered not as long as one knew that around the great White Throne there were smiles of joy because two of His followers had not in selfishness neglected doing a favor to even the "least of

Into a very elegant palace-car entered a weary-faced, poor-dressed woman with three little children, one a babe in arms. A look of joy crept into her face as she sat down in one of the uxurious chairs. But it was quickly dispelled as she was asked rudely to "start her boots."

A smile of amusement was seen on several faces as the frightened group hurried out to enter one of the common cars. Upon one young face, however, there was a look which shamed the countenance of the others.

"Auntie," said the boy to the lady beside him, "I'm going to carry my basket of fruit and this box of sandwiches to the poor woman in the next car. You are willing, of course."

He spoke eagerly, but she answered,

"Don't be foolish, dear; you may need them yourself, and perhaps the woman

is an imposter."
"No, I'll not need them," he answered decidedly, but in a very low tone. "You know I had a hearty breakfast, and I don't need a lunch. The woman looks hungry, auntie, and mot go to God to get the strongth.

The woman looks hungry, auntie, and guilty of covetousness. She nung down her head in shame. "So, if you please, I'll do without the ear-rings, and becontent with my old pear lones, wouldn't like it if I didn't speak a kind especially careful of his morning pray-

> The worldly aunt brushed a tear from her eye after the boy left her, and said audibly, "Just like his mother." About five minutes later, as a lady passed the mother and the three chil-

dren, she saw a pretty sight — the family feasting as perhaps they had never done before. The dainty sand-

wiches were eagerly eaten, the tempting fruit-basket stood open.

The oldest child, with her mouth filled with bread and butter, said, "Was the pretty boy an angel, mam-

ma? "No," answered the mother, as a grateful look brightened her faded eyes, "not now; but he will be on the other side—bless his dear heart!" And we too said "Bless his heart!"

The Mamond Ear-rings.

"Oh! if I had only a pair of diamond ear-rings!" said Mary Allingham, a pretty girl of sixteen, the daughter of a man in moderate circum stances "Is there so much happiness in dia-

"Is there so much happiness in diamond ear-rings, my dear?" quietly inquired her mother, the only person in the room with her.

"Happiness?" repeated Mary. I should be perfectly happy if I had them. You don't know, mamma, what a beautiful pair Esther Hawley has. All the school girl envy her."

"I'm afraid, my child," said Mrs. Allingham, "that, if you had the earrings, you'd soon be wanting something else, for in a little while you'd get as much used to them as you are to your pearl ones. Besides, I don't approve of young girls wearing diamonds; so, even if your father was richer, I should oppose your having diamond ear-rings."

Many sighed. No are but herself.

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Mary sighed. No one but herself knew what a disappoinment this decision was to her. The possession of diamond ear-rings had long been secretly had been secretly be her ambition; but aware of her mother's aversion to costly jewelry for girls, and doubtful of her father's abilpletely cured me. I take a bottle every spring and would not be without it if it cost \$10 a bottle.

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Billing and doubtful of her father's ability to purchase such extravagant gems, she had let nearly a year pass before she could summon courage to speak on the subject.

That evening, when Mr. and Mrs.

Allingham were alone together, the "GOOD-BY, GOD, FOR A WHILE."

"I saw the tears come into Mary's eyes," she said, "when I denied the request; and it made me almost wish

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Catholic Columbian we could gratify her. If I had not thought it would feed her vanity, which is her one great foible, I should have quite wished it."

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While sojourning in H—, one of the largest cities in Nova Scotia, the following true tale was related to me: A certain Irish gentleman, a doctor

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hardly believe her eyes when she saw of proper food and nourishment. The them on her dressing-table on her birth poor widow had five helpless orphans How she fancied on the following Sunday that everybody was looking at her After many efforts of Mr. P.—, she at church

But Mary, as her mother had foretold, soon began to get tired of the ear-rings. She found that they did not The day was appointed on which make her as happy as she had expected.

As she grew older and went more into home, and a side car was provided for society, she met girls who had diamond bracelets and who were just as much panied by a brother proselytizer, and more richly dressed in comparison. At first this made her envious; but, as that were dear to her, they carried the her father had said, she was both good and sensible; and gradually she began to see that, as she could not have everything she wished, it was better to put a limit to her desires at once. She observed that such of her companions as into the church for a few moments were most contented were also the hap-

piest.
"Mamma is right," she said to herself. "It isn't what we wear that mind within

One day she entered the room where her parents were sitting. It was a few moments. Then, befo much suffering among the poor.
"Papa," she said, "I have brought

suitable for me, but because I had set profound impression upon him and had my heart on them. I find now that I much to do in shaping his destinies. my heart on them. I find now that I was unhappy, not because I had no However, he conducted the widow and her children to their new home diamonds, breaking the tenth commandments and guilty of covetousness." She hung down her head in shame. "So, if you But they remained there only a short

Mr. and Mrs. Allingham, as they free land. The ship on which they pressed their child, by turns, to their sailed happened to run short of water

pressed their child, by turns, to their hearts.

Mary has since married a wealthy gentleman, and could have diamonds in plenty; but she has never forgotten that first lesson, and often alludes to it.

"Rich as we are," she said, one day, when talking to her mother, "there are many things we can't afford. I saw such a beautiful picture by Ary Shaffer, when we were in Paris, and was tempted for a moment to wish Harry would buy it, though I knew it would be a piece of extravagance, considering how much our trip had cost; and was astonished and over-joyed to

contented to do without it."

"My dear child," responded her father, "I am proud to hear that you still retain your early lesson, and I will now repeat to you what I once remembers of St. Mary's that the words she uttered in the village church were really the means of his conversion to Catholicity. He

want; therefore never go abroad in His one true Church. search of your wants. If they be real Woonsocket, R. I. wants, they will come home in search of you; for he that buys what he does not want, will soon want what he cannot buy."—Selected.

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have quite wished it."

"Mary is a good girl," replied Mr.
Allingham, reflectively. Maybe, too
if we gave her the ear-rings, it would
teach her a lesson. She'd soon find
that happiness does not consist in fine
jewelry, but a contented and cheerful
spirit".

A certain Irish gentleman, a doctor
by profession, was a resident of the
city for a number of years. He came
from that part of Ireland whose inhabitants suffered severely during the terrible famine in the year of 1847-48.
He was, I think, born in the town of
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Calesting of least town of the control of the calesting of the calesti "So I told her," replied Mrs. Alling-am.
"But there is no teaching like ex-"But there is no teaching like experience, my dear," said her husband.
"Though the world is many thousand years old, each generation refuses, as obstinately as the very first did, to accept the lessons of life second-hand.
We all despise the wisdom of our fathers, and secretly laugh when they moralize, though, in turn, we are foolish enough to suppose our only playing the suppose of the property ish enough to suppose our own children ises, however, they were not very often will heed us. 'Tis human nature, and successful in luring the poor, starving will heed us. Tis human nature, and there's an end to it."

"And you think we can afford the ear-rings?" said his wife.

"They may save us greater extravagances after awhile," he replied. Should it be the lot of an Irishman to be cast on some barbaric island, with no means of either protection or escape, learn, I hope, the lesson we wish to teach her, if we gratify her in this matter. In that particular it will be a cheap way to make her economical."

"And contented," said Mrs. Allingham.

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those who acted the part of the tempter toward the starving people of the conomy," replied her husband.

So the ear-rings were bought, to the great delight of Mary, for she had given up all hope of them, and could given up all hope of them, and could had died but a few days before for want toward the starving people of the parish. In one of his rounds, Mr. P.——, then a young medical student, called on a poor widow whose husband had died but a few days before for want. day. How proudly she wore them at to care for, and when her husband died the great family dinner that day! the main-stay of her family had gone, After many efforts of Mr. P-, she finally agreed that she and her little ones would become converts to his re-

poor woman and her little ones to their new home on the outskirts of the town. In going through the principal street, Her request was granted, and Mr. - followed her in, curious to know what she was about to do. woman, who, for the life of her chilmakes us happy; it is the contented dren, was about to embrace the Protes tant religion, went directly to the altar, and, kneeling, prayed silently for Then, before rising

and cried, "Good-by, God Almighty. good-by for a while. - stood as if rooted to the you my diamond ear-rings, for, if you have no objection I should like to have spot and asked himself what she meant them sold, so as to give the money to the poor. I know you gave me the said in after years, those words uttered ear-rings, not because you thought them by that poor unlettered woman made

means, dear papa."

The tears came into the eyes of both her and her family to join him in this

sidering how much our trip had cost; and was astonished and over-joyed to find him a devout Catholic and one of ber reading, when I was a very young always took great delight in relating man, and which I have never forgothow he struggled so hard to make one "We are ruined, not by what we convert to the Protestant religion, and really want, but by what we think we ended by finding the one true God in want; therefore never go abroad in His one true Church.

P. J. O'B.

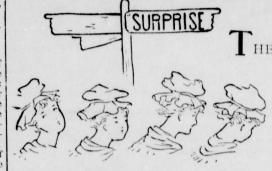
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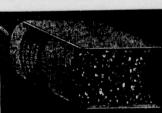
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