

FIVE-MINUTE SERMON

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE WHOLESOME THOUGHT OF DEATH

The parable of to-day's Gospel, telling us of the restful death of the youth who was at the point of death, induces me to speak to you of the uncertainty of the hour when death will overtake us. That we shall die is certain. In the words of St. Paul: "It is appointed unto men once to die" (Heb. ix, 27). In regard to the time and place, however, Solomon tells us: "Man knoweth not his own end; but as fishes are taken with the hook, and as birds are caught with the snare, so men are taken in the evil time, when it shall suddenly come upon them" (Eccles. ix, 12).

Therefore, our Saviour urgently admonishes us: "Be ye therefore also ready; for at what hour you think not, the Son of Man will come" (Luke xii, 40). All things in this world come to an end, and so death is continually seeking its prey among the children of the world. It gives some thought to-day to the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time of death.

No sooner is man born into this world than he is doomed by the sentence: "Thou art man and thou must die," and the Psalmist asks: "Who is the man that shall live, and not see death?" (Ps. lxxxviii, 49). It cannot be foretold whether a new born child will be poor or rich, healthy or sickly, whether he will die in youth or old age; but one thing is certain, he will die. Rich and poor, mighty and low must die; for it is not given to man to conquer death. We may battle against and conquer fire, or the other elements, we may by the force of arms destroy the power of princes, but the battle against death is vain and useless. The Roman emperor Julius Caesar emerged victor from all his battles; he had subjected half the world to the government of Rome; but there was one great and grim warrior he could not conquer, and that was death, the death that surprised him while he was planning further conquests. A certain king of France complained when dying: "With all my power and authority I cannot compel death to delay even one hour." Well might he have exclaimed with Job: "Thou hast appointed his hours, which cannot be passed." (Job xiv, 4).

And what shall happen to us, my dear Christians, after a few years given to the affairs of this world, its wealth, and its honor? We, too, shall die, for neither wealth nor honor can conquer death. "It is appointed unto men once to die."

2. While we know that we shall die, the hour of death is hidden from us: "Man knoweth not his end" (Eccles. ix, 12). To God alone is known the year, the month, the day and the hour appointed for our death: we do not know it. "At six hours you think not, the Son of Man will come" (Luke xii, 40). The pious king Maximilian caused a coffin to be built, which he took with him on all his travels. Whenever he was tempted to commit sin, he would lift the lid and look at the coffin and say: "My great realm is not considered great enough for me, yet in the end this small space will be all I need."

My dear Christians, "The contemplation of death," says St. Augustine, "fructifies us from committing sin and leads us to virtue." He that is ever mindful of the stern fact that death is at his door, ever ready to overtake him, will not defer his penance. For what follows death? Judgment, at which each man will receive either his reward or punishment according to his deeds, where each will reap what he has sown. There shall be no time then to perform the neglected penance. For the night will have come in which no man can work. "If the tree fall to the south, or to the north, in what place shall it shall fall there shall it be." (Eccles. xi, 3).

My dear Christians, if we wish to die the death of the just and to find mercy before God, let us frequently meditate upon death and judgment and remember that both may overtake us at any time, perhaps when we least expect it, and let us live as we shall desire to have lived when this dread hour arrives. Let us each morning remember that we may be dead before evening, and let us impress upon ourselves before retiring at night that we may not live to see morning. Let us perform our work, our prayers, as though they were our preparation for death. This thought will protect us against sin, and thus, leading a good life in constant preparation for death, we may hope to find after death a merciful and gracious Judge. "After death it shall come He shall find so doing." (Matt. xxiv, 46) Amen.

CHRISTIAN MARTYR OF 1909

Incidents of the heroism of the Christians of Armenia during the outbreak of the Turks against them last April are still coming to our knowledge. Here is one that was recounted by the witness to Father Joseph Towil, a Chaldean pastor.

On one of the days of massacre the fierce leader of a party of Turks said to a poor Catholic Chaldean woman: "Do not be afraid; we will spare your life and make you happy, but you must become a follower of M-hammed."

"I am a Christian," answered the brave woman, "and a Christian I shall always remain."

"You refuse? Ah, in that case we will set you on fire."

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"So you are all in flames and yet you utter no cry! Do you not feel the fire?" cried the torturers.

HOW AN ANGLICAN VIEWED IT

The Holy Cross Magazine (Anglican) for August publishes a letter from a correspondent in County Donegal, Ireland, which we should be glad to reprint entire did space permit; but we must confine ourselves to the following extracts, says Ave Maria, describing actual conditions in a country so often referred to as poverty-stricken, priest-ridden, and hopelessly backward:

"Donegal, though in the far north of Ireland, is strongly Catholic country. I was much struck with the class of Roman priests we met; such fine, broad-minded, progressive men! Their admiration for, and dependence on America is both gratifying and touching. It is their Canada, the land of hope and promise, and has been a city of refuge in their great need. Now an organized effort is being made to stop emigration, and the great cry is 'Back to the land!'

"From Gortabbuck we went to Donnell, a sacred well blessed by St. Columbanus and near his birthplace. There we saw the touching picture of the Pool of Bethesda—nothing revolting or sad-looking, as at other miracle-working places, where profit is made by unscrupulous men. At Donnell it was so simple! A few people in bare feet walking round and round the well praying, kneeling in prayer at a little distance; while others brought the maimed and halt and blind to wash them in the waters. There were hundreds of crutches stuck in the ground, and bandages floating from trees; but it all looked so peaceful, so trusting and content in God's pure air, with the mountains closing in like hands raised in benediction.

"We reached Glenties, another small village, in time for Benediction. It seemed a better educated, though not bilingual, crowd; and I found that we were nearer the prosperous farming districts and markets, and away from the rocky hills, where the knitting, weaving and spinning supplement the grazing and the sheep raising. If only we could manage to combine these things as they do here! It is so good for the women and girls to do these things in their own homes, as a natural and spontaneous addition to the house and farm labor. No competition, or frightful, nervous strain; just a small sum paid by Belfast or Derry merchants for work well done.

"We came home by wonderful moonlight, appearing and disappearing in fairy mists, singing stirring ballads and patriotic songs. It is the country of R-d Hugh O'Donnell, the last chieftain to surrender; it is the land of the great

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Abbey of Ionskhill, the ruins of which have passed; it is the coast off which the most of the rainfall was smelted and it is in County Donegal where one may look in vain for the obnoxious "sex problem" of sadder lands. For these the people are cheater and happy, and a dozen rosy children burst out of the cabin doors, with hardly ever a one looking dejected or defective. It is in County Donegal where one finds pure religion, and undiluted, priest and people working together for the salvation of Ireland.

Thus does every broad-minded, right-hearted traveler, of whatever creed or nationality, speak of Ireland. There abound piety, simplicity, usefulness, happiness, and that peace which the world can neither give nor take away.

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS IN THE PHILIPPINES

The Brothers of the Christian Schools have this year opened their first school in the Philippine Islands and, according to the "Bulletin of Christian Schools" are already doing great work.

The Brothers were induced to open a college at Manila at the earnest solicitation of Archbishop Harty who, ever since his appointment to that see, has been endeavoring to obtain Brothers for his diocese. March 19th, last, saw the first contingent of Christian Brothers arrive at Manila where they received a right royal welcome from the Archbishop who insisted on them making their home in his own palace until their new college building was completed.

The college was officially opened and blessed on April 3rd, and then it was that the Brothers met with a unique reception. All the former pupils of the Christian Brothers resident in Manila assembled to greet the sons of La Salle. There were men there from Paris, New York, London, Carlsburg, Constantinople, Barcelona, Madrid, Singapore, and Hong Kong, who had all in their young days been pupils of the Brothers in their home cities and bore eloquent testimony to the world-wide influence of that great educational body. The classes in the new La Salle College, Manila, opened on June 10th with an enrollment of 120 students, and by July 10th, the number had reached 175, with others still seeking admission. There is no doubt that here, as everywhere, the Brothers of the Christian Schools have a great field for good, and that the zealous labors in the cause of Catholic education will meet with the usual success.

A CONTRIBUTION TO HISTORY

From the Ontario Bureau of Archives there has just been issued a volume that is most important contribution to the earliest records of this province. It reproduces the work of over a score of years pursued by Father A. E. Jones, archivist of St. Mary's College, Montreal, in determining the exact sites of the Jesuit mission stations among the Huron Indians in the first half of the seventeenth century.

Today Father Jones is an old man. He has given a large part of his life to his historical research, and he has had the opportunity, denied to many a writer, of seeing his work made accessible to all students. We are glad that what he has done may be regarded as final. The traces of the former aboriginal inhabitants become more vague each year as the clearing of the land and continued civilization remove or level down the primitive works they left behind.

Even more vague are traces of the "black robes" who were among them for the few years before the savages leapt upon the white man. It seems almost incredible that after two hundred and fifty years there should still remain some traces of the small band of Europeans who carried the teachings of their church into this heart of heathendom. Few men could have had the patience that was required to follow the almost imperceptible clues that brought back the early events, nor would there be many with the necessary historical knowledge. Father Jones pursued his research in a quiet, unobtrusive way, and in addition, brought the enthusiasm of following in the steps of his fellow-workers.

The Ontario Government has done a notable service to the students of this

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A CHRISTIAN NATION WITHOUT CHRIST. Father Bernard Vaughan preaching recently in Inverness (Scotland) gave a dark picture of the present condition in England. A quarter of a century ago or more, he said, they were sowing Godless education, and to-day, they were reaping the result of their labors.

Our Lady of October. A crown of flowers for our Queen we make Of roses white, and red and golden too, Culled in the morn and fresh with fragrant dew.

Each action of your life replete with love, Harken O Lady, when to you we pray, Pondering the mysteries of your Rosary, Bidding to share your joy in heaven always.

CATHOLICS IN PARLIAMENT

One very acceptable result of the by-elections in England was to increase the number of Catholic members of Parliament for British constituencies. Present statistics as compiled by the Glasgow Observer are as follows:

The return of Baron de Forest as Liberal member for North West Ham, brings up the number of Catholics for British constituencies in the House of Commons to ten. It is remarkable, remarks the Observer, that within a single week two by-elections in England should have returned two Catholic members—Mr. Mark Sykes, Conservative member for Hull, and Baron de Forest.

The other Catholics representing British constituencies are: Lord Ninian Crichton Stuart (Cardiff) Sir Ivor Herbert (S. Monmouth) Mr. James O'Grady (E. Leam) Mr. Rowland Hill (Surrey) Mr. J. P. Hope (Shropshire) Lord Edmund Talbot (Sussex) Major Archer Shee, (Finnabry), and Mr. T. P. O'Connor, (Liverpool).

Hopefulness is a bold virtue. A Christian should undertake his Master's work in a world, confident spirit and persist in it resolutely.

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