FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS FOR EARLY MASSES

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

"Render an account of thy stewardship."

—Gospel of the Day.

S An important lesson is this, dear brethren, that we are stewards of God's gifts and that we shall have to render an account of the charges He has placed in our hands.

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We are debtors to God, for of His bounty we have all received—our souls and bodies, with all that supports them, the grace of God, the air we breathe, the food we eat, the life we live, yes, even the time we have to live it in, are all God's gifts to man, for which he shall have to render an account.

blinded creatures we are; a priceless treasure is placed at our disposal, time is given to us to reach our highest destiny, to prepare ourselves for eternity, and what use do you make of it?

doing nothing, and hearly the whole of this complaint put many a Christian to shame? True, indeed, a great part of life is spent in doing evil. You to whom God has given many years, look back and lament the hours and days and years you spent in evil—that means time lost and lost forever; time that might have been spent in good works, in visiting the sick, in helping the poor, in saving your souls. And you who, though young in years, have tasted sin, you for whom time seems but an occasion of sin, look back and count how few are the years you have given to God. The first, the best, the most precious part of your years you have given to God. The first, the best, the most precious part of your lives have been squandered. Is there much time left to you? Beware, for you know not the hour when the Son of Man

is not the neather alone who says, Let us eat, drink and be merry, for to morrow we die. Many a Christian life is practically spent in carrying out that principle—Christians whose only business in life seems to be to learn the ness in life seems to be to learn the secret of killing time; Christians who complain that they have nothing to do and too much time in which to do it. Nothing to do? Have they no sins to repent of; have they no debts to pay to God; have they no vices to overcome; have they no sick to visit, no poor to have they no sick to visit to he sale of our publications. We should have the poor the poor to have they no sick to visit to he sale of our publications. We offer liberal inducements

in fact, many of us commit the sin of being too much occupied. Our great difficulty lies in this, that we are continually doing something else besides what we should do. We have our heads what we should do. We have our heads filled with things that are vain and worthless, when viewed in the light of our final destiny. We work like slaves, we plot and plan and fill our minds and hearts with thoughts and desires, but all for this earth, while the real business of our lives that for which time was given us is lost sight of.

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"I did," said Tim, catching his breath
half in terror and half between the sobs.
"Why did you?" Tim looked up. The
voice did not sound quite so terrible as he
had expected. The truth was, his father
had been touched at the sight of the forlorn figure so very small and so sor-rowful which had bent over the broken

pair of new shoes. I want a pair of shoes awful bad to wear to the picnic. All the

other little chaps wear shoes."
"How came you to think you'd find shoes in the bottle?"

And Tim, hardly able to sob out the words, feeling how keenly his trust in his mother's word had added to his dis-

for so long a time that Tim at last looked timidly up.

"I'm real sorry I broke your bottle, father; I'll never do it agrin."

"No I guess you wont," he said, laying a hand on the rough little head as he went away, leaving Tim overcome with astonishment that his father had not been angry with him.

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"New shoes! new shoes!" he shouted.

"Oh' father, did you get a new bottle, and were they in it?"

the time—the things all went into the bottle, but, you see, getting them out is no easy matter, so I'm going to keep them out after this."

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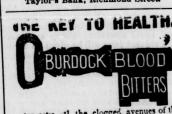
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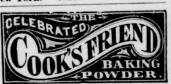
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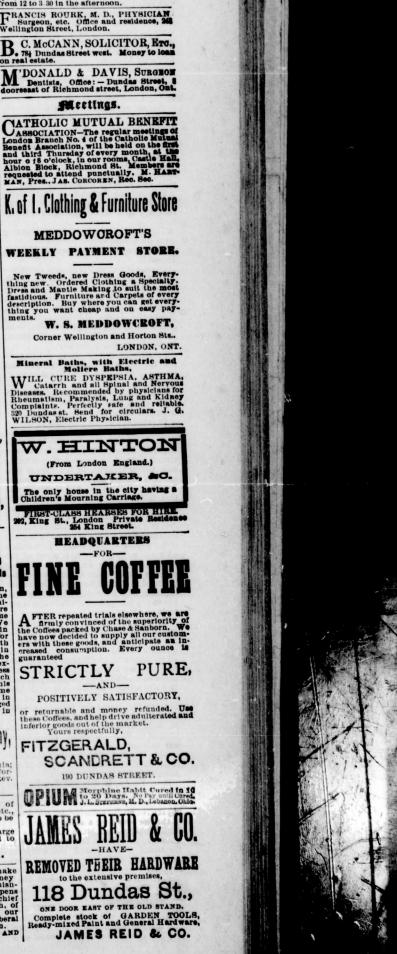
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Strange, is it not, brethren, that you and I shall have to answer to God for even the time He has given us in this world! What have we to do with time that we should be held accountable for it. Ah! brethren, much have we to do with time and little could we do for God or for ourselves without it. There is an old saying, and you know how true it is, that no one who has not been sick can set a first no one who has not been sick of the more he could'nt. He sprang up and he more he could'nt. He sprang up and be more he could'nt. He sprang up and he more h

into a state where time merges into eternity, and ceases to exist.

Would you know the value of time, brethren, then question a lost soul, ask a soul condemned to hell what it would give for one moment here on earth in which to say: "O my God, I love you!" Ask a soul in Purgatory what it would give for an hour here during which it could purify itself by acts of mortification; ask even the blessed spirits in heaven what they would give for one day on earth to praise and glorify God, and thus increase their own merit and glory. Time is no more for all these and they know its value. Ah! brethren, what blinded creatures we are; a priceless with trembling fings fragments with trembling fings in could be found among the wet on the inside with bad-smel. Tim sat down again and as never sobbed before; so hid not hear a step beside house and never sobbed before; so hid not hear a step

Even a heathen philosopher had once to complain that a great part of life is spent in doing evil, the greatest part in doing nothing, and nearly the whole of it in doing what one should not do. Does not this complaint put many a Christian

show not the nour when the Son of Man shall come, and require an account of your stewardship.

Some, indeed, do not spend the time in actual sin, but the greatest part of their lives is spent in doing nothing. It is not the heathen alone who says, Let us set drink and he merry for to more

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"Can't see nothin'; but it's so dark in there I couldn't see if there was anything. I've a great mind to break the hateful old

thing."
He sat for a while thinking how badly

He sprang up in great alarm. It was his father, who always slept late in the morning and was seldom awake so early as

bottle.

"Why," he said, "I was lookin' for a
"Why," he said, "I want a pair of shoes

shoes in the bottle?"

"Why, mamma said so. I asked her for some new shoes, and she said they had gone into that black bottle, and that lcts of other things had gone into it, too—coats and hats, and bread and meat and things—and I thought if I broke it I'd find them all, and there ain't a thing in it—and mamma never said what wasn't so before—and I thought 'twould be so—sure."

appointment, sat down again and cried harder than ever.

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