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FIVE MINUTE SERMON BY REV. F. PEPPERT

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST eld, how they grow

Consider the lilies of the flatth. vi. 28) Many men who reject the revealed Word of God turn their atten-tion to nature, and maintain that the contemplation of its beauties awakens within them feelings of de-votion. This is quite possible, as God speaks to us through all His creatures, but whoever listens only to their voices can never attain to a true knowledge of God. If it were otherwise, no one would know Him better than the savage tribes, who are born under the shade of ancient trees and grow up surrounded by the wonders of nature. It is true that God's voice is heard in nature, but it is easily misunderstood, if no other call is heeded. We see this in the case of the Greeks and Romans, who indeed perceived the presence of a Divine force in the rustling of leaves, the songhing of the wind, the ripple of the brooks and rivers, as well as in the roar of the waves, but they made the mistake of ascribing each single phenomenon of nature to a distinct deity. The voice that speaks to us through nature is intel-ligible only if God has previously ken to us through revelation This was the case in Paradise, where natural beauties, far surpassing any that we know, appealed to the hearts of our first parents ; but all the sweet sights and sounds would have remained unintelligible, had not nave remained unintelligible, had not God Himself, as we read in Holy Scripture, instructed Adam. When-ever, therefore, guided by God's hand, and by His holy religion, we go forth into the open country, the voice of nature makes itself clearly heard and we understand its many heard, and we understand its mean ing; it leads us to God, and not away from Him. This is true, not

away from Him. This is true, hot only when we are walking amidst beautiful scenery, but whenever we examine any natural object, or study the natural sciences, which are really useful only if we are guided by a true recognition of God's power. In to day's gospel we read how Christ told His disciples to look at

Consider the lilies of the nature : field." He did not refer to things life, such as corn, but He pointed to the lilies, the wild flowers that adorned the meadows. "Consider the lilies of the field, how they " Consider grow." As far as you know they serve only to delight your eyes, and yet God preserves them ; small and insignificant as they may be, they are evidence of His infinite love, for He even takes care that their beauty and fragrance shall be a source of joy and refreshment to His children. Let the sight of wild of

the sight of wild flowers remind you to be grateful to God for His infinite love and kindness. You ought not merely to look at them and be pleased with them, norgather them only to forget them and throw them away; no, you ought to con-sider them attentively and learn s lesson@from them. In obedience to God's will, the tiny plants grow from d, and shoot up, putting forth little buds that gradually unfold and become beautiful blossoms. They grow until they have fulfilled the purpose for which they were created. Thus, says our Saviour, should you learn from the lilies of the field to patronize the wife exclusively when you want a drink. Pay her 15 cents knows there are approximately sixty-nine drinks in a gallon of whisky. accomplish the task for which you were created. Just as the flowers attain their physical perfection, so ought you to try to attain your spirbank and enough besides to buy s second gallon of liquor to start in itual perfection, and constantly ad-vance toward it. God has implanted business all over again. Keep this up for a few years and soon your in you a tendency to struggle up-ward, and there should be no interwife will have enough money to give ruption in your spiritaal growth and progress on the way to heaven. This is the lesson to be learned from the lilies of the fold and the fold and the spirit way ". St Deat but marry a the lilies of the field and from every tiny flower. We show our gratitude to our merciful God best by conform. ing to His holy will. Therefore let us go forward, let us continually rise higher, and then we shall I acting in accordance with His bid-ding, which makes itself known to balievers through the flowers of the Just as the lilies of the field grow without laboring or spinning, so do we grow spiritually by God's grace. Without Him we can do nothing, but by the help of His grace we can accomplish anything. The flowers cling with their roots to the earth, whence God supplies them with nourishment, and we, too, must cling with all our might to His grace, which alone enables us to grow and prosper. We must cooperate with grace, and then we shall continue to advance towards heaven ; this fact is revealed to us in the character of that Lily to whom the Church applies the words of Holy Writ; "As the lily among thorns, so is My love among the daughters. (Cant. if. 2.) We all know this beautiful Lily, surpassing all other human beings in purity and goodness: she was addressed by the angel as blessed among women. In comparison with her all others are like thorns, but she alone was always free from even the smallest taint of sin. We all know and honor the name of Mary, and is we think of her, we of Mary, and if we think of her, we may assign a second meaning to the words, "Consider the lily," and re-member how she grew in grace and in God's favor throughout her whole life. She was full of grace and the life. are with the and the merited life. She was full of grace and the Lord was with her, and she merited extraordinary graces by never failing to make good use of all the grace that she received; she co-operated zealously with it, and thereby at-tained to the glory that she now enjoys in God's garden in heaven. Yes, let us often look at Mary, the Lily beside the throne of God; and whenever we utter or hear her name whenever we utter or hear her name

A LIFETIME OF SICKNESS Worn Out, Thin and Miserable

Until She Took "Fruit-a-tives" PALMESTON, June 20th, 1914. "Stomach Trouble and Distressing Headaches nearly drove me wild. Some time ago, I got a box of "Fruit-a-tives," your famous fruit medicine, and they completely relieved me. To-day I am feeling fine and a physician, meeting me on the street, asked the reason for my improved appearance. I said, "Iam taking Fruit-a-tives." He said, "If Fruit-a-tives make you look so well, go ahead and take them. They are doing more for you than I can."

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let us call to mind that her only aim in life was to grow and increase in virtus and perfection. May her holy nama encourage us, too, to do our best to make progress in all that is good; not to stand still, nor to slip back into lukewarm. ness, and indifference but to press for ward and upward, always advanc-ing on the way to heaven. May the most holy Virgin Mary, the Lily among thorns, obtain us grace to act thus to day and always. Amen.

TEMPERANCE

TRAGEDY OF DRUNKENNESS

Why do we laugh at drunkenness Surely the tragedy of the drunkard is not a fit subject for mirth or merry-making. And if this is true when the drunken spectacle takes the form of a man bareft for the time being of his senses, how much less mirth - provoking is the drunken be paid. woman ? "A drunken man is sad enough to look upon," says a contemporary, "but a drunken woman one who might have been a wife, s penses. mother, who once was a cunning rosy lipped pink and cream baby into whose dimpled smile a mother looked with soulful tenderness saints above, but it is pathetic ! A sanctuary profaned, innocence be-spattered, beauty and purity trodden

possibility of life turned into the most disheartening !'-St. Paul Bul letin. THE KITCHEN GROG SHOP

An article in a magazine says :

The home is the proper place fo a man to do his drinking. He should not spend his money in the saloon, paying a high price for the liquor he gets and helping the owner pay his enormous license fee. Here is the proper way for a married man, addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor, to do his drinking. Begin by giving your wife \$2 with which to

vent summer decline in morals ourchase a gallon of whicky. Then glass for each drink. Every one When the first gallon is gone your wife will have \$8 to put away in the

serves no such improvement in Eng. A NOTABLE NEW "Here in England, to all ap-nces," he writes, "war has pearances," he writes, "war has made little difference in our atti-tude to religious things." What is PAPER When we first saw the name, "The the reason ? Is it not largely be Catholic Convert," at the head of a neat well printed and shapely magacause of the coldness and aloofness of many of the Anglican clergy? The zine, it was to be struck with the working classes, with whom they are idea that it was a new move on the not in touch, stay away from church. part of an old acquaintance, called "The Converted Catholic," published "Class barriere," said an Anglican prelate in dealing with this subject at a recent meeting, "would have to be broken down if the masses had to QUEBEC : P. Q 1896 for a long time by an expriset in New York, we were beholding. But the illusion did not last many seconds. Like "The Pall Mall Gazette"—"a be brought back to organized re-ligion." Who erected the barriers? We make a specialty of Catholic church windows pose you ?" "We'll 'ten to-(hic)-zat," one of the lads replied ; "won't we, Joey ?" They pulled out a couple of whisky flasks, and zigzagged over to the back ground screep. There they which has had all deaply thought and the back ground screep. There they which has had all deaply thought and which has not the Church of England helped to do so -a Church which has paid profound deterence to the squire but has treated the worker as if his salvation were not of equal import-Meet me at the Tuller salvation were not of equal import-ance? When the barriers have been wrestled with their reasoning selves, firmly fixed it is not easy to remove them. The worker seeing that the in sore mental travail, assures readers who are not converts, but best pew was reserved for the squire and that there was no sign of welpersons born, so to speak, in the faith, a vast amount of most refresh. come for himself, remained away from church. He became indifferent ing and succulent pabulum for knowl-edge seeking souls. The contents are certainly most entertaining. to religion, lost the habit of observing religious practices, and may be said to have fallen away from Chris-Each separate morceau bears that sufficient Annana signet that there is no gainsaying-the stamp of soul felt sincerity. tianity. In vain are efforts made to undo the effects of the neglect of The Catholic Converts' League of New York city are the publishers of which he is the victim. the work, and it is issued quarterly at 117 West Sixty-first street, New York. The first article in No. 2 is one by the former Archdeacon of the THE POPE AS MEDIATOR Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Fond-du Lac, the Rev. Sigourney W. Fay. It contains one of the clearest and most logical definitions of Christian. "In his "Contributions to the History of the Origin of the Great War," M. B. Valter, a Protestant writer in Holland, says: "There is only one Power stand-ing without and above the parties (to the struggle of nations) and enity as it exists that we have seen in print. It runs as follows : Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of titled by its moral position to inter-fere. When it thinks the opportune God, begotten from all eternity in the bosom of His Father, and for us moment has come, this Power will undoubtedly do so. This Power is men and for our salvation incarnate men and for our salvation incarnate in time of the Mother of God and ever Virgin Mary. This God incarn-ate came upon earth to reveal to men what they otherwise could not have His Holiness the Pope. All those who love peace for itself, he they Protestants, like the author, or Cath-olics, and who feel impelled to plead what they otherwise could not have known, and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers, by offering upon the cross a sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. In order that His teaching might be carried down to all generations and for peace with some man, must go to Reme and not direct their appeal to Governments, not one of which can be considered a disinterested party

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

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the half empty flack, which was not broken, was in evidence. Some weeks later an old woman attired in mourning visited the studio, and gave her name to the

photographer. "I heard you took a photograph of my sen a while back," she said. "I The photographer tried, to protect the memory of his customer. "It wasn't a very good picture," he explained. "Maybe you've got an old one at home ; send that down,

an' I'll copy it for you without charge." "But I want the one he had take last," she insisted. The photographer still hesitated.

He was a good man, and he had a gentle mother of whom this woman in black reminded him. "I'd—I d rather not make the pio-ture up for you," he told her; "it's not good. You won't like it at all. The truth is," he added desperately, "he had it taken with a bottle of liquor to his mouth." "That's just why I want it," said

the mother. "You see, I've got an-other son."-C. E. World.

BUT SATAN IS ACTIVE

"Closed till the Fall Season, the sign on a Presbyterian church on West Twenty third street, New York. The neighborhood is not one of wealth, where the bouseholders are out of the city during the summer. Within four blocks, north and south, and the same distance, east and west there are 30,000 men, women and children, permanent residents of the vicinity. The Presbyterians among vicinity. The Presbyterians among the 30,000 are not all rich enough to be out of the city "till the fall season." Therefore, these Presby terians must go to some other Pres-byterian church, if they wish to go o a church offering their own form

of service. The cost of keeping the church open during the summer cannot be very great. The minister's salary very great. The minister's salar must be paid, whether or not the church is open. Presumably the salaries of other attaches must also What is saved is the light. ing bill that might be caused by services, the wages of and similar minor exevening cleaners

Some of these good people, con with that particular church are cutting down expenses by closing the church. It may be that the minister is not on vacation, but is doing work at some other place for the summer. Even if the minister is not on vacation, the church itself is lying into the mire of the gutter, the finest But no one ever heard of the

Devil taking a vacation. In the general relaxation of rigors of dress, in the promiscuous intermingling of people at summer resorts, in the tendency to excursions, looser tendency to excursions, looser methods of social intercourse and many other customs that the heat of summer induces, there is the danger towards looseness of morals that is observable in many hot countries, and parents, guardians and careful clergymen are on the alert to pre-

It is fairly sure evidence of little hold upon a neighborhood and of little results from a creed among the reople, when a temple de-voted to worship, located in a crowded neighborhood closes "till " till the fall season." It is a very fair forerunner of a not distant day when the same church will be closed for good.-N. Y. Catholic News.

knows no national boundaries and is strong in England also. His great spiritual prestige must be conceded by all countries. Hence the appoint-ment of a Dutch Ambassador to the Vatican would be not only the ful-filling of a long neglected, great and ideal duty towards the Catholic fel-low-citizens, but also, under exist-Every 10c Packet of WILSON'S PADS Ideal duty towards the Catalon fei-low-citizens, but also, under exist-ing circumstauces, an act of peace and wisdom, not to say a meeting of an urgent demand of the times."— St. Paul Bulletin. WILL KILL MORE FLIES THAN \$8°° WORTH OF ANY STICKY FLY CATCHER

that the fruit of His passion might

be applied to all men, He set up a visible society upon earth, to which He committed His doctrine and His grace. This invisible society is His representative upon earth. It is His life. They bring with them a renew bride, and being instituted and set up al of corporate spirit and energy by Almighty God to do His work, it must be conceived of as being infallible in its teaching and indefect-ibly holy. Otherwise God would not be all wise or almighty. The Anglican theory of unity is

knocked to pieces very neatly by Dr. Fay. He says: The Anglican theory of unity then, comes to this : Three hundred years

ago the Anglican Church broke off communion with the remainder of the Catholic West, and since then has claimed to submit to and be judged by a Catholic Church that it has itself created and which is a mere figment of Anglican theologians. The Catholic Church to which the

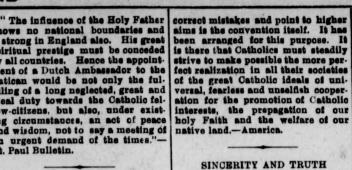
Anglicans appeal has not existence upon earth. The actual churches that go to make up this nebulous Catholic body repudiate Anglicanism, deny its orders and sacraments and condemn its formularies as heretical. -Philadelpia Standard and Times.

RETURNING

The Catholic Times, May 28 Statements as to the extent of the religious revival in France since the commencement of hostilities are strongly confirmed by those of a special correspondent of the Church Times who visited that country during Ascensiontide. In the capital and small villages he visited church after church, and everywhere he found crowded congregations at the services. "Every church I went into in Paris," he says. "I found thronged with worshippers." One incident he relates which has a pecu One

iarly eloquent significance. On the eve of Ascension Day he was in a library and told the attendant that he was coming next day to make a reference. "Do you not know," was the man's remark, " that to morrow is the great festival of the Ascension You must come on Friday." And the comment of the correspondent is "I do not think that would have happened in a public institution a year or two ago." The spirit of the re vival has penetrated official circles and much of the old indifference and antagonism has been replace genuine fervor. The clergy have the consolation of seeing that the people have resumed the practices of religion and that the zeal they have shown is producing good fruit. The self sacrifice of the priests in the trenches and beside the sick and dying, together with the perils of the conflict, has wrought an astonishing change for the batter in France.

The correspondent of the Church Times who has been edified by the spiritual revolution in France ob.



MONTH OF CATHOLIC CONVENTIONS

Great Catholic conventions are following each other in rapid success sion during the present month. They are a welcome sign of Catholic Considering merely their interna effect upon the widespread Catholic associations which conduct them they are a tonic and elixir, quicken ing the pulsings of life and sending the blood with a new thrill of energy

through the entire social body. They are not therefore meaningless or useless. The Church has ever gladly encouraged them and her dig nitaries have willingly lent to them the prestige and support of their presence. Such conventions, too, are required for the planning and arranging of the year's economy all the many details of membership, rule and governand "But what results have they to

show ?" is the query insistently made. "'Ringing resolutions' are passed, a silence follows, and then all continues as before." Were this Were this the whole story they still would have achieved important results. They would at least have preserved the life which for want of them might have become extinct, they would have made possible its normal growth, and who is pessimistic enough to say that no good has come of our Catholic organizations? They may indeed be considered as a neces sary adjunct of Catholic life.

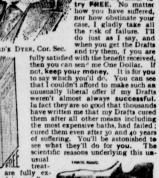
But the whole tale is not so briefly old. A very great deal of good has actually come from these conven tions, varying naturally in its extent and intensity with the different for ventions and organizations them selves. Of the resolutions passed many are partially and some are en tirely carried into effect. However that much more could be done, and should be done, we all admit. To point this out in a spirit of charity is

not amiss. But there is no excuse for carping criticism on the part of those who should be present to sug gest the remedy, to stimulate, courage and cooperate instead of comfortably sitting at home and passing strictures on men who have borne the heat and labor of the day. It is precisely because of the great number of apathetic or carping mem. bers that so little, comparatively, can be accomplished by our Catholic organizations. There are vast pos-sibilities unrealized in even the best of our associations, but this is often most perfectly understood by the very men who undergo the greatest personal secrifices to 'aske an organ ization effective. Criticism is not unwelcome to them when given in a aelpful spirit, but what they most desire and deserve to receive from us is cooperation. The best place to



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THE OTHER SON One day two well dressed, but somewhat infoxicated, young men staggered into a Macon, Mo., studio, and said they wanted to have their pictures taken.

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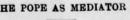
the back ground screep. There they arranged themselves, each with an arm around the other's neck, while their free hands held their bottles to their lips.

"Now, shoot away, old man," one of the boys directed the photog-

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