

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

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PASSION SUNDAY

THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH
Jesus said to them: Amen, Amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am.

How much like the fate of Christ on many occasions has been, and is, the fate of the Church. She, like Him, must proceed on her course in the midst of enemies.

Would we wish it to be otherwise? Certainly our desire should be that every human being should enter her fold, and one of our charges is to preach the Gospel to every creature.

No other Church has suffered, nor will suffer, like the Catholic Church. The reason for this suffering is that she has the truth as given her by Christ, which her children will die to defend.

But in this case persecution is not persecution because of adherence to Christ's teaching, as is always the case when Catholics are tormented.

We do not know what greater persecutions we yet may have to undergo. But let us prepare for them now, for in some shape or form, they are sure to come.

years, a good Catholic education. The Catholic who is armed with God's grace, and whose mind is illuminated with true, Christian knowledge, will form an impenetrable barrier to the attacks of any persecutor, no matter how strong.

A DEPLORABLE LACK OF THE MORAL SENSE

A certain statement made by a noted advocate of that is euhemistically called eugenic birth control has no doubt startled and shocked many who either heard or read it.

The statement cannot have been meant in its full literal sense. It was an exaggerated, over-emphasized illustration. That much may be granted.

Occasionally, we get a glimpse of the abyssal depths to which our fallen nature may sink if it were not for the restraining influence of the Christian religion.

We know little about the laws of heredity. We know next to nothing about the marvelous powers of recuperation inherent in the human race.

This world is a hard enough world. We need not make it any harder by belittling the efforts of man to relieve suffering and misery.

Nothing could better confirm the wisdom of the Catholic view of education than statements made within the last few days by two important public men of this country.

The gravest ills of society today, as ever, are spiritual ills. They can be cured only by spiritual remedies. The Church combats and strives for the education that embraces the spiritual element.

The best minds of the world, whether within or outside the household of the Church, are coming to recognize the soundness of the Catholic view.

A PERPETUAL MISSION

If, as was said by Pope Leo XIII., a Catholic paper is a perpetual mission, would an everlasting sermon be out of place?

But if the editor is to be also a sermonizer, where will he get his text? Must he go to the Old Testament or the Gospels, or would it be more appropriate to pick up something in our present everyday doings and build thereon?

Here, for instance, is a period to which he once gave expression: "The prejudices that grow around a man's principles are like weeds and poison in his garden."

You see the point? We may have principles. We must have them. But when we let them run into prejudice, which is often the case, principle is quite apt to be overshadowed.

THE NUN AND THE KAISER

The following incident of the late Kaiser's visit to Corfu is told by the correspondent of The Telegraph, Amsterdam.

Arriving unexpectedly he found the superior cleaning the church and two nuns scouring the floor. The Kaiser entered into conversation with one nun, while King George acted as interpreter.

THE GRACE OF GOD

Canon Sheehan, whose splendid volume of sermons has just been published, quite freely made public the story of his first sermon, preached at Plymouth, and very much to his own satisfaction.

A PRAISEWORTHY TRIBUTE

It is not often that the Protestant pulpit is fair to us in treating of any phase of Catholic activity, and hence we are highly gratified with the report which the Jamestown Evening Journal brings us of a sermon preached in that city, recently by the Rev. Dr. Guy L. Brown of the First Baptist Church.

DISCIPLINING THE WILL

The penitential nature of the Lenten season is to be kept clearly before us during these salutary days. There is danger, however, since the penitential idea has always centred on the fast enjoined during this period that, on the one hand, some will be led by the benign relaxation of the strict precept in this matter to neglect the very spirit of penance.

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Neither is that Catholic in full accord with the spirit of the Church who, refusing to accept the lessened strictly to an observance so strict as the letter as to jeopardize his, or her, health and perhaps make such a one unfit for his duties and responsibilities.

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the dispensations of the Church reasonably and thankfully. While taking sufficient food whenever it is needed, he will at the same time safeguard the blessings which he is hoping to obtain during Lent by substituting the fasting of desires and whim and the mortification of the will for the more obvious fasting from food.—Catholic Standard and Times.

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The Law

as amended Nov. 10, 1919

THIS Referendum on April 18 is to ratify a new federal law, namely, the Canada Temperance Act, as recently amended by Dominion Parliament.

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2. "No person shall, either directly or indirectly, manufacture or sell, or contract or agree to sell, or import, or export, or transport into such province any intoxicating liquor...
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