FIVE MINUTE SERMON

BY REV. WILLIAM DEMOUY, D. D. PASSION SUNDAY

THE STRENGTH OF THE CHURCH "Josus said to them: Amen, Amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am, They took up stones, therefore, to east at Him. But Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple." (John vill. 55, 62.)

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 ensmiss. Her path A certain statement made by a is one of thorus to the body and often noted advocate of what is suphemisto the soul. She must suffer contra-diction, must be misinterpreted in trol has no doubt startled and have been times when to one who it would be wiser to send chloroform loved her were opposed six who over to Europe than bread, for by attempted her destruction.

torbidden to breathe the free open air of God's earth, even their exist | meant in its full literal sense. It ence has been declared a menace to was an exaggerated, over-emphasized the State. With might and main illustration. That much may be have whole nations sought her dest granted. But yet, even if allowance fruction; but her Calvary never has is made for the circumstances under come, nor will it come in future, which it was uttered, it has a cruel for she is as permanent as the earth ring to it and it remains offensive to itself. She has been forced many ears attuned to Christian teaching. times to travel a road that would Coming from the lips of a woman, it have led to a Calvary, were it not is revolting. There has been much

every human being should enter her abandoned, a woman's heart may fold, and one of our charges is to become as hard and flint-like as that preach the Gospel to every creature.

But, though we have this desire, and influence of Christianity, man as well we are entering upon the work of evangelization more and more every day, still we realize from Christ's are checked only by divine grace. words that, like Him, we ever shall Occasionally, we get a glimpse of the have our enemies and see our doc-trines on many occasions ridiculed.
But in this is a great part of our glory on earth—" to glory in Christ and Carist crucified." Not that we and Carist crucified." Not that we are glad man's sine forced Our thoughts, but he had deliberately de-Saviour to so cruel a death, but clared war on Christianity. He because we can suffer a little, at accused Christ of weakness and clim-least, like unto Him-realizing that inated mercy from the list of virtues.

not as coming from Him originally, our Christian civilization. ble law of God. The prevalence of divorce is a very good example of this spirit of accommodation to the heredity. We know next to nothing about the marvelous powers of requirement in the human race. church existing, except the Catholic Church, will allow divorced persons to remarry. The Catholic Caarch lost thousands upon thousands of her fear concerning the future of our children, who afterward became her enemies and her persecutors, because dence, and its resources are unshe forbade divorce and remarriage, limited. From the ashes of the even as God forbids them. A church that can accommodate itself to the changes of the times—changes, of world has yet seen. It is too much course, that are not in accordance for man to take upon his shoulders with God's law-and can adapt its the cares of Providence. doctrines to the wishes of man, never word. Some have suffered, but not because of God's real word and law, which they did not have, but because of dootrines recognized as false by the control of the control o the Church given the custodianship of the word of God. Of course, it must be lamented as must any similar suffering brought on by man. But in this case persecution is not persecution because of adherence to Christ's teaching, as is always tha case when Catholics are tormented.

The propaganda against the Church today is of the vilest kind, but there is one thing principally that keeps it the last few days by two important going, and it is mammon. That the going, and it is mammon. That the "More than ninety dangerous radi-fight is unjust, unworthy, is easily seen from the tactics employed and cals now condued in American fight is unjust, unworthy, is easily seen from the tactics employed and from the ends intended. There is not a positive system opposed to us, nor one that is capable of erecting a worthy institution. They are simply in five languages," declared Freda few kate-bearing individuals and crick A. Wallis, Commissioner of societies of egoistic, ignorant, never. Immigration at Ellis Island. forgiving men and women, who are spreading lies and endeavoring to ly professor of Russian history of the incite others to persecute us. I University of Petrograd and now incite others to persecute us. I University of Petrograd and now speak of this country. Even if they holding the chair of ancient history could accomplish their perfidious at the University of Wisconsin, gives work, one easily can see that such information that the Russian Bolshe-persons could do no good for the vists are supplanting the best educacommunity afterward. Passion does tors of their country with "a new not die with one victory; it seeks intellectual class trained in the Bolother fields to conquer. At any rate, shevist ideas." These new illu-how futile these attacks will be the minati are to spread the doctrines records of history pointing to fail of communism and materialism ures of thousands of such attempts through the world in an endeavor to in the past, clearly indicate. The overturn Christian society and civiarch enemies of the Caurch in days lization. gone by have long ago appeared The radicals in jail in America and before the judgment seat; but the Boshevists in power in Russia Church continues to wave the same are alike products of that education banner of Christ, and to live a vigor- which would devote itself entirely to

We do not know what greater per- itself with the will; which secutions we yet may have to under-go. But let us prepare for them edge of God. now, for in some shape or form, the gravest ills of society today, they are sure to come. Parents now as ever, are spiritual ills. They can interchurch survey has revealed they have to do and for the weather giving them, from their earliest and beautiful and true is excluded, average in the average school to 12 to his successful work. He will

tian knowledge, will form an impreg-nable barrier to the attacks of any persecutor, no matter how strong. He who grows up without these blessings will, when attacked, faint and die.

A DEPLORABLE LACK OF THE MORAL SENSE

tempted her destruction. helping to perpetuate mental and Her children at times have been physical deformity.

The statement cannot have been for Christ's help promised to Peter, talk of the surer moral intuition her first head, when He said that the guicker responsiveness of the gates of hell should not prevail against her. Would we wish it to be otherwise? Certainly our desire should be that once Christian teaching and an uncomfortable shock. Apparently,

His sufferings and death placated It was wicked folly, for some time in God, and that our tribulations and persecutions here will be a great means of bringing us to God, our life we shall all need mercy. It would be fatal to allow that sweet virtue to become atrophied by lack of No other Church has suffered, nor best protection for life. They are an will suffer, like the Cathelic Church. object lesson which brings bome The reason for this suffering is that to us the sacredness of life under all she has the truth as given her by circumstances. If you call the life Christ, which her children will die to of the cripple mean, you make all Those outside the Church, life cheap and upsafe. Our elaborate if they have any of the truths of care for the physically and mentally Christ, have them in part only, and unfit is one of the chief glories of A mercibut by adoption. To them is not ful generation is better than a race given the command to resist until of supermen for no one has an ink-death, and many times they will ling of what the proposed supermen yield, we will not say to wickedness, may be like. But it they are to but to customs and changes of the be devoid of mercy, the spech which times, contrary to the stern, immuta- their coming will inaugurate on this

> The cripples of Europe will not necessarily transmit their infirmities to the coming generation. We need not race for there also is Divine Provipresent generation it can raise a

secuted, in the proper sense of the world. Some have suffered, but not because of Coldinary and suffered and Standard and Times.

> DANGER OF EDUCATION WITHOUT GOD

Nothing could better confirm the wisdom of the Catholic view of education than statements made within

prisons for preaching and attempting to practice anarchy are so well edu-cated that they can talk revolution

Dr. Michael I. Rostovsteff, former-

The radicals in jail in America and the intellect and not once concern

have the responsibility of their children to be Christlike sufferers, when the trying days come. How are they are the responsibility of their children to be Christlike sufferers, when the trying days come. How are they are the education that embraces the trying days come. How are they have to do and for the weather some startling facts in this connection. Protestant children receive the education that embraces the but 24 hours Sunday school training the connection which they have to do and for the weather in which they must do it.

But accepting such leniency, the Catholic must beware lest he lose in religious subjects during an entire sight of the purpose of this holy to do this? By setting them good example, by seeing that they scrupul ously obey the Church, and by God, the Author of all that is good reducing the time of training for the children time. He can readily find many enrolled absent one-half of the time, attisfactory occasions for abstaining reducing the time of training for the

years, a good Catholic education.
The best minds of the world, whether the Catholic who is armed within or outside the household of the Church, are coming to recognize mind is illuminated with true, Christian below the Soundness of the Catholic view, the soundness of the Catholic view.
—Catholic Bulletin.

A PERPETUAL MISSION

If, as was said by Pope Leo XIII., a Catholic paper is a perpetual mis-sion, would an everlasting sermon be out of place? A good many people there are who will contend that the pulpit is the place for sermons, a contention that must be conceded, of

her intentions, and must bear shocked many who either heard calumny, hatred, and revenge. There have been times when to one who it would be rises to the effect that But if the editor is to be also s thing in our present everyday hated her; when one served her, six our ill advised mercy we were only and build thereon? We like to read what the late Terepce MacSwiney has written. He has said things. and he knew exactly how to give expression to the thought that was in his fertile mind.

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 : they blight his flowers, trees and fruit, and he must go forth with fire and sword and strong unsparing hand and root out all the evil things.

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 over-shadowed. Prejudice is a bad actor. You will find it plastered all over the anti-Catholic press. You will find a good deal of it throughout the Protestant denominations. Indeed, one is quite likely to run into it in the most unexpected places. Big industries frequently advertise for help and frequently they say "Protestant preferred." That's prejudice, and

meanest kind of prejudice, at that. So beware. Be manly in defense of your principles; but never let prejudice affect you. Be generous your opponents. Give credit for being honest in their convictions. If necessary, you may chide them when you discover precareful. Let us live as brethren should live, always bearing in mind the words of our Divine Lord: Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly for My sake."-Catholic Sun.

THE NUN AND THE KAISER

The following incident of the late visited was Death Island, where an ancient convent exists.

Arriving unexpectedly be found the superior cleaning the church lamps and two nuns scouring the floor. The Kaiser entered into conversation with one nun, while King George acted as interpreter. The Kaiser as interpreter. asked the nun how long she had been in the nunnery. She replied:

About twenty years." The Kaiser remarked that she must have commenced her novitiate very early. She said: "At sixteen. The Kaiser then asked: "What caused you when so young, almost its pleasures? Some great mistor-

This world is a hard enough world.

The God. And you, who have prepared discourse of fifteen pages remained in the world, what pleas. "He demolished Calvin and Kant

only help and salvation.-Catholic dewdrop in the field, which nature gives in the night and which disappears with the first rays of the morning sun.'

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 bighly 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

quote him on this last point: g ves to religious education in his program. The emphasis which the Roman Catholic puts upon the parochial school is logical. During the plastic years of the calid's life it the plastic years of the child's life it is trained in the fundamentals of the Roman Catholic religion, along with hard work done by so many of our its studies in secular subjects, and people, the full day occupation of when it graduates from the parochial

change its religion. 'The Protestant church has been will still permit them to be well

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But, while men of vision, like Dr. Brown, deplore the conditions which he describes above, what are they doing to remedy them? Is not the public school system, with its lack of religious training, a fetish to them as it is to many others who have not their vision?—Catholic Union and Times.

THE GRACE OF GOD

Canon Sheehan, whose splendid volume of sermons has just been a child to renounce the world and published, quite freely made public the story of his first sermon, preached ane?" at Plymoush, and "very much to his She answered: "No, only love own satisfaction." He presented a 'He demolished Calvin and Kant first and then told his congregation The Kaiser without replying asked: that the Thomist and Scotist post-

> "Yerra, how cud I know? it was all Latin. But I caught the

Grace o' God' sometimes Well, the Grace of God and a big loaf, shure that's all we want in this

The story is told in Luke Delmege where the author is known to-relate his own experiences.—Chicago New

DISCIPLINING THE WILL

The penitential nature of the Lenten season is to be kept clearly First Baptist Church. Dr. Brown's before us during these salutary days discourse was on "Lessons from the There is danger, however, since the Catholice," and he emphasized in penitential ites has always centred on the fast enjoined during this for the house of God, their regular period that, on the one hand, some attendance at divine worship, their will be led by the benign relaxation ecclesiastical solidarity and their of the strict precept in this matter care of religious education. We to neglect the very spirit of penance. On the other hand, there are many Finally, the Roman Catholic has fervent Catholics who hold this a valuable lesson for the Protestant season so dear in graces and blessings in the important place which he that they fear the losing of their

young and old, bave all combined to school, you might as well try to induce the Church, always a teader change the color of its eyes as to mother, to allow her children such a participation in the Leuten fast as

resulting fruits of patience, gentle-ness and thoughtfulness for others. mortification of fasting.

who, refusing to accept the lessened law, persists in an observance so strictly to the latter as to jeopardize Times. his, or her, health and perhaps make

discipline his will with beautiful the dispensations of the Church reasonably and thankfully. While taking sufficient food whenever it is He will find in the mortification of needed, he will at the same time the will a substitute for the physical safeguard the blessings which he is hoping to obtain during Lent by Neither is that Catholic in full substituting the fasting of desire and accord with the spirit of the Church whin and the mortification of the who, refusing to accept the lessened will for the more obvious fasting from food .- Catholic Standard and

such a one unfit for his duties and responsibilities. The real Catholic, both fervent and humble, will use bad example.—Anon.



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