

FIVE-MINUTE SERMONS.

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

THE FOLLY OF SIN.

What fruit, therefore, had you in those things of which you are now ashamed? (Romans vi. 22.)
What is the good of being a sinner? No good, but much evil.

What is the good of sinning? Ask that man whose blood is burning with fiery alcohol, some day when a hot summer's sun suddenly prostrates him in death.

Our Lord compares him to an evil tree which cannot bring forth good fruit, and is cut down and cast into the fire.

Go to Mass in Season.

A writer in an exchange gives the following good advice regarding getting to church in season for the services: In most instances there is absolutely no excuse for coming late to church.

If you would have an abundance of dark, glossy hair, if you would have a clean scalp, free from dandruff and irritating humors, or if your hair is faded and gray, and you would have its natural color restored, use Ayer's Hair Vigor.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A True Heart.

There is something pathetic in the life of every man confined within prison walls, and this pathos grows more intense when all the free outside world is glad with the joy that comes with the Christmas time.

I was passing out of the prison yard one bitterly cold Christmas morning. Just outside the gate, and crouching close to the high stone wall, I saw a thin, little girl of about twelve years, her face and hands blue with cold.

What is it? I asked. "Well, if you please, sir, I'd like to know if I can go inside and see my father. He's in there, and I've brought him in something for Christmas."

I recognized the name as that of a life convict—a man notoriously bad. I went back into the prison grounds, the child following me eagerly.

The man fell on his knees with both hands clasped over his face. "I did love him," he said hoarsely. "I love him still; bad as I am, I love him still."

AT THE POPE'S MASS.

The Service That It is a Great Privilege to Attend.

Although thousands have had the happiness of assisting at the Holy Father's Mass, there may yet be thousands of your readers who would wish to do so, and might like to read about one of the grandest private ceremonials in Christendom.

Having received a card of admittance to the Sistine Chapel for the 6th June, I found myself, at 7:30 that morning, before the bronze gate of the Vatican.

This is a large, well-proportioned hall, enriched with splendid frescoes on walls and ceilings. At the end there is a plain altar with a fine tapestry, representing the Pentecost, as altar-piece, with a large velvet canopy over it.

separated those who were privileged to have an audience with our Holy Father from less fortunate mortals, whose cards only allowed them to assist at Mass.

A moment after our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII., attended by two of his chaplains, entered by the same door, and glided swiftly to the prie dieu before the altar.

After praying in silence for about five minutes he vested and began the "Introit," with a loud, strong, pleasant voice pronouncing each word distinctly and clearly.

It was a solemn moment which I hope never to forget. At the end of Mass the Pope knelt and said the three "Ave Marias," and we all joined in the "Santa Maria."

Unrobing, the Holy Father went and knelt at a prie dieu to the left of the altar, while one of his chaplains said a Mass of thanksgiving.

After the second Mass, His Holiness, putting a stole on his shoulders, from the altar steps gave us the Papal Benediction with such firmness of tone and manner, there was no trace of weakness or languor.

In about ten minutes he returned, still in his white cassock, but with a red cloak over his shoulders. Sitting in an arm chair in front of the altar, all the Camerieri Secreti and officers of the guard pressed around him, kissing his ring or his feet and evidently asking how he was.

The radiant faces of those select mortals showed how joyful the meeting had been. The red sedan chair was now brought in and the Holy Father entering was carried down and out of the Sistine Chapel, surrounded by the Noble and Swiss Guards.

It was now the turn of the unprivileged who had had no audience. In giving his blessing as he passed, he rested his hand on the window of the sedan chair. A priest seized it and kissed it and his ring. Not to be outdone, all pressed forward, and the bearers had to wait till all had got this stolen kiss.

Weak and Nervous

Describe the condition of thousands of people at this season. They have no appetite, cannot sleep, and complain of the prostrating effect of warmer weather.

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THE PROTESTANT FEELING.

An Improvement in Its Tone Towards Catholics and the Church.

Our fair-minded Protestant contemporary, the New York Independent, says: We are gratified to observe constant evidences of a change in the tone of many Protestants toward the Roman Catholic Church.

"To assume that everything in the Roman Catholic church is bad is scarcely less absurd than to take for granted that every Methodist is a saint. A sensible view of Methodism and a charitable view of the Roman Catholic Church suggests that our attitude should at least be Christian; retaliation and vituperations are not Christian weapons, and cannot consistently be used by a Church which claims to exemplify Christianity in earnest."

Thus Rev. George Skene, Dr. W. H. Thomas writes that "nothing can be produced that excuses Methodists from obeying the law" stated by Christ and Paul in sentences enjoining the putting away of all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and evil speaking, and being kind to one another and loving one's neighbor as one's self.

Dr. C. F. Rice says: "Wholesale condemnation, exaggeration of evils, misrepresentation of facts, imputations of base motives and vituperations are as unchristian when used in relation to the Roman Catholic Church as in any other connection."

Rev. W. I. Haven, son of Bishop Gilbert Haven, says the attitude of Methodism toward Romanism should be an attitude of Christian brotherliness or discriminating criticism, and that it should "spiritually undermine false Romanism in this and every land."

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