

FIVE MINUTE SERMON

By Rev. N. M. REDMOND
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

THE MIRACLE OF NAIM A FIGURE OF THAT WROUGHT IN PENANCE

And He said: Young man, I say to thee arise! And he that was dead sat up and began to speak.

The miracle wrought by our blessed Lord in favor of the young man mentioned in today's Gospel, is a most striking figure of what takes place in a spiritual sense in favor of poor sinners. The power only of Him Who first gave life to that young man could effect his resurrection.

I need not say it for your sake, dear people, for you believe it as firmly as I do, that it would be blasphemy of the rankiest kind to say that our blessed Lord was guilty of deception in anything which He taught His followers.

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in your divine presence is the soul in mortal sin.

Dead, possessed by the devil, filthy beyond comparison, and every moment in danger of being plunged into hell, the soul enters the confessional with the requisite dispositions for absolution, and in the moment the priest exercises the power of forgiving sins in her regard, her deplorable state is changed into one of grace and life.

TEMPERANCE

PUTS MEN BEHIND BARS

The saloon is sometimes called a bar; that's true. A bar to heaven, a door to hell; whoever named it named it well.

ALCOHOL A JOY-KILLER

Professor Emil Kraepelin is director of the Clinic of Psychiatry in the University of Munich. He has made more painstaking tests of alcohol and its effects probably, than any other man; and he began them as a believer in beer.

SEPTEMBER

MONTH OF ANGELS

Soldiers at Mons claimed they saw a shining host of angels above the battlefield. Whether they were visible or not, it is generally believed by Catholics that guardian angels must have been there.

of the living for it. When at last the hour of deliverance comes it is he who brings the soul to God's throne. In a word, the faithful guardian does not cease to devote himself to us until we are restored to the arms of God.

Gratitude is the second duty we have toward our guardian angel. We would certainly be ingrates if we could forget his constant care. Tobias, when he went over in his heart all the favors which the angel Raphael had heaped on him, cried out in transport: 'What recompense can I make to him that it may be in proportion to that which he has done for me?'

A ROMANCE OF THE CROSS

FROM "A SHORT HISTORY OF JAPAN"

By Ernest Wilson Clement, University of Chicago Press

"In all the history of Christianity and the persecution and martyrdom of the followers of Christ, and the preservation of the faith under supreme repression, nothing is more romantic or dramatic than the discovery in the heart of Japan of thousands of Christians who had kept the faith secretly for three centuries in the midst of idol worshippers who hated Christianity with such venom that the Christians would have been crucified or burned at the stake had their secret become known.

"Some fifty years ago, after Japan had been thrown open to foreigners and the safety of Christian worship guaranteed, the order of Jesuits built a cathedral in Nagasaki. At that time it was not supposed, either by the Japanese government or by foreign missionaries, that there were any Japanese Christians in that country; but on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1865, the day the new cathedral was dedicated, a party of fifteen Japanese asked for a private audience with Pere Petitjean, the priest, and, after he had taken them into his residence and locked the doors and corridors they made known to him that they, too, were Catholics.

"While the sun warms the earth let no Christian be so bold as to venture into Japan. Let this be known to all men, though it be the King of Spain in person or even the God of the Christians.

he has the bluffer beaten to a standstill. Sooner or later the man with the 'big talk' is discovered and when he suggests anything he is laughed down. Why not be just what we are?"

THE BLUFFERS

"One of the peculiarities of a large portion of the human family," says the Catholic Union and Times, "is that the members thereof have a tendency to make themselves appear just a trifle better than they really are. Everybody knows the man who, at the parish meeting, puffs out his chest and declares that he will do this, that and the other thing. And everybody knows, too, that in the last analysis he never does anything.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

AS A YOUNG MAN SOWETH

By James Lavery in Extension Magazine

As a young man soweth, so shall he reap. Youth is the seedtime of life. The manner in which a young man spends his leisure time—those long, precious hours which belong exclusively to him—indicates as nothing else can just what the future holds in store for him.

Ah, if every young man could but realize what this means, and at the same time understand what his opportunities are for study and improvement of self; or for the doing of something useful and good! Let us say that there are four full hours in every day of the year of which the young man is master; four hours of sixty diamond-studded minutes each, that belong exclusively to him.

It is not desirable that a young man rush from his place of business (be it office, store, shop or factory) home to eat his dinner hurriedly and then retire to his room to study and work until late into the night.

Nearly every young man has quite properly a few companions of approximately his own age, and it is natural that they occasionally meet to spend a few sociable hours of an evening in each other's company.

Your companionship with young men of nearly your own age and tastes should not be overdone, however. There are seven nights in a week, or three hundred and sixty-five in a year. No matter how excellent your young men friends may be, do not form the habit of spending every evening in their company; do not place a considerable portion of it for yourself and your purposes.

There comes to mind here the example of a successful grocer in a suburb of one of the big cities. Surrounded by a score of aggressive competitors, he has been many of

them fail while his own business has steadily expanded. It is not difficult to explain his success. He studied to master every detail of his business. Each day he gives some of his time to the reading of a select number of trade journals that have a direct bearing on his business.

The whole story may be summed up in the sentence: "Master your chosen work." Master your work, and the time spent in the improvement or thorough mastery of one's business or profession or trade.

Only a few items have been mentioned thus far in this article, namely, the choice of the right companions and the time spent with them; and the time spent in the improvement or thorough mastery of one's business or profession or trade.

And no mention has been made thus far of the amount of time that should be devoted to social affairs, such as, perhaps, calling on a young lady; or going to dances, or occasionally visiting the theater, or other forms of recreation, that may be reasonably said to come within the average young man's program.

If this article has impressed the Catholic young man with the solemn fact that there are many things for him to do—many things that he ought to do—many things that he ought to do each hour is precious, the aim of the writer has been fulfilled.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

WHY MARSHALL WAS "ALL RIGHT"

"How do you like your new boy?" I'm interested in him because you know he came from up my way." Mr. Holcomb leaned comfortably back in his revolving office chair and gave his inquiring friend a genial smile.

"Yes, you might call it that. You know his family used to have a very snug income. His father was in the lumber business, but he met with

reverses, and I took his boy, partly to help him out. They're old friends of my wife's family, you know."

"Well, young Darrow was never able to forget or cease lamenting the lowered family fortunes, nor would he permit me to forget it, either. I used to find it rather oppressive—his allusions to their better days.

"It's been a treat to find a boy like Marshall, ready to do any job that comes to hand, whether it's the usual day's work or not. And ah!" He broke off abruptly, for the door was opening. A boy of eighteen, with clear, frank eyes and a mouth so pleasant in expression that it gave almost an effect of smiling even in repose, came in.

"Half-past five, eh? He'll send them over then?" "No, sir, he hasn't anybody to send. I told him I'd be back after them."

"But you were to get off at five to night, you remember—I told you that, to make up for last night!" "Oh, that's all right. I'm in no rush!" Marshall's pleasant smile showed a set of large, dazzling white teeth.

Mr. Holcomb stepped to the door a few minutes later. "When you've finished your letter, you can slip along home to your lunch. Get in a little extra time that way?" "Thank you, but I don't need it. Might as well clear these up. Work's light to-day anyway."

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Dr. Robert R. Mott, Methodist minister and general secretary of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., speaking in the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Boston, said among other things: "I cannot but admire the Jesuits for their sagacity and ability in administering the affairs of their Church."

MINISTER PRAISES THE JESUITS

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