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The Apostleship of Good Example.



companion of St. Francis Xavier was one day preaching in the streets of a city in Japan, when an enraged pagan drew near him and spat in his face. Without losing his temper, and without showing any signs of resentment, the good apostle calmly wiped his besmeared cheek and continued his discourse. Instantly a heathen broke from the crowd of listeners, and addressing the preacher said: "Your discourse is indeed admirable; but it alone would not have convinced me, neither would it have determined me to take the decisive step. Your behaviour under insult is far more eloquent. Receive me as one of your followers."

Eloquence is necessary for the apostle; but practice and example are necessary in a still higher degree. There is no very great difficulty in dilating eloquently on virtue: the real difficulty lies in its practice. People admire what is