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By the Paulist Fathers. eached in their Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Pifty-ninth Street and Ninth Ayenue, New York. SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.

Beware of false prophets; by their fruits u shall know them."—Gospel of the Day. you shall know them."—Gospel of the Day.
In this concluding portion of the Sermon on the Mount our Blessed Lord warns us against false teachers. The way by which we are to know whether a teacher be a true one or not is by the visible marks of virtue which he has produced in his disciple's heart.

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A true educator is one who will draw out and develop all a child's faculties. For life, as we contemplate it about us everywhere, begins in a germ, and by the application of the educational force to this germ, it begins to unfold and to exhibit outwardly by their motion the elements that are wrapped up in it. The educational force for the plant is the warm, moist soil, the sunshine and the rain. For man the educational force is his surroundings in early life—his parents, his home, his church, and particularly his school.

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All these combined, in order that they might be considered true educators according to the standard our Lord lays according to the standard our Lord lays down, should have the effect of developing a child's whole nature—his body, his mind and his conscience—so that he might grow up a well rounded shapely whole, for it is only then he can bear good fruit. If a tree be cramped and hemmed in on one side it cannot develop symmetrically. It will be one sided. It will be one sided.

So an education that develops the mental side of a child's nature, and neglects either the moral or the physical side, will generate a one sided life, and such a life will surely topple over.

There is a system of education in vogue that boasts that it makes no effort at all to develop the moral part of a child's nature. In fact, it expressly forbids the saying of one word to the child concerning the highest of his relations, the relations to his God or the next life. We can know whether this system of education can be ranked among the false prophets by applying to it the test our Lord gives. By their fruits you shall know them. In France, where the system began a few By their fruits you shall know them. In France, where the system began a few years ago, it is just now bearing fruit. Official reports show a startling increase of crime among the children. Where before the number of juvenile offenders under twenty-one years of age numbered 9,735, now it numbers 29,815, and strangest of all there are now recorded for the first time numerous cases of suicide committed by children. In this country public morals have reached a dreadfully low state. Why is it, dear brethren, that bribery and corruption are becoming every day more public and barefaced? How is it that the idea of an accounting some day before a just Judge for all our words and acts is becoming more and more vague? What becoming more and more vague? What is it that characterizes our daily record of public events, the newspapers, except it be the number and brutality of the crimes it records? How is it that social relations have in many instances become so licentious, the marriage tie so weakened, that it is no longer an uncommon thing to hear of divorce and other social crimes? How is it that a public blasphemer and scoffer at all that man holds sacred can go acoffer at all that man holds sacred can go about the country and everywhere draw large crowds and be received with great applause? It has been said, over and over again, that his audiences are made up principally of young men who have received what education they have within the last twenty or thirty years in this the last twenty or thirty years in this country. A cautious observer of public country. A cautious observer of public events finds it very hard to believe that the standard of morality is getting higher as we in this country advance in prosper-ity. There is something "rotten in Den-mark." It must be the godless education that is given to the majority of the chil-dren of the country. We must do somedren of the country. We must do some-thing to see that the children committed

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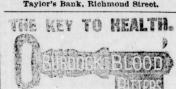
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