

her daughter modesty and devotedness, and to teach her son the manly virtues and the noble passion of duty."

Such, my friends, is the portrait of the good Christian mother limned for us by Father Conway in his interesting work, "The Christian Family." Both Father Conway and Father Becker, it will be observed, emphasize for us the work of the Christian mother. Why? Because, after all, it is to our mothers we owe our chief gifts—indeed, our whole happiness, intellectual and moral. It is they who create the moral atmosphere of the home, fix its decalogue, tend the flame upon its spiritual altar and lead us by the hand along the path which duty has marked for our footsteps. There is not one in this hall today that does not realize in his life the influence of a good mother. There is not one in this hall today whose memory does not reach back in childhood to a good mother perhaps now dwelling with the Saints of God. To me, next to the sacra-