

their own counsels and good examples by the fascinating stories of the lives of the saints and of holy men and women.

A time will come, however, when circumstances will oblige parents to hand over the child to others who shall, or should, continue its formation on the same lines. Does the responsibility of parents cease then? No; they simply share their responsibility with others who are qualified to do what they cannot do themselves. What folly, then, for Catholic parents to try to reconcile Catholic doctrines and practices with Godless public school laws. This can never be done. And the folly is emphasized when we learn that even in schools that are not professedly Godless it is, unfortunately, the tendency of parents to leave too much to the option of outside teachers. True, these teachers have duties to perform, duties of justice, if you will, both towards parent and child, but, be they never so competent, they cannot adequately supply for the absence of home-training. Too many parents are satisfied with the meagre fare doled out once a week in schools and catechism classes. In order to save themselves trouble, they exaggerate the importance of the teachers' rôle, and throw the responsibility of the whole Christian training of their children on teachers' shoulders. This is a mistake and parents will repent at leisure for having made it. Catholic teachers are doing their share of hard work in educating our youth. Their influence for good is felt throughout the length and breadth of Canada. But no one will deny that there are certain vital impressions in the education of a child that only a mother can give; impressions that are all the more lasting because they are supplemented with love. The mind and heart of a child must be fashioned to the home virtues to prepare him even for citizenship, and he is a teacher of rare merit, indeed, who can replace a mother in this work.

In this age, when every effort is being made by the devil and his emissaries to draw education away from religious influences, the importance of home-training cannot be