

unlovely reflection of yourself—and then, if from work in school that disappoints you, you turn back to community where you have lost the brightness of Christ of which the love of your Sisters was to be the sacrament, there would be a darkening of life, to which only true repentance could bring back light.

I am sure that your influence of personal character on children and young teachers will be in proportion to the soundness of your community life, that is, to its solidarity in love, the joy of unity which does not mean our abstaining from quarrels, but the cordial and generous love of Christ through us touching all those who belong to us.

It would not be *true religion* to let a Sister ever come to feel among you, "I am only a wheel in a machine, I must take my chance. I am ill, and nobody knows, because nobody cares to know; they are all absorbed, each in the interest of her own work, and what am I to anybody?"

And then you will never be too austere, too self-denying to accept kindness, that is, love, from a Sister of your community. True religion makes much of the least kindness, for it recognizes the love of Christ in it uniting two souls to Himself.

"Scorn no man's love,
Love is a present for a mighty king."—G. Herbert.

If anyone of you should live to grow old, let her never discover that she has survived her own generation, and feel that she belongs to the past, but take care that she finds in the comfort of the fellowship of her sisters in Religion that love grows ever, but never grows old, is never left behind a dead thing in the past.

A test of true religion will be, not the *respect* with which you treat a Sister who is no longer helpful, because she has worked out her health and strength for Christ, not your reasonable respect for her, but the cordial warmth of heart, and home fellowship with which you surround her, your making her happy in your love, because your love is Christ's love supporting and cherishing her. Where everyone is too much absorbed in her own work to have any delight in her Sisters, in the family life of the community, that work will not be the work of true religion. That fervour of work may have external efficiency but little sanctifying force. That Institution will be a boarding house for church workers perhaps, not the family, the Home of Jesus Christ.

"True Religion," the consecration of yourself which you offer to-day to our Lord with the blessing of the Catholic Church, that will bear witness to Christ, making all your service