

Lacedæmonian name, to fail in his duty, he chose a mean betwixt these two extremes, after this manner: the youngest and most active of his men he preserved for the service and defence of their country, and therefore sent them back; and with the rest, whose loss would be of less consideration, he resolved to make good the pass, and, with the death of them, to make the enemy buy their entry as dear as possibly he could. And so it fell out; for, being presently encompassed on all sides by the Arcadians, after having made a great slaughter of the enemy, he and his men were all cut to pieces. Is there any trophy dedicated to conquerors which is not much more due to those who were thus overcome? The part that true conquering has to play lies in the encounter, not in the coming off; the honour of valour consists in fighting, not in subduing."—*Montaigne, ed. Hazlitt, p. 118.*

Equally instructive with the defeats, are the successes of the first Bishop of Toronto. Their moral, especially for the Communion which he ruled, and for individuals composing it, is this: Recognize facts; aim at the practical. We need not describe again the determined way in which he endeavoured to make good the disasters entailed by the irresistible march of events. The time left him was short. He girded himself with desperate energy to his work; and taking an entirely new basis of operations, he realized after all his ideal, on a scale indeed below what his first conception had pictured, but still on a scale of sufficiently good dimensions; actually creating for himself, by this second development of force, a spiritual realm over which, amidst the acclaims of all, he reigned as the visible head, and informing genius, to the moment of his decease; and then, leaving it to his successors, furnished with means and appliances of his own institution, for self-regulation, self-support, and self-perpetuation, in all future time.

Moralists who take a morbid view of human life are ready to exclaim,—What shadows we are and what shadows we pursue! Which may be true of numbers, but need not be true of any, provided only they have been put in possession of sound minds and sound bodies, and have been disciplined in both with the discipline provided for them.