

CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE.

It is remarkable that the moment the sacramental nature of marriage is denied or disregarded the question becomes one of almost absurd commentary. The Catholic Church alone adheres to the sacrament of Matrimony; all others, on this subject, vary, hesitate, waver, and blunder. Not long since the Rev. Dr. Welch, provost of Trinity College, preached a sermon on marriage, in St. James Cathedral, Toronto. In the course of his remarks, the preacher made use of these words:—

"If the sacredness of the marriage tie are disregarded then the foundations of society are being tampered with, and the whole structure must inevitably collapse in irrecoverable and hopeless ruin. There is a danger of looking at marriage as a mere civil contract, or a physical and material connection, which practically reduces it to the basis of partnership, which may be dissolved at any time by the mutual consent of both parties concerned. When a man and maiden unite in marriage, having no end in view other than to gratify some passion or some fancy, then I say it is nothing better than sacrilegious profanity."

Now this is very true, and as Christian, much less a Catholic, will deny the exactness of the statement, yet Rev. Dr. Welch does not regard the sacrament of matrimony in the same light as it is understood by the Catholic Church. As far as his protest against "tampering with marriage" goes, and his considering the reduction of it to "a mere civil contract" as "nothing better than sacrilegious profanity," is concerned, we are in perfect harmony with him. But, even this sincere advocate of a worthy cause, finds himself in a peculiar dilemma. He cannot, according to his tenets, accept the sacramental idea of matrimony, and in rejecting it, he cannot avoid reducing marriage to a mere human or civil contract.

To illustrate how ignorant is the prejudice of some anti-Catholic reactioners, we will reproduce some characteristic expressions of the "Presbyterian Review." Under the heading "Marriage Limitations in Quebec," this publication says:—

"The prohibited degrees of relationship which form a canonical bar to marriage are more extensive in the Roman Catholic Church than in any other church in Quebec, and much more extensive than are demanded by the civil law. In addition to blood relationship they include such ecclesiastical relationships as god-fathers and god-mothers with their kin. So much so that in some communities it is almost impossible for the young people to find any one whom they may marry without a dispensation."

CHATS TO YOUNG MEN.

The young business or professional man who thinks he can afford to scoff at the ancient saw, "Clothes makes the man," is not on the main road to success. This may appear like an exaggeration, but let us consider the facts. As between a shabby, ill-clad man and one whose garb is neat and in the mode, which would receive your attention first?

Good clothes are the very best introduction. No man, young or old, can be at his best in ragged or even shabby attire. Do not doubt for an instant that the badge and sign of the real gentleman is his style of dressing. The boor, in business and out of it, the natural vulgarian, can never dress the part of a gentleman.

"Show me your clothes and I will read your character," says the philosopher of the commonplace. He knew how fully mental and moral values were revealed in the quality and adjustment of a coat. The testimony of every successful professional and business man in America will bear up the assertion that "clothes count." A shabby coat is really the harbinger of misfortune; it will prove more disconcerting than a boil on the neck, and dim the lustre of genius itself. To prove his right to advancement a young man must have the chance to exhibit his talents. This privilege will be denied him nine times out of ten if he appears on the scene of his intended demonstration badly clad.

Good clothes does not mean necessarily expensive clothes—bespeak for the wearer a well-balanced mind, a sense of order and the fitness of things, and according to the manner in which they are worn show to the fullest extent the calibre of the man within them. Dress constitutes a kind of weather-vane, showing the direction of a man's ideas and ambitions. It is the barometer of his tastes, indicating the rise and fall of his self-esteem and the attention he bestows upon his person. One cannot have fixed habits of cleanliness

of fashion which no man of good taste could be induced to wear. The highest possible compliment that can be paid to any man, so far as his apparel is concerned, is the inability of those who meet him casually to describe his dress. The most charming attribute in man or woman is modesty, and the modest person never affects a "flashy" costume. Clothing may be likened to a frame for the human picture, and therefore should be selected with the purpose of bringing out to advantage the subject it encases. So slight is the cost of good clothes in these days that the humblest clerk on a meagre salary cannot truthfully say he is unable to dress well.

After all, it is not so much a question of the cost of coat and trousers as it is a question of their best adjustment to the person. Money spent for a costly garment that hangs unbecomingly upon the wearer is money thrown away. There is a happy medium in the set of one's coat, as in all other things. To be well dressed is to be insured against any possible chance to rebuff from the prosperous or contempt from the ill-to-do. The modern Knight, fighting in the tournament of commerce or entered in the jousts of professionalism, can wear no more impregnable armor than a suit of good clothes.

An eminent scientist once remarked:—Give a man a good deep chest and a stomach of which he never knew the existence, and he must succeed in any practical career."

This is perhaps, going a little too far, for many a worthless man has a splendid physique, but it calls attention to the fact that too much emphasis has been placed on thrift, perseverance and industry as the first essentials of success. Behind the thrift behind the perseverance, behind the industry there must be a firm physical foundation. There must be a substantial fund of vitality stored up which will withstand the drain of worry.

The young man who takes an early morning walk in the bracing air, who inflates the lungs, who comes in with the body tingling, the blood pumping through every artery,—that young man is bound to make the day's work tell. The very superfluity of health, of vitality, will find its way into his business, will keep him working till the last moment, and infuse a healthy glow in all he does.

The man who devotes a certain time of the day to exercise, to a storing of vitality, is wise. But he need not be an athlete,—preferably not. A brisk walk, a short wheel ride, a few games of tennis or polo,—these give the mind a holiday and are the richest kind of tonic for the body. The man without force in his body cannot put force in his work. And almost without exception, the men who are successful are men of strong body and sound mind.

But the majority of the young men of our day are strong and hearty. So much the better! With a fundamentally strong constitution they are on the high road to success; all they need is to learn to take care of their bodies, to husband their strength, to increase their vitality, and thus increase the joy of living and the chances of ultimate fame.—P. Maxwell, in the Philadelphia Saturday Post.

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