

One Day at a Time.

One day at a time! That's all it can be; No faster than that in the hardest race. A day at a time! A day at a time!

DRUNKENNESS THE DISGRACE OF SOCIETY.

J. M. in Baltimore Mirror. There is no more degrading vice than that of drunkenness, which ruins man by his reason; destroys his prospects in life; impairs the God given powers of intellect with which he is endowed; entails endless miseries upon him hereafter, and brings dishonor upon those who are connected with him.

those of the State. They break down all barriers and overcome every restraining influence which is sought to be placed upon their operations.

If there be a sad spectacle in this age of ours, it is to witness persons claiming to be Christians engaged in a business which seriously endangers their own souls and those of others, merely for the purpose of acquiring money; for this is the chief if not the only reason that is offered by them for conducting it.

The Catholic Church—and she alone—is capable of grappling with and overcoming this giant evil. She has confronted and conquered every form of vice which is inherent in or that may be introduced by humanity.

me! Do you not care to do a little good for the souls of your friends—of those whom you love, and who perhaps forget me? Tell me who interests you, what motives urge you, what means you wish to take.

Confide to me your failures; I will show you the cause. Whom do you wish to see interested in your work? I am the master of all hearts, my child, and I lead them gently where I please. I will place about you those who are necessary to you; never fear!

Have you nothing to annoy you? My child, tell me your annoyances, with every detail. Who has pained you? Who has wounded your self-love? Who has treated you contemptuously? Tell me all, and then say you forgive and forget, and I will give you my blessing.

Do you dread something painful? Is there in your soul a vague fear which seems unreasonable, and yet torments you? Trust fully in my providence. I am here; I see everything; I will not leave you.

Are there about you friends who seem less kind than formerly, who neglect you through indifference or forgetfulness, without your having consciously done anything to wound them? Pray for them, and I will restore them to you, if their companionship is good for you.

Have you no joys to tell me? Why not confide to me your pleasures? Tell me what has happened since yesterday to console you, to make you happy, to give you joy. An unexpected visit has done you good; a fear was suddenly dispelled; you have met with unlooked for success; you have received some mark of affection—a letter, a present; some trial has left you stronger than you supposed. All these things, my child, I obtained for you. Why are you not grateful? Why do you not say, "I thank you!" Gratitude draws benefits, and the benefactor loves to be reminded of his bounty. Have you no promise to make to me? You know I read the very bottom of your heart. Men are deceived, but not God; be frank.

Are you resolved to avoid that occasion of sin, to give up the object which leads you astray? Not to read that book which excites your imagination; to withdraw your friendship from that person who is irreligious, and whose presence disturbs the peace of your soul? Will you go at once and be kind to that companion who annoyed you?

Well, my child, go now and resume your daily work. Be silent, modest, patient, charitable, love the Blessed Virgin dearly, and to borrow bring me a heart even more devoted and loving. To-morrow I shall have new favors for you.

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