

masters" idea prevails. Everyone has his "lords many" above him to whom he most meekly bows, and has his recompense in that there are many below him whom he can scold and treat harshly in turn.

In a Christian land you find constantly urged the precept "never scold," while in the unevangelized scolding is the chief resource for driving one's ignorant and unwilling inferiors, and as they understand scolding and harshness and respond to it so much more readily than to any other means, at least apparently so, the temptation is great. Of course such harsh means are not admissible among equals, much less toward superiors. Extraordinary courtesies must be observed.

The temptation to patronizing is also very great. This, in the end, results in much damage to the true fraternal spirit of the Gospel, for while paternalism is in accord with the Gospel as between parents and their offspring during their tender years, not even Christ, in his great superiority, was willing to treat John the Baptist patronizingly when he sent to ask if he "were the Christ, or shall we wait for another?" but answered with *evidences*, and left him to exercise manly judgment for himself.

I will mention only one more pitfall. It is ambition and the love of power. This is sure to become a great danger to anyone who fails to resist the temptation to paternalism in the midst of a civilization where "they which are accounted to rule . . . exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority over them" (Mark x. 42). How greatly would our work be delayed and all but spoiled with our missionaries loving and using place and power as Christ well said the Gentiles do. Paternalism supplants the true Gospel brother spirit, and has done a great part in the ruining of the Church of Rome as the first and great evangelizer of the world.

As you love Christ, and desire and seek the salvation of the world of sinners for whom he died, pray for your missionaries. Mention these needs, and such others as come to your knowledge, when you pray. And may God's blessing so fall upon you and all missionaries while you pray that we may all be led to pray more, and to be blessed more,