

" Following fast in the footsteps of the preceding Councils of Baltimore, and resting upon the teachings of the Angelic Doctor (ii. ii. Ques. 149, a. 3). We approve and greatly commend the laudable custom of many who in our days totally abstain from the use of intoxicating drinks in order that they may more efficaciously put down the vice of intemperance, whether by removing from themselves its occasions or by showing unto others splendid examples of the virtue of temperance. The zeal of such, we willingly confess, is according to knowledge; it has borne rich fruits in the past, and promises still richer fruits in the future. The Societies of " The Catholic Union for the Promotion of Total Abstinence " and of " The Holy Thirst, " We acknowledge to be worthy of great praise. Those societies are governed by a truly Catholic spirit and seek necessary help not so much in the strength of individual will as in the virtue of prayer and the sacraments. It is known, too, that the Head of the whole Church and the Vicar on earth of Christ has more than once enriched such societies with his Apostolic blessing and the Church's indulgences. Accordingly, we, also, offer them tokens of our good-will and in order that they may flourish more and more, commend them to the paternal care of all our priests, who will not only increase their membership but also point out to them Catholic path.

So far we have quoted from the Fathers of the Council of Baltimore. To these words it is unnecessary to add.

MRS. WALKER. — I don't see why the doctor recommends bicycle riding. If it makes people healthy, it is a loss to the doctors.

MR. WALKER. — I know, but they calculate that one sound, healthy rider will disable at least five pedestrians per week.

" WHERE is the island of Java situated ? " asked a Harlem school teacher of a small and rather forlorn-looking boy.

" I dunno, sir. "

" Don't you know where coffee comes from ? "

" Yes, sir; we get it from the grocer. "