

which they are clothed and the price of the treasure placed at their disposal. They shall be vigilant therefore in watching over a perfect liberty of heart, keeping it detached from all things, whether money or employments, or the esteem and affection of creatures; and should they feel that these evil inclinations begin to gain possession of their souls, they shall be energetic in resisting them, not only by fervent prayer, but also by putting aside, at once, whatever might favor their growth and by eliciting acts of the contrary virtues.

IV.

Imitation in poverty.

42. In their lodging, clothing and furniture they shall shun whatever may be contrary to *evangelical poverty* or smack of a worldly spirit. They shall look upon every concession made to luxury as the loss of a degree of union with Jesus Christ, as stealing from the poor and from good works. They are not, of course, forbidden to make careful arrangements that they may in future profit by the diocesan fund; but save and except this praiseworthy precaution they shall yield in no way to the temptation to hoard. Their true treasure is the Heart of Jesus, whose favors they shall be happy to win by their ever expanding generosity to the poor.