

creasing the number of her enemies, instead of bringing recruits to her ranks and inspire sinners with positive hatred of themselves and their doctrines. Thank Heaven! there are a sufficient number of large hearted steadfast Christian women in the world—sincere followers of Christ and His holy Mother, who can, like their divine model, be "the friend of publicans and sinners" without soiling their white robes and losing sight of their loftiest ideals. As a mere matter of good breeding, the mother or wife refrains from "worrying" the wayward one, from continually intruding into the privacy of his soul, knowing that the safest way and the surest of success is to win the love and confidence of the one whose feet are set in the wrong path, trusting to the force of affection and example for the ultimate rescue of the imperilled soul. When constrained to expostulate too much, it is often wise for the mother to go to the foot of the cross and there relieve her overburdened heart to Him who is ever ready to hear the answer. If we cannot imitate the gentleness, the irresistible sweetness of Him who talked with "the woman who was a sinner" and allowed her to anoint his feet, then, in His name, let us be silent. The time is not ripe for us to speak till the words we utter fall on willing ears and awaken a quick response in loving hearts. He who left the ninety and nine to seek the lost sheep, and who when He had found it carried it tenderly back to the fold in His arms, has taught us that the offensive policy of "worrying wandering sheep" to death is not His way. Take courage then, dear mothers, who may feel downcast. St. Monica prayed and was often saddened by her wayward son, but God heard in His own good time.

"Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving hand, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

ANGLICAN ORDERS.

Catholic Columbian.

Cardinal Newman wrote of the orders in the so-called Church of England, in 1868, long before the Pope's encyclical on that subject was thought of:

"As to my views of Anglican orders I cannot conceive that they are valid—but I could not swear that they are not. I should be most uncommonly surprised if they were. It would require the Pope 'ex cathedra' to convince me. I would not believe in them if you (he is writing to Father Coleridge, S.J.) or a hundred Fathers of the Society guaranteed their validity, though, of course, it would be a remarkable fact; but nothing but the Church's action on it would convince me. I do not think that the Church ever will act upon it. And for this reason, that, putting them at the best advantage, they are doubtful, and the Church ever goes by what is safe."

Now that the Holy See has acted on them and pronounced them spurious, who will dare maintain that they are valid?

BE KIND.

Sister Amadeus, O.S.F.
From the fullness of your living,
When the world on you is smiling,
Be not chary of your giving.
To the saddened and distressed;
For the Lord is watching o'er you,
With a vision past beguiling,
And reward is yet before you,
In the homeland of the blessed.

O the heart that opens kindly
To the sorrow of the weary—
To the weak ones groping blindly
O'er the rugged way of life,
Will find even here a pleasure,
For the days grow far more cheery
When we share our earthly treasure
With the needy in the strife.

WHY HE CELEBRATED.

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sor's eldest son had exploded, early in the afternoon, all the firecrackers that he had provided for the day. The youngster and his little friends wanted more, so the boy found his father, and asked for some money with which to buy a new stock of fireworks.

"I will give you the money, my son, if you can tell me what it is that you are celebrating with all these fireworks," replied the father. "I can do that easy enough," said the boy. "This is the anniversary of the day we licked you fellows."

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