

that humbles us if we do not feel and acknowledge the justice of it.

So that it is not the doctrine and practice of the world that we must adopt. Away with the sophistry and the proud ways of the world ; Christ is our light and our guide. Mere self-respect, personal honor, are good enough in themselves, but how little they have in common with the virtue St. Paul had in view when he said, " Let no man deceive himself ; if any man among you seem to be wise in this world, let him become a fool that he may be wise." (I Cor. iii. 18.) To show how little the self-respecting worldling understands the meaning of the Apostle, see how he interprets, for instance, the words " When thou art invited, go sit down in the lowest place." (Luc. xiv. 10.) His ideas about personal honor are impregnated with pride. Forgiveness of injuries, patience in ignominy, fortitude in tribulation, bearing insults for Christ's sake, are virtues that have no place in his code of morals and no stronger hold on his actions in life than has humility. Ask him to interpret the text from St. Matthew, (v. 39), " I say to you not to resist evil : but if one strike thee on thy right cheek, turn to him also the other." Yet, these are Christ's own words ; and though we know that the spirit vivifieth, and that the texts need not be taken in the sense of a rigid literalism, still we know, that the spirit which animated Him who uttered these and similar imperatives, should animate us also.

Let us, if we truly love Christ, frame our lives after His example. To whom shall we go for lessons in humility if not to Christ? The world will not listen to His voice ; nor will it profit by His examples, though He has said : " I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father but by Me " (Joan. xiv. 6). But the world is blind to its own interests. Let our Associates pray during this month that the study and practice of Christian humility may gain ground among men. " The prayer of