

Communion is a practice which they cannot keep up. Therefore (oh, inexorable logic!) they shall not begin it."

Let me ask you : Did you give Johnny and little Mary their breakfast this morning ? Truly, I hope you did ; and I hope you will continue the practice until Johnny and little Mary are able to fend for themselves. But you know, it is just possible that Johnny and little Mary may not need any breakfast to-morrow. They may be dead. It is just possible that days may dawn on a grown-up Johnny breakfastless and a hungry grown-up Mary. But very sensibly you provide for the future by making the best of the present. You don't work the other way and model the present upon a conjectural future. "My children," you say, "need their breakfast, and so I give it to them—the best that I can afford. God will take care of them in the future, if I do my best to take care of them now."

Madam, may I ask you to use the same common sense, when there is question of frequent or daily Communion coming into the lives of Johnny and little Mary ? Suppose that your little ones really will not be able to continue this beautiful practice so much "desired by Christ and the Church." I am generous in making this supposition, because the probability is really in favor of the continuance of the practice. But I will be generous. Suppose that after some years, the children will not be able to receive Holy Communion oftener than once or twice a month. Is not this *in reality a very strong reason why the children should make the best of their present opportunities* ? You do not keep the children away from school here and now because next year you are to remove to a country district where there are no schools. You know that you can hardly afford to send that boy of yours to college. Is that a reason for depriving him of a common-school education ? Is your husband going to refuse that much desired raise in salary on the ground that next year salaries may go down ?

A very wise proverb tells us to make hay while the sun shines and the foresight of the ant has given moralists a theme these many centuries. People of common sense fortify themselves against future danger by present action. For seven years Joseph stored the warehouses