

Let us suffer no delusion : the best minds have felt the influence of this pernicious evil. An anti-christian breath has wafted over the world ; we have all more or less been affected by it. A life of naturalism, a life sensual and pagan, has succeeded to the austere habits, impregnated with the religious spirit of our forefathers ; the maxims of the world are far more our maxims than the truths of the Gospel ; and if we still believe in Jesus Christ and his eternal kingdom, we live nevertheless as if there were nothing to expect in a better world.

Let us open our eyes and we shall see that too often we have limited our homage to God to a few outward practices, and instead of religion, have contented ourselves with a kind of superficial religiousness.

Such is the evil, but where is the remedy ? In going back purely and simply to the duties of Christian life. Let all those who call themselves Catholics set themselves courageously to the practice of those duties. And in the same manner that the degenerate families of our age have drawn the world into the current of paganism, so they, in their turn, by the honest and frank acceptance and the complete practice of the Gospel, will draw the masses from the slough in which they are plunged and will restore them to Jesus Christ. By rendering the family Christian, they will create society over again.

Fathers and mothers, you have four great duties to fulfil to realize this vow of the Church and to attain such a noble end. You owe to your Children *good example, careful watching, correction, and Christian education.*

(To be continued.)

