

The duty of inculcating religion must be exercised in the school-room, and not relegated to the parents, wearied with their days' hard work, and perhaps unable or unwilling to fulfil it. This duty must not be confined to Sundays, for the impressions made during that day are too easily effaced during the subsequent week. The blessed influence of religion must permeate and illumine all the days of youth, as the sun pouring its radiance through the storied windows of some ancient cathedral, shows in glorious colours, the images of Christ and His Saints, that else would have remained dim and invisible. "It is good for a man when he hath borne the yoke from his youth,"—(Lamen. iii. 27.) the yoke of Christian education which is that which Christ desires us to take up, adding that "His yoke is sweet and his burden light."—(Matt. ii. 39, 30.) "A young man according to his way even when he is old he will not depart from it,"—(Prov. xxvi. 6, 7); and when in the Christian school the child is made to remember his Creator he is not likely to forget him in his mature years.

TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH ON THIS SUBJECT.

In view of the evils produced by unchristian education it is not to be wondered at that the Church, the spouse of Him who so tenderly loved children, and who pronounced a woe against all who should scandalize them, should be deeply concerned about their spiritual welfare; should labor to shelter them like precious flowers from the blight of unbelief and bad example; should take them up in her arms, those tender lambs of the fold, and place them in safe pasturage, and by the pure and living springs of Catholic doctrines and virtues.

The Church prizes education, and is the mother of christian civilization; but she brands with her anathemas godless education, which destroys the souls of many children. She says with St. Augustine: "Unhappy the man who knows all things else, but does not know Thee, O Lord: but happy he who knows Thee, even if he should be ignorant of all else.