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a great many women working in our midst. It is our duty to show them better ways of living. I know my husband has ten operators in his office and one night operator. These girls know very little about culture. Many of them left school at an early age." Minnie was scarlet and the hand that held the key trembled. Mrs. King went on: "Some of them will marry soon, they know little or nothing about housekeeping and the care of children. They do not know how to dress according to their income, they read trashy novels and if you will pardon me for saying so, they think it proper to chew gum."

Minnie cast her gum and her lovely novel into the waste basket in an instant. She was enraged, but her ears eagerly awaited the final words of the new president.

inght operator this week?'

Mr. King looked up from his paper, but ignored the question.

"These young people must be supplied with what is lacking in their educations. Imagine, ladies, if one of our children should come under their influence how horrible might be the consequences. You will pardon me if I speak strongly here. I am of the conviction that the working girls of our community. who use slang, and who chew gum constantly, who spend their entire salaries on clothes, who read cheap novels are unfit to come in contact with our children and so as the work of this club during my administra tion I intend to further with all my efforts the work of aiding and teach ing working girls. Ladies, I thank

Mrs. King stepped from the stage to the small antechamber where the telephone receiver lay upon the for wiremen. table. She was glowing with exer-tion of her speech and she settled herself in a wide armchair. Then with a start she jumped to her feet for just at her elbow she heard Kendrick's voice:

little boy realize that she meant to across her shoulders and together be obeyed, but after he had said, "God they listened. In this very room

did not answer. before she knew what she was doing, those days he had told Marie of the of character that comes, soon or late,

Excuse me, I meant to say, are conversation. The promise was a there Mr. King?"

to let the last letter the the town to so the factor of the Sacred Heart there Mr. King?"

to let the last letter the town to so the source of the Sacred Heart the town to so the source of the Sacred Heart the town to so the source of the Sacred Heart the town to so the source of the sacred Heart the town to so the source of the sacred Heart the town to so the sa you there Mr. King ?"

Mrs. King was not given to eavestopping, but the surprise of Kendard knowledge and come here. When tion, because it is the will of God. dropping, but the surprise of Ken-drick's voice had determined her to her husband entered she thought he hear this to the end. Out on the had followed her. She dreaded a stage the new vice-president was appointing committees, but Mrs. King heard nothing except the two voices on the wire. Minnie had discontinuous the wire appointing the model of the scene, but the arm across her should describe the scene, but the arm across her should be appointed by the scene of the strength to face the strength to face the public ministry and to crown it by derivative appointing the hill of crucifixion child she sobbed out her pent-up (writes Father Fisher); it was at Nazareth that He schooled His Heart the Century Club.

"Now listen, you heard your mother say the working girls are not fit to associate with her children, Mrs. King sobs violated. Without knowing why, both were very grateful to associate with her children, Mrs. King looked into his face as the didn't vou ?"

Yes, but you don't chew gum and

read books, do you?"

tears. At last both held their breath for one tense moment as Kendrick us. What she said was true."
"Well I don't care if you do. My
mother don't know all about you." You bet your life! I mean no,

called

Minnie answered :

falter, she added:

the prayers.

exclaimed:

"God bless nurse," but without a lter, she added: "God bless angel

Mr. King had stolen to the tele-phone and removed the receiver so

that Minnie had heard the process of

Kendrick repeated the words after

Minnie is now chief operator. She

Minnie never knew how the secret

reward of its own pure kindness.— John J. McGrath, S. J., in the

Messenger of the Sacred Heart.

J., in the

cares she really possessed.

number two o eight one-three.

she doesn't know all about me."

Minnie was indignant. All her anger was in her words as she blurted and we will say our prayers. Good-

She doesn't know that I talk to her little boy and say his prayers with him, while she is at her club,

your name ?"

you. I use slang and do all the other her voice as she said : things your mother knows about. But she doesn't know that I am not known by my name, but by my number just if I were a slave or an animal. She doesn't know that \$7 a week won't dress me and board me like the Queen of Spain. But I know that, if I had a nice little boy like you, I would stay home with him at his mother. Mr. King hung up the night and, if I had a nice home like receiver and then suddenly Kendrick hers, I would try to make my family happy and not worry about people

who do their best." "She stopped to realize that she had said a great deal more than was right to the little fellow and she told me. wondered if he knew everything she meant.

won't tell me your name ?"

been lost on him and so she an-

"Two o-eight-one-three! Can you emember that?"

The boy answered that he could md to prove it he repeated it over.

"Well, don't tell anybody, will ou?"

"No, only God, when I ask Him to lears you."

"No, only God, when I ask Him to be server knew the peace she brought to that home and only the you ?"
" No, only God, when I ask Him to

But you mustn't say it out loud so mother will hear you.'

"No One will hear me, but God," he answered. "But you won't say Minnie Kanes, but few of them are known, but in the book of life their goodby for always, will you? Can't names are written and some day I talk to you when I am all alone up many a simple heart will receive the

Your mother doesn't want it and that ought to be enough for you."
"Well just let me call you up to-

morrow night, will you?"
"All right, but it is growing very

much in the line of social work, but out being prompted, two huge tears now is the time to begin. There are splashed on the board in front of Minnie.

> "Goodby till tomorrow night," he responded.
>
> Kendrick did not know that his father had heard the last part of his conversation. Mr. King had entered quigtly and concealed himself, but

with a gulp he determined to find out elsewhere who the angel was. Mrs. King took a hasty departure from the club and in the silence of little house where Jesus and Mary her room she also determined to find out who Kendrick's angel friend was.

The next day, Sunday, found Ken-drick and his father at early Mass About 11 o'clock Mrs. King appeared in the living room looking worried.
"Nelson," she asked," who is

"Were you at late Mass, Marie? he asked.

No," she answered coldly.

No, she answered coldry. I have a terrific hendache."
"Too much speech, I guess," he volunteered and turned to his paper.
For the first time in her life Marie could not summon words to answer him. She sought her room and all that day she pondered on the wall she had built between herself and her family. Kendrick and his father went for a walk. Mrs. King did not appear at dinner and Mr. deavored to keep the boy chatting. Immediately after dinner Mr. King left the house. At exactly ten minutes past eight, he reached the telephone office and let himself in the back way. Just off the room of the switchboard another little room served the purpose of a test room for wiremen. Their conversation on any wire could be overheard by powerful receiver which was not under the control of the operators. As Mr. King let himself in he felt that he was not alone. Someone endrick's voice:

"Aw, come on now, tell me your
the 'phone stood. To turn on the name, please!"

"No, I can't tell you my name now and I cannot talk to you any more. So say your prayers and we will say 'goodby."

"The please!"

Ight meant discovery by the operant to the table had not moved. Looking closely he recognized his wife. He put his hand out for the receiver The tone in her voice made the but she held it. His arm stole title boy realize that she meant to bless Aunt Jane," he stopped.

"Amen," prompted Minnie, but he often talked to Marie when as mannot answer.

Hullo, kid!" Minnie exclaimed went on at the switchboard. In to bear it; it prepares us for the test then with a catch in her voice she quickly corrected herself. wiremen's 'phone and had promised to every man and woman. The test to let her hear herself the town's tells the quality of the home. If it

It was in His home that Jesus

garnered the strength to face the public ministry and to crown it by nected the Sentinel office, but in her sacred for words. Each knew the flurry she had completely forgotten other's thoughts. The past three was in the Holy House of Loretto ry she had completely forgotten Century Club.

Please don't call me Mr. King you a call me 'kid' if you want to."

Now the sacred silence, which only Mrs. King's sobs violated. Without all. Happy the man, and happy the knowing why, both were very grate-who woman whose childhood has been passed in a home like that where for passed in a home like that where for

HEART

"The home of homes was Nazar-eth, and the family of families was

the Holy Family and the reason for both one and the other was simply

that was good. Not wealth, not in-

treasure; yet it was rich beyond com-

about it; the Lily of Israel, the foster-father of Christ, the Boy Jesus

dwelt there in peace; and the bless-ing of the Most High was on it."

Family lived as in a shrine, a shrine

Father Fisher, "of which we shall all

most of us the place of more homely,

though not less necessary instruc-tion . . . is the worshipful and ever

memorable cottage in the least of

The cross has its place in every life.

all cities of forgotten Galilee.

of the

with them.

voices on the wire, unconscious of Heart of our Lord. being overheard, talked of smiles and If Catholic ho If Catholic homes are to be shrines of the Sacred Heart, fathers tears. At last both held their breath and mothers must train their little alled:
"Hullo, angel! Can you talk to ones in love of God, in reverence of His Holy Name, in devotion to His Sacred Heart. The mother is the Minnie answered:
"Well I am pretty busy, but if you are lonesome, call up in half an hour child's first teacher. To her belongs the privilege of teaching her children the first steps on the road that the control of the privilege of teaching her children the first steps on the road that the control of the to heaven-to lisp the Holy Name, by, boy."

"Goodby, angel!" came the voice.

Mr. and Mrs. King entered the
house together. Kendrick was resito lift young hearts to God in prayers, to be mindful of the things that please Him and soothe His wounded

Heart. "You must be tired, Kendrick. Jesus Christ has promised to those you're an angel and I am going to say, 'God bless my telephone angel' every night. Why won't you tell me "You must be tired, Kendrick. Jesus Christ has promised to those who honor His Sacred Heart in their homes! Let us keep His promises before us and set ourselves to earn ry night. Why won't you tell me eyes, as she held the little hands in Because I am not fit to talk to her own. There was a tremor in her own. There was a tremor in lar. I use slang and do all the other her voice as she said: Sacred Heart .- Sacred Heart Review.

MARY'S EXALTED POSITION

"Now of all who have participated in the ministry of the Redemption, there is not one who filled any position so exalted, so sacred, as is the incommunicable office of Mother of zclaimed:
"O muvver, how did you know?"
"Never mind, darling, an angel degree of holiness as she did.
"Lesus; and there is no one, consequently, that needed so high a degree of holiness as she did.

For if God thus sanctified His Prophets and Apostles as being desno longer chews gum or reads her tined to be the bearers of the word cheap novels. Mrs. King resigned of life, how much more sanctified the presidency of the club at the must Mary have been, who was to on't tell me your name?"

In resigning she said bear the Lord and "Author of Life."

Minnie felt that her harangue had she had not known how many family

It John was so holy, because he was chosen as pioneer to prepare the way of the Lord, how much more holy was she who ushered Him into the world. If holiness became John's mother, surely a greater holiness became the Mother of John's Master. If God said to His priests of old: "Be ye clean you that carry the vessels of the Lord," nay, if the vessels themselves used in the brought to that home and only the recording angel will be able to name her reward. The world is full of divine service and churches are set apart by special consecration, we can not conceive Mary to have been ever profaned by sin, who was the chosen vessel of election, even the Mother

of God. The piety of a mother usually sheds additional luster on the son, and the halo that encircles her brow is reflected upon his. The more the mother is extolled, the greater honor All right, but it is growing very late. So we had better say our prayers over again."

The prayers were said and when Kendrick said: "God bless angel number two c-eight-one-three, with."

Ah, Lord, I find in Thy Heart, redounds to the son. And if this be true of all men who do not choose good things that there is nothing lett for me to desire or to seek elsewhere.—St. Gertrude. made her Himself such as He would is to begin.—The Casket.

have her, so that all the glories of His Mother are essentially His own.
—Cardinal Gibbons.

CATHOLIC EXAMPLE

this, that Nazareth was the home of the Sacred Heart," writes the Rev. J. Harding Fisher, S. J., in the Messenger of the Sacred Heart: One of the most obvious things in public society to-day is the uncertainty existing amongst multitudes of people on questions of right and wrong, permissible or not permissible, Evil stopped at the door of the moral or immoral, good or bad. Catholics have sound, safe and sure and Joseph lived, from it all unkindness and bitterness were banished; guidance on all such questions. There is no uncertain sound about the teaching of the Church on any over its lintel was written, invisibly but unmistakably, a welcome to all question of right and wrong. How far do we Catholics do credit to that fluence, nor even friends were its teaching? That is the question we pare, because it sheltered the Heart of the Divinely human Son of Man. wish to discuss for a few moments.

We ought to be foremost and lead-God not only crossed its portals. He lived within its lowly walls: Satan and his wiles were forbidden an entrance; angel wings fluttered about it; the Lily of Israel, the ing in good example. Are we? We have advantages for want of which the world is starved. We have the true Church from which all other Christian bodies now existing and many which have ceased to exist, broke away. We have the Church Such was the first home of the Sacred Heart. Pride had no place in Christian truth known to men. other churches are kept going by the Nazareth; there was no straining after effect, no desire for the applause of the world. The Holy teaching of portions, some more, some less, of the truth which Christ gave into the care of the Catholic Church, and which the Catholic Sacred Heart. Here Jesus Church preserves and teaches com-plete and intact.

grew from childhood to youth, and from youth to manhood, setting the example for all youth in obedience, We have the succession of the Apostles, we have a sacrificing and teaching priesthood; and we have all in docility, in industry. Here Mary ordered the ways of her household, watchful, silent, loving; here Joseph the Sacraments, the Sacraments, God's chosen channels for the distribution to men encompassed his charges with a pro-tecting care, worked for them and His Son of the graces and merits of Christ. His Son. We ought to be models to all mankind. The Church ought to the them.

Let us keep before us the model ome and the model Family in worth and her authority by merely worth and her authority by merely and say. home and the model Family in which the Sacred Heart found its first abode. Our homes will be pointing to us her children and say ing to infidels, skeptical and heretics:
"There are those whom I have happy or wretched in proportion to the measure in which they resemble Nazareth or differ from it. taught; by their lives, their actions

their virtues, their piety, you can "On Calvary and at Bethlehem there are lessons to be learned," says see at once that I am the true Church of Christ. How is it with us? Do we measure

But for up to that test? e homely, Alas! Too often we are such; our lives are such the scandal we give is such; our vices are such our recklessnes is such; that we make people whom we ought to edify, think ill of our holy Church and our religion. This is not the fault of the Church; but those whom we scandalize think it is her fault. They say: "Well, if your Church is the true church and the only true Church, as you say she is, why does she not turn out better Christians." The Church can answer that. Her holiness and her truth are not impaired because we, her children use our free will perversely and refuse to listen, learn or obey

> But, when we face the critical eves of non-Catholics, what answer lies in our mouths? "If you are children of the one true Church of Christ. they may say to us 'how do you show it in your lives and actions? answer can we make to that? The drunken Catholic, the dishonest Catholic, the licentious Catholiccritics of his holy Mother Church try to make her responsible for his sins? He know there is a flaw in the argument; but he knows, at the same time, that if Catholics were what they ought to be, no such re proach could be made against the Church, even superficially.

It is not surprising that those who adhere to Churches which have over emphasized worldly success and have even cited such success as proof of the superiority of their religion, should be consumed with anxiety to be rich or well-to-do. But how can a Catholic be honest with himself and true to his conscience who gives too much of his time and thought to money-getting. And the same ob servation may be made all along the line of human action. There are thousands of people to-day whose grasp of fundamental religious truth is greatly weakened. They have made smoking a mortal sin and lost a venial sin. (We do not accuse any church of so teaching.) They have made the selling of a glass of liquor a grave sin, and have classified fraudulent company. Promotion as legitimate business. And we might

give many such illustrations. Catholics can never be so far astray in belief; and it is the more shame to us that we are so often astray in practise. We are more to blame than those others we have referred to, because our grasp of fundamental religious truth is not weakened; and yet we compete with them, in many cases, for pre-emin-ence in the sins which they imagine are venial and which we know to be

mortal. The sinfulness of Catholics is a terrible scandal to the world. Those who do not believe in our claims usually know something of our claims, as a Church. If we lived up to our religion, we should make more converts in a year by example than our missionaries, truth socities, pul pits and press can make in a life-

time. The first social and public duty of a Catholic is to live his religion and his faith in the eyes of all men: not ostentatiously and yet not secretly; to edify non Catholics; to encourage and support weak and tempted brother Catholics; that is our duty; that is the way in which Catholic can best, and most effectively, and most continuously, forward the interests of Christ's religion and His Church in this world.

Do we do it? It is time to put the question, each of us to himself : and if the answer is not satisfactory; and for many of us it cannot be satis-factory; then—the way to commence

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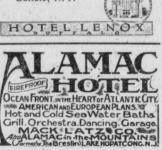
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