

God's worship in silence, like stones ready prepared for the work; that is, with pure hearts and humble voices, when we present ourselves to the Divine Architect, to build us up in His holy temple.

The best Institutions have been abused: Christianity itself has had its divisions, and its members have perverted its best precepts, and turned its virtues into vices: similar evils must be found in your society. The benevolent heart can never enjoy the gifts of Providence alone: in imitation of the munificent Giver, it desires to make others partakers of the same bounty. Brotherly love increases and heightens this feeling, and leads to acts of charity and hospitality: charity, however, can never run into excess, for "charity never faileth;" but hospitality may be abused, and unless carefully guarded will lead to evil.

It is against this abuse I wish to warn you: this virtue becomes a vice, if not under the control of a well regulated mind, guided by the Holy Spirit. Our Lord tells us, that even our prayers may be made for a pretext to devour widow's houses: in like manner, hospitality may be used as a cover for intemperance and excess. Whilst, then, I would urge you, as the apostle does, to "use hospitality," let me beg you will never lose sight of the four cardinal virtues recommended in your Monitor: these are, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice. *Temperance*, you say, is that due restraint upon our affections and passions which renders the body tame and governable: it teaches to avoid excess in all things, and frees the mind from the dominion of every ruling sin. *Fortitude*, you say, enables us to undergo every privation, pain or danger, in support of truth, either for the glory of God or the benefit