

might entail controversy. Suffice it to say that we all have our obligations in this matter ; but the limits of the practice of it will depend on the circumstances of our position. God gives to some the grace of more extended opportunities ; to others He gives less. To some the vocation is given to work exclusively, and in vaster fields, for the glory of God and the salvation of souls ; to others, home and family, and immediate surroundings, are allotted as the theatres of their zeal. The priest and the religious, whose lives are wrapt up in the hunt for souls and in works of charity, have opportunities of practising zeal and of accomplishing more actual work than have those who have not received the Divine call. Our Catholic missionaries of both sexes are doing noble work in various parts of this world, laboring in season and out of season to advance the interests of Christ's kingdom on earth. They are the people who can say with Saint Paul : " Whereas I was free as to all, I made myself a servant to all, that I might gain the more. And I became to the Jews a Jew, that I might gain the Jews. To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak. I became all things to all men that I might save all. And I did all things for the Gospel's sake : that I may be made partaker hereof." (I Cor. ix, 19-22.)

True, the greater number are not called to this sublime apostolate, but there still remain certain duties of zeal for God and souls that laymen and women must fill. Though, in a minor degree, the obligation laid on us all of working for this two-fold object is not less real. This is a truth that many ignore ; and, as a consequence, it is saddening to see how little the majority of men try to accomplish for the other world. Utterly indifferent to the desires of God, and contemptuous of His plans, they neglect the souls of their neighbor, and they neglect their own. Procuring the glory of God is a work that has little attraction for them ; the salvation of souls never enters into their calculations : all this is the work of the clergy.