

observances ; and nevertheless, it prevents no one from being good, honest and generous — why not embrace it ? In the course of time, what must not be the effect of these reflections on the mind and the heart of a young girl, of a young man especially ! He will end by adopting the religion of his father — an apostasy which the world will try to justify by invoking liberty of conscience.

These are not, as you know, dear Co-Workers, imaginary suppositions, but rather sad realities. Can we, in presence of such a spectacle, remain indifferent, — we who have charge of souls, — we who have received the mission to teach and uphold the truth ?

But it is not sufficient for us to show the many drawbacks of mixed marriages : we must forestall them in their causes, and for this reason it is necessary to warn parents of the duty which rests upon them and to urge them to watch over the social relations of their children.

We are aware that our present social conditions bring us necessarily into contact with persons ignorant of our faith. But is not this contact in certain circles too frequent and too intimate ? Are there not many who seem to seek it without thinking of the consequences it may have upon the young ? Are not the admonitions given by our regretted predecessor, Archbishop Fabre, a few years ago, more opportune than ever ? " If the Catholics, he said, are not careful in the intercourse which the use of a common language may sometimes introduce, it will be impossible to prevent frequent visits that end in projects of marriage. Catholics who understand their duty and their responsibility towards their children, must therefore be vigilant and cut the evil in its root by never favoring these too intimate relations with Protestants. If they do not prevent this in the beginning, they will have to repent