

Teaching the Children in the Home.

A Protestant writer, commenting on the change that has been wrought in non-Catholic homes of recent years, says:

Some good mothers live for their children most devotedly, but think only or chiefly of earthly things. They watch over them tenderly in sickness. They toil and deny themselves to have their children clothed in a fitting way. They begin very early to teach them little lessons, and cease not to train their minds to fit them to shine in the world. But they do not give such thought to their children's spiritual education. They do not teach them the will of God. They do not fulfill the ancient exhortation to talk with their children of the divine law when sitting in their homes and when walking by the way, when they come in and when they go out. There are homes in which children grow up without ever hearing a word from their fathers or mothers, or receiving any instruction whatever concerning spiritual matters.

We very much fear—in fact, we know—that there are many Catholic mothers of whom the same strictures could be uttered. And it is all the more deplorable in them, this carelessness as to their little ones' spiritual training. Catholic children who go to Catholic schools receive, of course, in the school room from the Sisters and Brothers under whose care they are for a few hours of the day, a training that is admirable; but Catholic mothers and fathers make a great mistake if they think that they can place upon the shoulders of any teacher the responsibility for their child's education in what is necessary for the salvation of the soul. Before children even see the face of a school-teacher their education should begin. Indeed, it does begin whether the parent will or not. The child's mind is learning all the time; and it is receiving impressions in its tenderest years which it will be difficult to eradicate by and by if the impressions are not fitting and proper. Let fathers and mothers, then, be mindful of the little souls that God has given unto their keeping. Let the first words learned by the child's mind and lip be of love for God. Teach them how to sign themselves with the Sign of Salvation. Teach them to say their prayers. Sunday-school teachers are constantly wondering at the ignorance of the ordinary Catholic prayers—the "Our Father," and the "Hail Mary"—shown by well-dressed and apparently well-cared for children.

Thank God, there are many, many homes—and they are the hope of the Church—in which devout mothers keep the fires of faith burning brightly, where living words are spoken continually for God; where the story of the Babe of Bethlehem is told reverently and where the children are taught the truths of their religion, so they grow up loyal Catholics having a reason for the faith that is in them.—Sacred Heart Review.

Father Lambert's Memory at the Antipodes.

Australis, N. S. Wales, Goulburn, November 30, 1910. Dear Mr. Ford,— So far Lambert is dead! Our loss is irreparable. May he rest in peace!

One of those few men who, now amid one people, then amid another, becomes prominent on the battlefields of the world; wide warfare waged by the Catholic—Christ's own and only Champion. Like one of those mighty Crusaders in the days of Catholic Europe who by superhuman valor would hack his way into the centre of the infidel host and by mighty stroke of battleaxe strike his way with slaughtered foes and thus by his very prodigy of courage and strength win a momentary lull in the general attack, become the centre of friend's and foe's admiration, and then in this self-borne arena, friends and foes leaning on arms, he would finally obtain the Oases of the Cross against the opposing champion of the infidel phalanx—veritably so with Father Lambert.

He—a Crusader of resplendent intellect, panoplied in philosophic love, wielding the battleaxe of logic in resolute sweep and strength he clove his way smilingly amid the atheistical army and there in joyous calm met the onslaught of Ingersoll, the doughty warrior of infidelity, the scolding champion of unbelief. 'Twas like the preliminary encounter between De Bobane and Robert Bruce at Bannockburn—one downward flash of battleaxe and King Robert's foe hit the dust. So the end of Ingersoll's career on the field of controversy, sudden, unexpected, disastrous. Father Lambert dealt one merciless blow and the infidel, cloven in twain, fell from the saddle.

His father a Wexford man, his mother a convert of Quaker stock; to the father we trace the kindly warmth, to the Quaker blood that odd clear intellectuality of outlook, and that frank simplicity of utterance. I would give much to have met him. But gazing out of the P. O. man I see the late roared chief. It is a face which at once arrests attention; forehead broad and square

Aching Joints

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lence and famine and poverty, and fleet-footed progress have hurried, there also shone the light from the Cross of the Man of Sorrows, cheering and blessing the millions who worshipped in its gleam. Catholics should be well grounded in the essentials of their Faith; they should be well armed. A well instructed Catholicity, with noble and pure ideals, and a strong love of duty, are the hope of the Church in this country.

Fall Wheat in Prince Edward Island.

(Genus and Statistics Monthly.)

It was stated in the November Monthly that no fall wheat is grown in Prince Edward Island. One of our correspondents, E. J. Craig of Charlottetown, has pointed out that while this is correct in the main, there are a few instances in which the grain is grown successfully. The Very Rev. Doctor James Morrison of Yereon River, has written the following letter in reply to a inquiry from this Office:

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge your favour, inquiring about the growing of fall wheat in Prince Edward Island. I may say at once that I have been directly interested in farming for only three years, and began experimenting in fall wheat with only three lb. of seed.

Replying to your queries in the order given, I may say that for seeding any time between the first and tenth of September will meet the conditions. No special preparation was made in getting the land ready for seeding, beyond what is ordinarily bestowed. I made a point to select a section of land on which no water would lodge in winter. Last year I selected a plot from which had been taken one crop of clover and one of timothy, had it ploughed, diked and drag-harrowed, and then seeded, with a drill, with about 1 1/2 bushel to the acre. When it had grown about two inches over ground, I had it top-dressed with barnyard compost. Nothing more was done with it until the harvesting.

It would be about four inches in height before the frost set in. In the spring it stood out well from the root. In some cases I counted twelve blades from one stalk, but there were exceptions. I had only 1 1/2 acre sown to this wheat last year, and the yield was about 30 bushels to the acre. As the plot selected had produced only one crop of timothy, quite a number of those heads grew up among the wheat, and though they detracted slightly from the appearance of the growing wheat, yet they were not without benefit, for the timothy ripened at the same time as did the wheat, was easily separated in the threshing, and from the 1 1/2 acre an extra yield of eight bushels of first class timothy seed was obtained.

During the same year I had 2 1/2 acres sown to spring wheat, and although the land was in better condition than that in which the fall wheat was sown, and the standing wheat appeared very promising yet, those 2 1/2 acres yielding only five bushels more than was obtained from the 1 1/2 acre of fall wheat. For the present winter I have had the fall wheat sown in land that was given to pasture for two years. I put no fertilizer on it in the fall, intending to do so in the spring. This may be better or it may be worse, but my idea was that perhaps the early spring freshets washed away too much of the fertilizer. I shall know better when it comes to results.

In any case I am convinced that fall wheat can be successfully grown in Prince Edward Island. Of course it may occasionally fail, just as clover or even spring wheat may fail, but even if it should fail in any winter, such failure would be noticed early enough in the spring to utilize the land for other purposes. However, under the ordinary conditions of winter in this province, the indications are that it will prove a success.

JAMES MORRISON.

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Select Readings for the Family.

A HAPPY HOME.

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When husband and wife are helpmate to each other in the best sense: when love, order and goodness prevail in the house, then the man who has a hard battle in life to fight, can leave his struggles behind him when he enters there. With all our faults, we are the most home-loving of people, and that is the reason why we are the greatest of peoples. Whatever helps home life is a national blessing, and whatever hurts home life is a national curse, and the greatest that can touch these blessings is what would tamper with the peace and blessedness of our homes.

WHERE THE RESPONSIBILITY RESTS.

The first and highest end of the Christian home is to train children for heaven. This object gained, all is well; if otherwise the loss will be infinite, eternal, irreparable. Surely it is a terrible indictment when a judge, a recognized head of the work among delinquent children in the United States—a man who has had an experience with the criminal class as no other has had—declares that it is back to the home and the father and mother that we must go for the germs of juvenile delinquency and that it may be traced, in nine cases out of ten, to mistaken kindness or friendliness in allowing very young children to remain away from home at night, in the formative period of their young and plastic minds. St. Augustine says: "Give me the child till he is five years of age, and you may have him for the rest of his life. So important do the great thinkers and theologians hold this formative period in the heart of the little child.

THE THREE GUARDIAN ANGELS.

Father Gerard, of Porto Rico, says: "There is a being, the sweetest and frailest of all, that is hated by the evil spirits that prowl about us—that being is the child. In himself the child is nothing, yet he is destined to be all. The child is the future. He is the family, society, the Church, heaven. And as God knows that the child is the beginning of everything, He has given him three guardian angels to instruct and form him, viz, the mother, the teacher and the priest. In times past the Christian mother, the Christian teacher and the priest worked united in the formation of the future man, the candidate for heaven. But in this age of ours the power is in the hands of God and man have also stilled their efforts in order to take possession of the child. The first step was to wean him away from his mother by compulsory education. Later he was taken away from the Christian teacher by the establishment of Godless education, and though it has not been possible to take him away from the priest, they earnestly endeavor to neutralize his salutary influence. Let us take heed. The priest's work must be grounded upon the work of the mother and the teacher. If these assume an attitude of indifference, his work amounts to naught. It is for this reason that God in His fatherly love for men calls us all to the sublime and honorable vocation of teaching.

PARENTAL NEGLIGENCE.

It is an unfortunate truth that parents of today sadly neglect the spiritual welfare of their children. Too much attention is given to their bodily requirements, and they are encouraged in their natural disposition to worldliness and vanity. "Beware of the ureal affection," he writes, "whose fruit is the eternal death of the children God has given you. Make them understand that if they live according to the flesh, they will die; but if by the spirit they mortify the deeds of the flesh, they shall live. Make them so realize the value and efficacy of the most Holy Sacraments, that they will undergo any labor and fatigue to be present at their divine and tremendous mystery of eternal love; for on their fidelity to this obligation will depend in a great measure the whole tenor of their Christian lives."

We are passing through an age of indifference. The enemy is continually at work within our ranks and the fanatic's tongue is ever ready to assail Truth with malicious lies. The Faith, handed down to us by Christ, through His Apostles, is a beautiful and precious one. We should be willing to die for it like a valiant soldier, on the firing line, face to the enemy. It is as old as the world and its history is intertwined deeply with the history of the world, for, where war and pesti-

indicative of depth of understanding, eyes piercing and fearless as an eagle's, nose aquiline, mouth and chin withal kindly. The whole facial contour and expression is one of those elemental men who in some rending revolutionary upheaval, amid the crash of falling nations, calmly gripe the helm of State and by sheer force of a great personality brings order from chaos.

But Father Lambert's life was destined to be spent not amid the din of military or political strife but in the calm of the annals and of the field of intellectual warfare. And in this warfare he was not content to follow in the footsteps of other controversialists, however great, but like a Caesar or Napoleon, he evolved a method of controversy, quite his own, at once merciless and matchless.

He has been called the new man of America. Dr. Lambert was a man of stouter mould, something more elemental. Cardinal Newman would have given Ingersoll his coupe-de-grace amid brilliant rapid play only after many graceful thrusts. Dr. Lambert finished the promising infidel ruthlessly at a blow. The only controversialist to my mind at all comparable in closeness of reasoning is Father Maguire dealing with the Rev. Mr. Pope and Father Maguire falls immeasurably short of the great American.

No, to find any parallel for depth, for penetration, for luminous thought, for perspicacity of statement, for an accuracy of reasoning verily pitiless one must hark back to the heyday of philosophic study when Europe was one Catholic land, when those great Catholic Universities from Oxford to Bologna were filled with the flower of Catholic intellects gathering round the rostrum of a Blessed Albertus Magnus, of St. Thomas of Aquin, of St. Bonaventura, of a Gerson—amid the dialectical giants of those days would alone be found the peer of Lambert, doubtless, excelling him, some of them in their marvellous width and variety of learning; but not in depth of philosophic knowledge, in keenness of reasoning, exactitude in weighing the specific force of an argument, absolute mastery of the length, breadth, height and depth of a criterion of truth not in crisp terseness of expression.

All this is evident in "Notes on Ingersoll" and "Tactics of Infidels." Ingersoll deserves one word of thanks, unappreciated by himself, for being the occasion to bring before every Catholic, every lover of the Saviour, every believer in God, every student of philosophy and every admirer of logic the worth of Father Lambert. Father Lambert indeed wrested Ingersoll's name from inevitable oblivion; but Ingersoll's cause, the cause of infidelity, can never again be upheld or feared in an appeal to the bar of reason.

And Father Lambert is dead! This twentieth century Aquin in controversy is gone. May God rest his noble soul! No earthly dignity would have enhanced his name or fame.

Our loss is irreparable. Mourningfully yours, (Rev.) CHARLES JERGER, O.P.

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