

truth. Is not this the reason for the amazing number of illiterate men in the world to-day? What appeals more strongly to boys than those novels portraying bandit life with its quota of crime and bloodshed? The effect of such trashy literature upon a child's mind is to make him look for subsequent copies and to stimulate in him a desire to rival the performances of the characters represented. It is a matter of further regret that such a low, pernicious and libelous periodical as *Jack Canuck* should be given such widespread circulation among the young men of to-day. Its pages reek with immoral and impious pictures, whose deadly germs, when once sown in the mind, may not easily be expunged. It is the duty, therefore, of parents to provide good literature for their children in order that they may be led to truth and not to error.

The will of the child should be formed through goodness. Hence parents should give good example to their children in order that they may cultivate those habits of goodness which, in later life, will make of them virtuous, God-fearing citizens. They should take care to avoid all things which might prove a source of evil for their offspring. How then do the parents know that the children are being elevated in truth and goodness, if they place their primary education in the hands of servants? Can the mother, who devotes all her time to her social duties—for she stubbornly argues that they are really duties, which under no circumstances must she shirk or neglect—feel sure that the servants are not inculcating in the minds of the children principles at which she herself would certainly rebel were she present? No; no duties must be antecedent to those which bind her to her children. She must sacrifice her desire of being a social satellite, for the interests of her children whose formation in truth and goodness is entirely in her hands.

The education of children begins even at the cradle, for they are singularly observant and governed by habit, so that any bad quality or qualities contracted in their tender years may be conquered and stamped out only with great difficulty. How easy it is for men to contract evil habits, but how difficult to correct them. Profiting by their own experience, parents should spare their young from those occasions which will be for them a bad example.

The formation of the intellect and will of the youth should be carried on in the supernatural order as well as in the natural order. In addition to teaching them natural principles, parents should