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KINDNESS.

For the anger of man worketh not the stice of God." (St James i., 20.) Brethren, these words are an echo of the Wise Man of old. "A soft an-swer turneth away wrath." Turning away wrath, and indeed every other sin, is God's work of justice or righte-

ousness, and man's anger is not fitted to do it. Wrath does not destroy nor is it calculated to destroy any other evil, unless it be divine. The fear of the wrath of God is good, but the fear of the wrath of man is the mean vice we call human respect. I say this because there are many persons, fathers and mothers of families in particular, who would make souls better by inspiring them with fear-by

showing anger.

We know that a kindly manner is a better means of correction than a harsh one, because it is God's way. God em-ploys fear in converting sinners, to be sure, but not so much as love; nor does His fear hold out so well as His love when there is question of perseverance, and, finally, as love on our part is necessary to forgiveness, so God's love is the supreme and essential instrument in saving sinners' souls.
You may object that God punishes

sinners in hell, and that, certainly, is the prison of the divine wrath. True. But more men are saved from hell by the loving patience of God than by the terrors of His justice. Take an ex-ample from our Lord: throughout the whole course of His life He showed anger only towards those who them-selves lacked kindness. The Pharisees, hypocrites as they were, were lashed by our Lord, because they were hard, pittless and censorious. The rich glutton, Dives, is buried in hell because he shut his heart against the dying beggar at his door. But the harlot Magdalen is converted and saved by our Saviour's kind looks and en-couraging words. Even Judas himself would have had full pardon if he had not neglected the patient, gentle re-proach of the most loving of Masters. Our Lord's way with sinners is the best. He may have said severe things to sinners, but before He dismissed them He gave them honey to eat, to take off the bitter taste of His reproaches.

But it is not enough to say that "the

anger of man worketh not the justice of God": it worketh the malice of Satan and of hell. "Provoke not your children to wrath," says the Apostle. Angry words make men angry, and instead of producing virtue breed vice. I know of hardly anything more misserable than the fate of a boy or girl doomed to grow up in the house of a scolding mother or a bad-tempered father. Take an example from body. Children fed on unwholesome body. Children fed on unwholesome that i Take an example from the food have defective digestion; that is to say, bad food in early life hinders the good effect of good food in later life. So with the human soul; as bad food makes a weak stomach, in like manner scolding and threatening and quarrelling make a weak charactertimid and sly and hypocritical, or just

as bad-violent, abusive, profane. We sometimes hear a scolding parent say of wayward children, 'They make me curse." Take care; if they make you curse now it is your own fault, and the chances are that they will make you burn hereafter.

In conclusion, brethren, let us all, whether we exercise authority or live in intercourse with our equals, be kindly in our manner, mild and considerate in our language, patient with other's faults, trusting more to persua-sion and to affection than to authority, bearing in mind that "the anger of man worketh not the justice of God."

Last Step of Apostacy

If Christ were to descend among us He could not give us better evidence of the difficulty of confession than we have. Confession either makes young men better or drives them out of the Church to an easier one. There is not one young man who has left the Besides the Church, declares Father Nugent, who will not tell you that confession was the cause of the trouble. It cannot be reconciled to sensual pleasure and evil lives; one or the other must be sacrificed.

God is like a father who has a crippled child to whom he says: My child, I will give you two things: you shall have all the love that can come from a father's heart and an iron shoe as strong as your poor little ankle will bear." When Christ came on earth He came to give all He could to His crippled child, man. He gave him the love of a God and the strongest iron

shoe his conscience could bear. The confessional is the secret of the Church's power over her children. Our enemies ask:

"What, where, is this power? It must be in the education of the clergy and the ignorance of the people '

But the laity is educated, and the more learned they are the better Cath-

They hazard a second guess: "It's his apology; "and if you and I aren't going to be the best of friends and olics they are. three hundred years old, and we man-

aged without them before that. And so they guess on ; but we-we know that it is the sacrament of penance, the remedy for the terrible sin-

hand-grasp had during during become fagged out, know what a depressed, miserable reeling it is. All strength is gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there is nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restering health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

The Butt of the School.

By Francis J. Finn, S. J.

It was a bitter evening for Louis Harold. Despite his visit to the Sacred Heart, despite his prayers, his soul was tossed about on a sea of passion. It has already been said that he appeared to be scarcely ten years of his years. As on the preceding even-ing, he found it impossible to put his mind to study; prayer, too, was beset with distractions. There seemed to be a demon in his heart whispering him in words of hatred and rage. In vain
—seemingly, at least—did he recall
the memory of Our Saviour, scoffed,
struck, and derided: the demon's voice bore in upon him the stronger. His mother, one of the kindest of

he not, he reflected, go to her with his troubles? But no; he would not make her unhappy with his unhappiness. He would fight it out; he would forgive. Again the demon voice grew strong. What an unkind thing to strike down a small boy for a mere accident! Louis began to tremble. He was in danger of falling. So intense were his feelings of revenge and hatred that he knew, should he give way to them, he would sully his soul with the sin of hatred. It was a perilous moment. But grace made him equal to the occasion. Yet, van-quished for the time, the thought presently returned. At length, when the temptation had become so strong that he was struggling almost despair ingly in its toils, there came a knock at the door. "Come iu," cried Louis, arising from his kneeling posture and hastily passing his hands through his dishevelled hair.

His sister, Nellie, a bright-faced, pretty child of seven, entered.

"Why, Louie!" she exclaimed, stopping short just beyond the threshold and opening her eyes in wonder, "what's the matter? You look just

horrid."
"Oh, I'm all right!" answered
Louis, as he endeavored, vainly
enough, to greet his sister with the customary smile of love.
"Here," cried Nellie, getting on

tiptoe and giving him a kiss. "Now, you ought to feel better. I think, Louie, you must have trouble at that old school. Boys are such horrid things-I hate 'em all, except you, of course. And most of them are freckle-faced, and the rest don't know how to comb their hair. The only 'spectable boys I know are boys what have nice sisters to take care of them."

"Well," said Louis, forgetting for the moment his troubles while listen-ing to this masterly harangue, "did you come here and break up my tudies for the sake of giving me your pinion on boys and their sisters?"

"Oh, that's a fact! I was very near forgetting all about it. There's a boy in the parlor who says he wants to see you."
"A boy wants to see me!" echoed

Louis.

"Aboy-boy; and he wants to see you, Louie. But before you go let me fix you up a little. Take off your

And with this, little Miss Nellie procured, a towel, wet it, and with the most matronly air imaginable proceeded to wash the face of her big brother. She then combed his hair, and it must be confessed, acquitted herself of the task with a skill which nerself of the task with a skill which her brother, when left to his own re-sources, could admire, but not imitate. During all these pretty offices there was a constant skirmishing. Louis— provoking boy!—would start and fidget; and in consequence received several taps and grave rebukes from the wise

matron of seven summers. But the pleasant war came to ar end; and as he descended the stairs to the parlor every thought of his trouble

Besides the angels, God has other sweet and gracious means for drawing

our hearts upward. But when Louis entered the parlor the events of the day came back in a flash: for there before him stood Tom With something like a gasp Louis drew back, the muscles of his face twitching violently and his complexion growing ashen pale.

Tom came forward, held out his hand, and endeavored to smile. "Don't run off, Louie; you don't know how mean I feel. I'm real sorry —awful sorry—sure. Come on, old

fellow, and shake hands. Louis' lips quivered with something like a smile; the hard lines of his face relaxed: his eves softened into tenderness. The almost instananeous change was at once beautiful and touching. He held out his hand, which Tom

grasped cordially.
. You're a real good fellow, Louie, blurted forth Tom, now smiling freely and unconsciously throwing aside the awkwardness which had distinguished classmates it won't be my fault. rough sort of a fellow; but if you want a friend you can count on me every time. What do you say, Louie? time.

Shall you and I be triends?' The smile and the beautiful expres disease, that gives the Church the power it has over the minds and hearts of her faithful children.

The smile and the beautiful expression which had come over Louis' face in the first moments of their hearty hand-grasp had during these friendly words been succeeded by a twitching

weeping child. He said nothing, but

awaited in silent sympathy.
"Excuse me," pleaded Louis, when
the first violence of his emotion had passed, "but I couldn't help it, I really couldn't. I didn't expect such kind

ness from any living boy."
"Oh, pshaw! I haven't been any
too kind. But from this out you'll see

I'll behave the right way."
"You're the first boy that ever gave
me a kind word since I've started going an intensely sensitive disposition, some of his passions were developed beyond his years. As on the weards I felt as though another life had begun.

Tom Norton must have had some peculiar magnetic power over Louis; for in the conversation that ensued the vanish into thin air, leaving him a bright-eyed, quick, and happy Ameri-

con boy.

Tom Norton spent the evening with mothers, was in the next room. Might his new friend. They "did" their themes together, ran over the next morning's recitations, and, after further talk, separated for the night, two of the merriest, two of the happiest boys in Cincinnati.

Many years may come and go over their heads, many days now memor-able to them may be crushed into oblivion by the strong hand of time ; but this day, when each conquered himself in the fight for love and justice, shall stand out in their lives and memories with the peace and beauty and un-changeableness of a star.

Brighter days were now in store for Louis; but the horizon was not entirely clear as yet. Tom Norton, after all, was but one of a large school, and his influence, though strong, had its limits. What influence he had, however,

the very morning of the change he nodded so cheerily when Louis was asked the lesson that our little friend took heart and went through his recitation in a manner that astonished the class and caused Mr. Frank to radiate

happiness. Nor did Tom's efforts stop here. In the course of the day he put Louis upon terms of friendship with Ed. Ronald, Frank Trainer, Charlie Walker, and others of Mr. Frank's best and most genial pupils of the preceding year. For all this, there remained a leaven

alone. He had not fairly turned the corner, when behold the old trio in the old way were again at his heels.

A moment later Tom Norton came hurrying out of the college gate. As he turned the corner and took in the situation, he broke into a dash. The three persecutors were linked arm in arm, happily ignorant that there was a new member bringing up the rear of their procession. They became vividly aware of this fact, though, when Tom put a sturdy hand on each of the outer heads and brought them bumping with some energy against the third head.

There was an immediate unlocking of arms, a triple howl of pain; and then three dazed lads stood holding their hands to their heads with a

picturesque unanimity of gesture.
"What did you do that for?" s tered Fred Harman, who, having been the middleman of the three, had a hand applied to two sides of his head, as though it were winter and he were suffering for lack of ear-muffs. Tom gave the Hibernian answer,

"What were you fellows dogging ouie Harold for?"

"Oh, just for fun!" "You don't say! Well, that's what I knocked your heads together for—

just for fun "Is wasn't very funny, I can tell you," said Fred Rollins.
"Well, I can tell you," retorted Tom,

with flashing eyes, "it'll be a heap funnier next time. I'll hold your heads together and rub down your ears to the natural size, you miserable little cowards! You'd better clear off now; and don't you try bullying Louie Harold again.

From that day forth persecution was at an end. Louis contrived to grow brighter and happier, till, by degrees, his excessive timidity completely disappeared, and he rose to be one of the

aders of his class. But he never forgot the sufferings of those first weeks; nor did Tom Norton. The very fact that a fellow student was friendless, unnoticed, or timid sufficed to induce these two friends to take him And so there gradually came up. upon the class a term of lasting peace and sweet charity.

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years longer?
2. If not, why not?

What is its greatest peril?
Is there any danger that aliens may so buy up the landandforeign syndicates so buy up the business enterprises as to obtain control of our country and eventually change the form of government?
Answers were received from Cardi

nal Gibbons, ex-Senator George F Edmunds of Vermont, Bishop Potter of New York, Senator John Sherman of Ohio, ex-Senator Wm. M. Evarts of New York, ex-Senator lngalls of Kansas, T. V. Powderly, ex-Senator Wade Hampton of South Carolina and John Wanamaker, ex-Postmaster

General. Cardinal Gibbons wrote as follows "The first question to which you desire an answer from me is: 'Do you think that our present republican form of government will last one hundred years longer?' To which I reply that I not only fervently pray and tr but also firmly believe that it will.

"In view of my answer to your first

question, your second one, 'li not, why not?' Requires no answer. "Next you ask, 'What is its great-est perii?' I answer that its greatest peril lies in the departure from those Christian principles upon which ou very laws and institutions are based As long as those Christian principl are maintained our institutions under God, survive and flourish. laws which are only expressions of external law, will command our respect With Mr. Frank's permission he sat beside Louis in the class room; and on our social fabric rests—especially in our social fabric rests—especially in respect to the marriage tie and to the freedom of popular suffrage-tends to the loosening of the foundation-stones of our republic.
"One of the most admirable features

of our present system of government is the happy balance of federal power with State autonomy; and, as long as this golden mean is observed we shall possess strength and liberty and in

destructibility as a great nation.
"Tolyour fourth query I reply that in my judgment we need have no fear of foreign capitalists and foreign syn of the ancient unkinduess. After school Tom and Louis generally walked home together. But one afternoon Louis, unable to find Tom, started off leads and our business enterprise will naturally be brought into close acquaintance with our present form a acquaintance with our present form government, and there is little don that our institutions and our la will gain favor with them closer acquaintance and finally their complete respect and support. Moreover, the influx foreign capital which has been served in this country for a few past can not in the nature of continue. The venders will selves soon be in competition w eign investors, so as to obtain turn profitable investments. flux of foreign capital is, accord my view, a positive benefit than a peril to large areas of our undeveloped continent. I am, your faithfully in Christ, J. CARD, GIBBONS

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—Queen Victoria. She rules over the Church of England. St. Paul would not approve of this. The Bishop of Fond du Lac will permit us to remark du Lac will permit us to remark er that the obedience tendered to ecclesiastical rulings of Queen ria is not the same as that comaided by Leo XIII., and lovingly by his spiritual children the world In fact, there is a big difference and — in the founders, in the contracts have been entered into for the several works. The bona fide signatures and business addresses of two narties as securities must accompany each tender. The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender. Department of Public Works, Ontario, April 23, 1895. further that the obedience tendered to the ecclesiastical rulings of Queen Victoria is not the same as that com-manded by Leo XIII., and lovingly paid by his spiritual children the world over. all round - in the founders, in the churches, in the rulers, and in the discipline. - Ave Maria.



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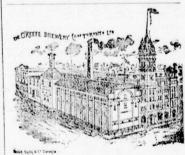
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