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CHRISTIAN HUMILITY.

ACCORDING to the doctrine of the saints, humility is a virtue which, by dint of self-knowledge, makes us think little of ourselves and desire to be thought little of by others. The truth of this definition is evident; for when we know ourselves and our unworthiness, we know, too, that it would be unjust to honor such unworthiness, and we refrain from doing so.

This explains not merely the low opinion a saint has of himself, but the wish he has that others should have the same opinion of him. Respect for elementary truth and justice urges him to do what he can to prove his unworthiness.

The pagans of old ignored the virtue of humility, and our quasi-pagans, the worldlings of to-day, are following