



God has placed us here to grow, just as He placed the trees and flowers. The trees and flowers grow unconsciously and by no effort of their own. Man, too, grows unconsciously, and is educated by circumstances. But he can also control those circumstances and direct the course of his life. He can educate himself. He can, by effort and thought, acquire knowledge, refine and purify his nature, develop his powers, strengthen his character. And because he can do this, he ought to do it.

AFTER CALVARY.

After your work on earth is done,  
After life's battle has been won,  
Then you will rest.  
Carry your cross to the topmost height,  
And when you stand in God's pure light,  
Then you will rest. BY C. B. M.

If you love God, you will keep His commandments. That is the visible proof of charity. Love cannot rest in words — it must go out into action. If you love God, you will do something for Him. Love is ingenious at finding ways in which to show itself. It manifests itself in acts of praise, in acts of self-denial, in acts of kindness to God's other creatures. Love without works is dead.

They, who frequently receive their God hidden under the eucharistic veils, and who at the same time do not endeavor to reproduce Him in their own lives by making them conformable to His divine life, do not fulfil the end Our Lord had in view when He instituted this sacrament of union and of love. — Abbé de Brandt.