

few ; they work on their own farms. When once settled down a man does not wander about and a wandering life has serious drawbacks. A nomad family is generally ignorant of its religion and consequently not very fervent. Neither the parents nor the children are very keen about hearing God's word and attending Catechism.

Leo XIII, the Pontiff of workingmen, once observed : « If the workingman's industry be stimulated by the hope of gaining something that will attach him to the soil, the two classes of rich and poor will gradually be drawn together ; the gulf between extreme opulence and extreme poverty will be filled up. Another advantage is that the earth's products will be more abundant, for a man who knows that he is working on his own property, works more heartily and carefully. » He becomes attached to that soil cultivated by his hands and rendered fruitful by his sweat. This legitimate attachment gives birth to the patriotic feeling that ties him to his native land. Who would exchange his country for a foreign land when in the former he can find means to live comfortably ?

May the home be sanctified, above all, by the integrity of its head. The power of the father of the family, Leo XIII also says, retains the impression and is, as it were, the image of the authority that lies in God *from whom all paternity in heaven and on earth receives its name*. The prosperity of the state depends in a great measure on good order in the family. The deeper virtue shall have struck its roots in it, the better the children are instructed in the precepts of religion by the example and voice of the parents, the greater will be the abundance of fruits that society will gather. Let the family therefore be holily constituted, be governed by holy laws, maintained in a strong religious spirit. To this end our infinitely merciful God who decreed the redemption of man, determined the order of that great work in such manner as to show us at its very beginning a family divinely constituted, destined to be the type and pattern of Christian families throughout all ages. Such was the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Let everything in the home be Christian. In the principal room a large mirror is usually to be found in which one can at all times see . . . a person sentenced to death. Above this hangs a picture of Her whom the Church calls « Mirror of justice » or again the image of the divine Crucified in order that He may prevail in the domestic shrine as in the Church. Banish from your house profane pictures or pictures lacking in modesty ; hang up only pictures of the saints or of pious subjects the sight of which uplifts the soul. Keep far from your dwell-