The Pledge.

BY CARDINAL MANNING.

I promise Thee, sweet Lord,
That I will never cloud the light
Which shines from Thee within my soul,
And makes my reason bright;
Nor ever will I lose the power
To serve Thee by my will,
Which Thou hast set within my heart,
Thy precepts to fulfil.

Oh, let me drink as Adam drank,
Before from Thee he fell:
Oh, let me drink as Thou dear Lord,
When faint by Sychar's well;
That from my childhood, pure from sin,
Of drink and drunken strife,
By the clear fountain I may rest,
Of everlasting life.

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FOR EARLY MASSES
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY.

"Brethren: owe no man anything."—Epistle of the day.

We are all debtors, brethren, for we all have some accounts to settle up. There are debts we shall never be able to redeem, debts that are just, pressing and lasting as long as we are in this life. Such, for instance, is the debt we owe to God.

The fact of His having created us, of having brought us out of nothing, of having given us immortal souls imaged after Himself, would alone put us under the gravest obligations to Him; but what is that compared to the debt we owe God for having redeemed us at a nameless price, by nothing less than the precious blood of His own beloved Son; and furthermore, what is all this in comparison with the debt we owe God for our sanctification, for the priceless gift of His Holy Spirit dwelling within us, breaking away the mists of error and ignorance that clouds our intellect and hides from our vision the eternal truth; that gift that endows us with strength and fortitude, with the courage that comes from conviction, with the power that makes us triumph over every weakness, every unruly passion, every snare of our enemy the devil, over every thought, word and action that makes us unworthy of sonship with God, brotherhood with Christ, and the heritage of an eternal crown!

This debt, dear brethren, is in general obvious enough; but while we recognize it, how often do we find in our experience that men neglect, and shamefully neglect, debts that are dependent on and derived from the debt they owe Almighty God; men who neglect debts that are as grave and binding as those which are due to the God from whom they are derived!

Now, brethren, if there is any injustice in this world more flagrant than all others, more worthy of condemnation and detestation, more certain of the visitation of God, it is this—the neglect of our duty to our parents. "Owe no man anything." Do we owe *them* nothing? Do we not owe them much? Is there a time in our lives when that debt is not binding?

Ah! dear brethren, and what do we see in the world about us? Ingratitude, the vice of monsters, forgetfulness of ties that are nearest, dearest and holiest. Young men, growing up into adult age, who in their vain seeking after pleasures, become so blinded to duty, so debased in their appetities, so completely transformed into the incarnation of selfishness, as not only to disregard the law of God, but the very instincts of nature—sons who would rob and starve their parents to satisfy their mean and lowly appetites.

The ingratitude of children to parents is a crying sin of our times. Let us be alive to it. Let the young men and women of our day remember that they are bound to satisfy these grave and serious obligations. That they are not to heedlessly put themselves into any state that will bebar them from redeeming the debts they owe, from recompensing for all the care, toil and money expended upon them.

"Owe no man anything." Take heed of this warning also all you who contract debts without the slightest hope of paying them; see to it that the clothes you wear, the food you eat, the pleasures you indulge in are paid for; see to it that they are not purchased by the labor and money which belong to others. You who live in fine houses, who keep yourselves in costly array, who deny yourselves no pleasures however extravagant, take heed! Whose money pays for it? Can you stand up and with a clean heart proclaim that this is honest? As you sit here to-day, do the words of the Apostle offer no rebuke to you, do you not feel their sting?

Oh, brethren, let us be sparing in our debts; let us owe no man anything. The man without debts exalts himself in the eyes of his fellow men and secures for himself a good conscience.

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BOYS AND GIRLS.

PARENTS SHOULD KEEP THEIR CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE OCCASIONS OF RUIN.

The saddest item which our daily papers bring us is that which tells of the mysterious disappearance of a young girl. Sometimes we read of her recovery, or the recovery of all that is mortal of her. Sometimes the veil is never lifted, and neither friends nor sympathizing strangers ever know the end. Behind these simple items lies a world of temptation, of sin, of shame, of sorrow. No one can know what has been her home—what agony of soul and spirit has been endured in silence before the step has been taken which forever cut the cord binding to home, to mother and to friends.

Whatever form the last chapter in these tragedies takes, the first rarely has but one form. It is the neglect by mothers and daughters of the established canons which in good society regulate the conduct of young girls. One such rule is, that girls should not be upon the street in the evening without an escort. It is a surprise, as constant as it is painful, to see the number of girls from twelve to twenty years of age, who walk the streets of our cities at late hours of the evening.

Where are the mothers of these girls? Through what blind ignorance and folly are they allowing their daughters to run thus wild in the heart of the wicked city? No possible good can be gained and the possible harm is incalculable. Another rule which is habitually neglected by thoughtless parents is that which requires a young girl to receive calls from young men only in her father's house. Meetings in places of public resort, meetings in parks, meetings in stores, meetings in rinks, are things which a wise mother and a self-respecting daughter would never permit. There is a certain thoughtlessness in youth, born alike of ignorance of the ways of the world and the wickedness of the world, and of the eagerness for pleasure which all young people know, which may excuse many departures from the strict letter of social law in the young. A mother has no such excuse. The blindness and folly which will sanction a daughter in forming acquaintances with young men of whom she knows nothing, which will permit her to attend places of public amusement unaccompanied, and return home alone, is hardly less than criminally careless. If her daughter thus conducts herself without her knowledge, she is criminally ignorant.

Nor do girls alone need care. To know where her boys are both during the day and evening; to know what companionships they are forming, what pleasures they are seeking, what habits they are indulging, is a sacred duty. It is well to have confidence in children, to repose trust in their judgment and in their honor, but the judgment of young people is often astray, and their idea of honor founded on a false code. All life is a warfare, and in no department of life is the maxim of war, "eternal vigilance is the price of safety," more necessary to success than in the training of children. Where are the children? What are they doing? What are they reading? Whom are they with? Let every parent know.

LOOK OUT, YOUNG MAN.

When it is said of a youth that "He drinks," and it can be proven, what store wants him for a clerk? What church wants him for a member? What dying man will appoint him as his executor? Letters of recommendation, the backing of business firms, a brilliant ancestry, cannot save him. The world shies off? Why? It is whispered all through the community, "He drinks! he drinks!" That blasts him. When a young man loses his reputation for sobriety he might as well be at the bottom of the sea. There are young men who have their good name as their only capital. Your father has started you out in city life. He could only give yon an education. He gave you no means. He started you, however, under Christian influence. You are now achieving your own fortune, under God, by your own arm. Now, look out, young man, that there is no doubt of your sobriety. Do not create a suspicion by going in and out of liquor establishments, or by any odor of your breath, or by any glare of your eye, or by any unnatural flush of your cheek. You cannot afford to do it, for your good name is your only capital, and when that is blasted by the reputation of taking strong drink, all is gone forever.—*Pacific Catholic.*

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