

to shine to the bewildered eyes that look in vain for the saving truths of faith, made manifest by good works? What place do we give to the study of our faith in the higher education that we vaunt so highly and seek in often such denious places? How much time do we give to God, and how little to Mammon? In what measure do the teachings of faith influence our relations with the world and with society? Or, sad to say, are we wholly guided by the spirit of the world, and the voice of public opinion, and must faith keep silence because there are none to listen! To what higher plane does the current of our daily lives lift us through the spiritual graces and helps that were purchased at such precious cost, given into the hands of such as we, favored children of the divine Heart? Oh, let us stop to think ere the new year be shrouded in the abyss of the past, and let us be practical and just and studious of our duty to God as well as to Cæsar.

The poison that infects the social world of modern times is insidious and baneful, and its germs of evil fatally involving the very springs of christian life. Let us inoculate ourselves with the divine essence of christian truth and grace and antagonize its effects by the pure and strengthening circulation in the veins of our soul, of the life of Christ, through the practical realization of our spiritual rights and privileges, that when the last New Year shall chime for us and the ebbing sands shall cease to flow, we may proudly own to the Great Judge of human hearts our title of nobility, that we were truly, *Children of the Church!*

It has been necessary to begin the year without notice of intended changes in the literary management of THE SENTINEL. Changes are, however, contemplated, and will shortly be announced. It is intended, however, by this means to improve the present standing of the magazine, to enlarge its scope and to make of it a more distinctively Eucharistic Magazine. Our readers will have cause to congratulate themselves in the fact that their interests will be more thoroughly studied and a more diversified and interesting results will be attained, in the course of the coming year. It will also, by this means, be possible to