

suits of husbandry is not less ruinous to the morals and belief of the farming classes than it is to the fruitfulness of the soil.

The Cardinal, in considering the remedies for the evil, justly remarks that country life and the tilling of the soil is at one and the same time a civic duty and a duty of conscience, and that like all other duties it has its cares, its difficulties and its tedium. Wherefore it is necessary to have recourse to what alone can impose a duty, while it imparts strength to accomplish it, namely, the *Christian spirit*. This specific is not, however, to be used to the exclusion of all other remedies, but all others will be unavailing without it.

Our Associates are invited to pray earnestly during this month, so as favorably to dispose, in behalf of such weighty interests, the Heart of Him who Himself has told us that His Heavenly Father is the "Husbandman" in the field of souls. *Pater meus Agricola est.*

PRAYER.

O Jesus ! through the most pure Heart of Mary, I offer Thee all the prayers, work and sufferings of this day, for all the intentions of Thy Divine Heart, in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in reparation of all sins, and for all requests presented through the Apostleship of Prayer ; in particular that an ample blessing may be poured forth upon the agricultural classes, enabling them to see that their eternal interests lie in the faithful accomplishment of the duty imposed upon them, and that this, united with Thy merits and strengthened by Thy grace, will alone bring peace and contentment to their homes. Amen.