

The Mariner's Evening Hymn.

BY WM. COLLINS. (For Redpath's Weekly.) Evening's shadows fall around us...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. PASTORAL LETTER OF BISHOP FARRELL.

MICHAEL JOSEPH, by the grace of God and the favor of the Apostolic See, Bishop of Trenton, to the Clergy and Faithful of his Diocese, health and benediction.

DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERN: In addressing you during the holy season of Lent last year, we stated that it would have been our wish to treat in our first pastoral letter, of Christian Education...

EDUCATION IN THE CHRISTIAN HOME! Home! What precious memories this name evokes! What pure and holy joys, what noble thoughts, what sublime deeds have sprung from the Christian home!

That every parent, still more every Christian parent, should provide for the wants, both temporal and spiritual, of his child seems almost a self-evident truth. The child is entrusted, in the most helpless condition, to the care of its parents.

execution. The brand of shame and dishonor is stamped upon them. Even the most wretched parents will try to find food and clothing for their little ones...

And again, many of you may have listened to the story of Queen Blanche of Castile, the mother of Louis IX., King of France, whom in his childhood, when seated on her knee, she thus addressed: "My Louis, I love you above everything in the world...

It will thus be seen that the first, the best, the most solid foundations of a Christian education are laid in the Christian home, where the gentleness and love of the mother, encouraged, sustained, and developed by the manliness, honesty, integrity, and high-mindedness of the Christian father...

Prayer becomes sweet to him; attendance at divine worship, a source of delight; religion, a consolation and a comfort. His intellect is awakened, his heart is lovingly drawn towards the beauties of faith. His children's joys are thus sanctified by and connected with the practice of his religious duties.

The pages of history attest that nearly all the great men, men distinguished above their fellows by extraordinary deeds, great talents or great sciences, men who strove best to benefit their race and country, or who by their crimes inflicted most injury on both, have nearly all been such as their mothers trained them.

St. John Chrysostom, was in like manner directed by his admirable mother Antus, whose conduct in this particular drew from the pagan sophist Libanius the exclamation, "Ye gods of Greece, how wonderful are the women of the Christians!"

The father, too, has his recognized place, as the head of the Christian family, in the great work of home education. Without his example to fortify, his authority to confirm and support her, the teachings of the mother would be of little efficacy.

But, on the other hand, how miserable, how pitiable the lot of the child who never had a Christian home! For him no holy lessons remembered; no prayers said at his mother's knee; no wise counsels from his father's lips.

The education begun at home cannot be continued by the Church. The teachings of the father and mother must be supplemented, developed, and strengthened by the instructions of the ministers of religion, who are divinely appointed by Christ to teach the nations and to instruct the people in the way of life.

It is not from an unchristian home, or from unchristian teachings and examples in the home, that so many young men have derived their contempt of religion, their scorn of its teachings, their mockery of its votaries! It is only when that religious indifference begins, to be turned oftentimes to religious hatred.

perverted from the faith of their fathers, and drawn into the proselytism's nets, to become the worst enemies of that religion which was thus stolen from them!

What glorious mission is this of the priest, to be brought so closely to young hearts yet untainted by the world, and to have the charge of unfolding them, expanding them, under the influence of divine grace!

Yet, this consolation comes only to the priest when he has to deal with children who have a Christian home, and are under the direction of Christian parents; for, guided to what is good, and their intellects awakened to the beauties of the faith, when they have no Christian home, or when their parents, then there is labor and toil for the priest, and little consolation.

These hearts, that, if taken in time, would have been like soft wax to receive and retain the holiest impressions, have now through evil example, want of instruction, through evil example, and hard and unyielding example as flint. How will the priest speak of the love of God to children who never learn it in their homes!

The Episcopal Register comments on a well-known fact in relation to the large number of suicides at the present day. It says: "The growth of scepticism, infidelity and atheism is concomitant with the increase of suicide, which shows utter despair of any hope of happiness or comfort in our present state of existence, and ignorance of a future life."

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