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WHEN BOYS GO WRONG

Some six thousand boys were arraigned before Judge Bale of the Juvenile Court of Columbus, Ohio, during the past four years.

Many a father and mother have learned the truth of this statement to their sorrow. Even with the wonderful help given by religion, it is hard to raise boys and girls these days without troubles of some kind.

OUR GRADUATES

Many thousands of young men and women are graduating this month from Catholic and secular colleges. All of these will be looking for positions of one kind or another.

Perhaps we are painting this picture a little too dark. Maybe so. Certainly, we are anxious that every graduate shall find some congenial work, and that each and all will find good friends who will make every possible effort to help them get positions.

BOOTLEGGING DIVORCES

We have rackets in booze, rackets in building trades, rackets in garage work, rackets in the milk we sell, and the grocer who we eat so why not rackets in divorces?

Example is contagious. Go to Canada, get out of a hotel and you become a "legal resident" of the country, entitled to all the laws the law allows natives.

It was taught us the hard way. In May, the first time the law was there were 517 divorces granted in this country.

The Sacred Heart

Heart of Jesus truly beating, But a little way from mine, Hidden, veiled, through love concealing Both the human and divine.

Heart for me and teach my weakness, All through life to lean on Thee, Or in sorrow or in sorrow Still to trust Thee utterly.

-Mother M. Germaine, M.A.

times. "What God hath joined together" is apart upon by man, Eighty-four divorces were granted in one day, followed by fifty more the next day.

As for the cost of a Reno divorce, several law firms will not take a case for less than \$500, a few lawyers charge as low as \$100, and one or two have been known to accept less.

LIKE BUZZARDS HOVERING

Dr. Alfred E. Stearns, headmaster of Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass., said this to the Cornell University graduates the other day:

"The modern age has been cursed by a race of critics who seek to find weaknesses in the outstanding characters of history, like buzzards hovering over some new-found piece of carrion.

The character of George Washington has been picked to pieces by these scandal-mongers. That of Abraham Lincoln has been twisted and distorted into an almost shapeless mass.

The sin of scandal has been with us from time immemorial. Our public libraries shriek it to the house-tops from the pages of thousands of books.

Like buzzards, as Dr. Stearns truly says, these writers hover over some new-found piece of carrion: They are to literature what evil dramas are to the stage—just silt and dirt.

SPAIN EXPELS CARDINAL

The Republic of Spain ordered Cardinal Segura, Primate of Spain, to leave the country this week; ordered him, and sent its officials to escort him to the border.

The deportation of Cardinal Segura is more of a political move than anything else, we believe, and does not augur any growing hostility towards the Church.

The Church and Science

The Church is very scientific and has always been so in the noblest sense. It deals with the science of God, living according to His laws and dealing with the exposition of Catholic truth.

violent body of Communists in Spain, but numerically small in proportion to the population. These are clamoring for Russia's ways and methods—suppression of the Church.

This, as far as the Church is concerned, is a good sign. It shows that the new Government, while willing to do some things to please these extremists and enemies of Church and God, is not willing to go the lengths demanded by the extremists.

Catholic prelates in Toledo have made sharp protest to the Government because of its laxity in the recent Church riots. This is a healthy sign—a sign that the Church is not on the defensive when it comes to a question of demanding its rights from the Government.

A DEATHLESS DESTINY

One hundred and thirteen years ago a frail young woman died in a rude log cabin in a wilderness in Indiana. She was one of the pioneers of America.

Last Friday this great nation of America dedicated and set apart as a national shrine the log cabin in which Nancy Hanks was married to Thomas Lincoln, father of Abraham, in the wilderness settlement of Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Abraham Lincoln was born forty miles west of Harrodsburg, near Hodgenville, three years after his parents were married. His birthplace, already dedicated as a shrine, was a cabin very much like the one that was dedicated at Harrodsburg, Friday.

One of four tablets placed in the cabin of Nancy Hanks contains the following

beautiful tribute to this heroic mother and noble Christian woman:

"Born in the backwoods of Virginia, reared amidst the primeval forests of Kentucky, died in the wilderness of Indiana. Yet through these obscure years of toil and hardship she fulfilled a deathless destiny.

No mother, or future mother, can read unmoved this tribute, and all America will rejoice that the cabin in which she was married has been made a national shrine.

It is a splendid thing for America to honor Nancy Hanks, and to make a shrine of her former home. So, too, is it a splendid thing for the Church of God to honor Mary, Mother of God, and to make a world shrine out of the place where she lived and gave birth to the Redeemer of the world.

RELIGION FOR ALL SCHOOLS

Every little while something happens in America that emphasizes the need of Catholic Schools, if the religious welfare of our children is to be safeguarded.

What happens when public schools attempt to co-operate in the giving of religious instruction to their children was strikingly illustrated this week in New York City.

WAYSIDE WHEAT

By the Managing Editor

We saw a picture the other day of the new three-million dollar Christian Science publishing house, and we had to hang onto our Faith.

Mayor "Jim" Curley of Boston is back home from France. He was one of the American mayors invited to tour France, see the sights and dine and wine at the expense of the French government.

CURRENT COMMENT

CATHOLICS IN GERMANY

The more we read of conditions among our brethren in Europe, the more we are amazed at the vitality, cohesion and accomplishments of the Catholics in Germany.

Why do anti-clerical excesses occur in Spain, for instance, where Catholics are supposed to represent the overwhelming majority and yet in Germany, where Catholics are in a minority, they do not occur?

Catholics in Germany, moreover, have had to fight for their existence. Bishop Von Ketteler and Windthorst set the mark. And they have fought cleverly, without tying themselves up with any political party.

churches with which they or their parents are affiliated. Immediately there was a great uproar. The Teachers' Union of New York City filed a strong protest with the Board of Education.

The Inter-Faith Committee will go ahead with its work, but in the future the churches interested in this work will do the circularization. This, of necessity, will eliminate many thousands of public school children who are not affiliated with any church.

The appalling falling away of American people from all religious faith may be traced in large part to the lack of religious training for children. It is almost inconceivable that an organization like the Teachers' Union in New York City would do anything to hamper a work so carefully organized and so necessary as that planned by the Inter-Faith Committee.

The answer to all of this, as far as our Church and its children are concerned, is the Catholic school. It is the one school in the land that takes the child by the hand and brings him, reverently, to God.

When You Make Your Will

Always, in every Diocese, there are churches and institutions which have heavy financial burdens, and whose work is handicapped by these burdens.

"I give and bequeath to the Rt. Rev. John Francis O'Hern, D.D., Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rochester, N. Y., or his successor or successors in office, the sum of \$_____ to be used at his or their discretion for the work or the institutions of the Diocese."

If you are interested in some particular church, charity or institution a clause like this may be added: "I am interested particularly in _____ Bequests, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly edifying to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequests."