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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. "Only one hundred and twentyfive of these had any religious training, Judge ale said in a recent interview. "No dather or mother," he added, "is wise enough to raise boys or girls to worthy maturity without the help of a religious cound."

Many a father and mother have learned the truth of this statement to their sorrow. Even with the wonderful helps given religion, it is hard to raise boys and girls these days without troubles of some kind. But when boys or girls have their lives crowned by faith in God, they have a help and an importation they can find in no other source in the world. The worries, the world; waste their waves of strength against a soul buttressed by a firm faith in God, and the boy and girl who hold fast to God in all the changing conditions of life are seldom found in Police ourts. They are taught to love and respect law, order, authority, justice and right living. Religion is their protection and their safeguard, and this is why the Church is so careful of the faith of her children.

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 miother. These are hard and trying days. Work is scarce. Jobs are scarce. It will be extremely difficult for many of these graduates to find employment of any kind. Some of them may have exalted ideas about the importance of a college education, and all of them surely will have ideals inspiring them to seek the higher and finer fields of action. It will be terribly discouraging and depressing to some of them to find they are not wanted anywhere that there are no openings, no work of any kind, no future in sight.

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. Many of our people are very lax in this regard, and this is the thought behind these lines—that all of us should bestir ourselves to help every graduate we know get a job in the shortest possible time. Our boys and girls, almost without excep-tion, are wonderfully efficient and pro-Desent. They are honest, law-abiding, and have been taught to respect and obey their superiors and to do their work faithfully and well. They are worthy of the best positions we can get for them, and we should stir ourselves with all possible speed to help them in the right way and slong the right paths.

BOOTLEGGING DIVORCES

We shave rackets in boose, rackets in building trades, rackets in garage work, rackets in the milk we sell, and the gro-

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The Sacred Heart

Heart of Jesus truly heating
But a litle way from mine.
Hidden, yelled, through love concealing
Both the human and divine. Beat for me one sacred moment, Now the charms of day depart.

And the evening benediction Draws me to Thee, Sacred Heart. Beat for me and teach my weakness, All through life to Tean on Thee, Or in solace or in sorrow Still to trust Thee utterly. Day by day Thyself revealing, In Thy goodness light impart; Let me know Thee, let me know Thee, Let me love Thee, Sacred Hart.

-Mother M. Germanne, M.A.

times. "What God hath joined together" is spat upon by man. Eighty four divorces. were granted in one day, followed by fifty more the next day. Buzzard promoters estimate that an average of three hundred divorces per month will be maintained the year round.

As for the cost of a Reno divorce, several law firms will not take a case for lessthan \$500, a few lawyers charge as low as \$100. and one or two have been known to accept less. Some fees have run up into the thousands, but the average has been about \$800 a case. On this basis, the lawyers of Reno took in about \$100,000 for the May business. Those obtaining divorces, however, spend a great deal more on living expenses than on litigation. Thus, gleefully, are the moral and financial atmospheres of Reno added up. The town has sold its soul, the Presbyterians asserted in a recent convention, "for thirty pieces of silver". Another Judas! Who will provide the halter for the aftermath?

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 ritte of critica who seek to find: weskases in the outstanding characters of lastory, like buserds hovering over some new-found piece of carrios. One after another of these scavengers has gloated over somme supposed discovery, revealing his own inter life rather than the character of his victime.

The character of George Washington has been picked to pieces by these scandal-Emongers. That of Abraham Lincoln has been twisted and distorted into an almost shapeless mass, Warren G. Harding, hon-ored this week in his old home by the Nation and its people, has been pletured as everything low and vile. Woodrow Wilson's name was hung upon every scandal bush for a time. Few men in our political or historic life have escaped these buzzards of scandal. Even our divine Saviour—the one perfect man of all time—has been "analyzed" by pin-head critics, and written down in the scale of spiritual life. "He didn't understand His mother, and His mother didn't understand Him," one glib writer wrote in a popular magazine not long ago. "Therefore," says this scavenger of the great, "His boyhood was said and

The sin of scandal has been with us from time immemorial. Our public libraries shrick it to the housetops from the pages of thousands of books. Many of our socalled popular writers revel in it. Some newspapers feature it for our evening brain food by the evening fireside. An erninent Brooklyn physician, charitable, kindly, helpful to suffering humanity, murdered the other day, was pictured by a reportorial buzzard as a drumkard and a libertime by night, without one scintilla

of evidence to justify such charges. Like buzzards, as Dr. Stearns truly says, these writers hover over some newfound piece of carrion. They are to literature what evil dramas are to the stage-just alth and dirt. Every parent should watch diligently that lierature of this kind is never permitted in a home. Poison on the family dinner table is no more dangerous than the writings of these buzzards. They are detractors, hateful to God, as St. Paul says, and their writings should have no place in our homes.

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. In one border city a mob gathered to attack the Cardinal, and police and military reserves had to be called out to clear the streets. The contention of the Government is that a proclamation by the Cardinal, who is friendly to the deposed royal govermment of Spain, caused the destructive charch riots in May, and that his further presence in the land is a menace to "the public peace." Shortly before has deporta-tions, Cardinal Segura had given to President Zamora a vigorous protest against the treatment of the Church by the new Government. This protest is believed to have been the immediate cause of his deportation.

The deportation of Cardinal Segura is more of a political move than anything else, we believe, and does not magur any growing hostility towards the Church. the new Government, unforturately, is comewhat in the position of Grover Cleveland when he was elected President of the United States—able to take care of his enemales, but needed God's help to get rid of Iris friends. There is a very metive and

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. The Church has been so scientific that at times it has been charged with being too mathematical and too logical. We are so because we accept something positive and know why we accept it, in that God has revealed it. We ought to be proud to belong to the Church.-Patrick Cardinal Hayes.

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. Already they are denouncing the new Government for its "friendly" attitude to the Church. Already they are demanding the resignation of various officials. Already they are declaring that the Government is a "failure," and that it is not giving the people what "it promised them.

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. The expulsion of Cardinal Segura is a gesture of acquiescence towards the Communists, a peace offering, as it were, for the Cardinal is unpopular with them. On the surface, it seems to have no deeper meaning than that, and does not necessarily mean growing hostility to the Church.

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 cornes to a question of demanding its rights from the Government. There seems to be no question but what the great majority of the Spanish people are sincere and loyal Catholics, and that the Government is well aware of this fact. This means that the Government is determined to protect the Church, even though at times the officials may "play politics" by acts that are unfriendly "on the surface." The sudden cessation of all riots is proof of this, and the prompt imprisonment of some of the rioters for long terms is a warning to Communists, to stop dead in their tracks in their frostlity towards the Church. We look for better days, and secure ones, in Spain, notwithstanding the decidedly unfriendly gesture shown in the expulsion of Cardinal Segura from the country.

A DEATHLESS DESTRINY

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. She had suffered much, endured much. The priva-tions were beyond her strength for further endurance. Death came, and they buried her beneath great trees in the lonely forest. Long afterwards her sen, a green, gawky boy set out on foot to find a clergyman-any clergyman who could pray to God-to beg him to come to that wilderness home and say a prayer above the grave where his heart was buried with the mother who bore him. That woman was Namecy Hanks. That boy was Abraham Lincoln.

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. The cabim is now enclosed by a brick and stone temple, built in the style of pioneer Kentucky churches. The day was a State holiday in Kentucky and thousands of visitors througed this historic town, the first white settlement west of the Alleghanies.

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

One of four tablets placed in the cabin

beautiful tribute to this heroic mother and noble Christian woman:

"Born in the backwoods of Virginia, reared amidst the primeral forests of Kentucky, died in the wilderness of Indiana. Yet through these obscure years of toll and hardship she fulfilled a deathless destiny, Mother of Abraham Lancoln, sixteenth President of the United States. Contle, industrious, patient, courageous, her short and simple life epitomizes the heroic virtues of ploneer women; her mame will ever be an inspiration to the motherhood of every land. Frail of body, she gave to humanity the most colossal figure of modern time. Untutored herself, she planted within his youthful breast a love of learning. Despite her narrow environment, she endowed her son with a breadth of vision that saved the Union and made a people free. "God bless my mother," said Abscahana Lincoln, 'All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to her."

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.

Often we are asked: "Why do Catholics honor the Mother of God?" The United States has answered this question in a beautiful and impressive way. If Lincoln's mother was great, so was Mary, Mother of God. If she lived through obscure years of toil, hardship and suffering, so did Mary the Mother of God. If she fulfilled a deathless destiny, so did Mary. If she epitomizes the heroic virtues of pioneer women, so does Mary, only in a far finer and better way. For she had what Nancy Hanks did not have-the Saviour of the world close always to her side and closer to her heart. And she gave the world far more than a colossal figure—she gave it Jesus Christ!

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. The shrines of our Church—all of them are rich in spiritual love, historic and beautiful, just as the shrine of Nancy Hanks is rich in mother love, patriotic inspiration and heart appeal. It should be easy for all understand this, and to know that every shrine of the Church is dear to the heart of every Catholic, just as every national shrine is dear to the heart of every American. One is spiritual, the other patriotic, and both are good for the religious and national lives of our people.

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. More than two million Catholic children are attending public schools in this country, and are not receiving any religious education or training in the teachings and ideals of the Church. The schools, of course, are not to blame for this. They are following a policy that cannot be changed without causing serious trouble-

What happens when public schools at-tempt to co-operate in the giving of religious instruction to their children was strikingly illustrated this week in New York City. An Inter-Faith Committee, organized by Protestant, Jewish and Catholic religious leaders, mapped out a plan to teach religion to public school children after school hours, and outside of the school buildings. When they were ready to begin this work, the public school teachers, with the approval of the Board of Education, were asked to give each student a circular outlining the plan, and inviting of Nancy Hanks contains the following students to attend classes conducted by

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

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. He had just one luncheon with the mayoralty crowd. Then he hit the highways with a party of select friends. He saw the Pope. He saw Mussolini. He saw the Alps, and England and Ireland. He admits that he "hoisted a few" and enjoyed them. "Jim" has no use for the boys who break furniture trying to run away from the drinks when abroad. "Do as the Romans do when in Rome," he says. He did. He did it a number of times. "American mayors running away from champagne!" he exclaimed. "Well, if they did, they were probably running to get behind a door and drink more than their share." Which is

CURRENT COMMENT

CATHOLICS IN GERMANY

The more we read of conditions among our brethren in Europe, the more we are arnazed at the vitality, cohesion and accomplishments of the Catholics in Germany. Despite the terrific war reverses the country suffered, despite economic difficulties which were worse than in any part of Europe except Austria, and despite their being a minority, Catholic action on a broad scale is being carried on.

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? From what we read and hear Catholics in Germany are ably led, by the clergy and laity, and are superbly organized. The leaders are not only competent, forward-looking and wise, but they have a social sense—they make an appeal to the masses, and the non-Catholics as well as the Catholics, have confidence in them. For this reason they occupy some of the highest positions in the Government.

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. Thus when one ruling party fell, the Catholics were not left "holding the bag, so speak. Again they have been pioneers of social reform and have manifested an interest in protecting and preserving the faith by establishing move-ments looking toward the economic and charitable welfare of mankind, and not in establishing most costly churches and ornamenting religious statues with priceless jewels.—Brooklyn Tablet.

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 Atheists filed a protest, the Parents and Teachers' Association filed a protest, and a number of individuals, including some dergymen. The circularization was stopped at once.

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, and whom the churches will be unable to reach effectively to get them interested in religious classes. These children. after all, are the very ones about whom the Inter-Faith Committee was most concerned, for they are the ones who receive little or no religious instruction at home or elsewhere. They are being brought up strangers to God.

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. But it must be remembered that upon the heads of the individual teachers will fall most of the criticism and abuse if they have a hand in anything religious in connection with their schools. Atheist and other organizations are very active, and very belligerent, and many parents are unbelievably suspicious of every movement for the promotion or betterment of

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. Our schools entail great sacrifices upon our people, but they bring great blessings, and they should be supported with generous enthusiasm, and upheld with unfailing love and devotion.

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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. When you make your will, the best way in the world to help these needy one is to insert a paragraph something like this in the will:

"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

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Bequests, large or small, are a great blessing to religion, and it is highly editying to read of them in any will. No Catholic will should be without one or more such bequests. THE ST IN DECEMBER .