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Therefore recognize the religious element in the training of a boy, but in a completely non-sectarian way...

Toward further and fairer evaluation of this movement will be the realization that the Boy Scouts of America conduct no troops themselves...

Scouting is here, and whether we like it or not, it is here to stay. It seems to have a lot to offer...

But even if we do not like it, we must reckon with it. We cannot afford to ignore it. Consider that thirty-seven out of every 100 boys of Scout age...

It is no way to label a thing "Protestant" if it is not everybody is being fooled. Many a thing that we call "Protestant" is very good Americanism...

And that is why our friendly enemies have stolen the show time after time. Will they steal Boy Scouting? Who or what is to stop them if the lily continue to overburden their priests and pastors with responsibilities they themselves should shoulder?

JOHN E. MASSETH

Current Comment

PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1

The bank robber and the hold-up man are so dramatically public in their methods that they usually get the lion's share of that part of the newspaper devoted to crime. Certain other criminals do their work with such a consummate lack of display that their activities get little if any publicity whatever...

It is not a matter of religion, but it is very difficult to get the brain product of unbelief and the practical atheism that has usurped control in many college courses...

Christian Doctrine

A decree of the Sacred Congregation of the Council on "catechetical education, its better care and promotion" has been published in its entirety in the April issue of the Acta Apostolicae Sedis.

After citing the commands and pleadings of the Popes and the zealous activity of Bishops in behalf of catechetical education, the decree states:

Children Acquire Religion As a result of worldly distractions and a general moral let-down, the decree states, even from an early age, children are forgetful, negligent of the things of God that greatly to be deplored and increases as they grow older.

Teaching of Catechism Bishops are to make it known that in conferring parishes and other benefices, the eagerness and diligence shown in the work of teaching catechism will be taken into account...

In accordance with Canon 1858, section 1, the decree "emphasizes the help of other clergy in the parish and it need be, also of those who are enrolled in the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, and of the lay faithful."

Finally, parents and those who hold the place of parents are reminded of the injunction of Canon 2113 binding them "by a most strict obligation to prepare to the best of their ability for both the religious and moral and the physical and civil education of their children."

Parents should carefully prepare children so that they may be examined by the Bishop at the time of his visitation, so that he may learn the true state of religious instruction in each parish...

These include the establishment of an Office of Diocesan Catechists to control the entire catechetical instruction in the diocese; the selection of competent pre-visitators to inspect all schools of religion in the diocese; the establishment of a Diocesan day in each parish on which the "Feast of Christian Doctrine" shall be celebrated with as much solemnity as possible...

RELIGIOUS VULGARITIES Be on your guard against the human vulgarity; demand his letter of recommendation from the Bishop of the diocese; if he immediately no matter who or what he is if he uses "spiritual" arguments in his sales talk...

STRANGE BUT TRUE Catholic Facts But Little Known

By M. J. MURRAY

Illustration featuring a map of Europe and text about Charlemagne, Napoleon, and the Church of St. Etheldreda. Includes a circular logo for 'AGAD OD AIT' and a cross with text about a large cross in the North Pole.

THE LIBRARY SIGN-POST

It is so easy to forget anniversaries. The feast of St. Bede slipped by two weeks ago without my advertising to the fact which even a moment's reflection would have helped me remember, namely that this was the 1200th anniversary of his death...

THE CATHOLIC EVIDENCE LIBRARY RECOMMENDS

- NOT BUILT WITH HANDS. By Helen C. White. The author of "A Watch in the Night" chooses as the field of her second historical novel one of the most crucial periods in the history of the Church...
- THE UNKNOWN GOD. By Alfred Noyes. The book which has called forth a public profession of faith from the press of England...
- JOAN OF ARC. By Hilaire Belloc. Belloc knows how to lift simple style from the trivial and obvious, but seldom has he used it with such magical power of suggestion as in this brief history of France's warrior-Saint.
- A PRIMER OF PRAYER. By Rev. John McSorley, C. S. P. I doubt whether the art of prayer has ever been taught to the ordinary "you and me" with such simplicity and charm.

Diocesan Recordings

The young man leaving college this year will find that he will be taxed to the utmost in making a living.

While some will benefit in slashing of prices, many more will suffer in reduction in salaries, in benefits and in increased working hours...

Add to the material Better Housing Program, a spiritually better home life and America will certainly improve.

Newspaper reports hereabouts tell us the names of Rotarians leaving for Mexico City for the International Convention in the face of strong protestations by Catholics throughout the country...

The writer's personal knowledge of farm life is meagre. We would be a poor one to want out to do the necessary work of farm life, but we find we are intensely interested in the coming of the National Rural Life Conference to Rochester...

Governor Lehman's ears must have been burning down in Herk County. Protest continues to pour into Albany against his veto of the bill providing bus transportation for rural school children...

CATHOLIC EVIDENCE

SIX TIMES THREE AND A ROSARY The foursome had just completed its 8-hole round on Jim Doak's three-hole, back-yard golf course when the thing happened. Lolling in the big "grass" chairs, they were discussing the game when Art Fisher, in drawing forth his handkerchief, inadvertently flung to the floor a circle of brown beads...