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### A Case History

(A Guest Column)

I met him on a bus traveling along the famous U. S. Highway 20 a slight angular man dressed in blue denim. He was returning home from Kansas City where he had been in the hospital. Home for him was a poor little house in the middle of the corporation farming wheat belt of west Kansas. He and his wife lived there with his brother's family.

As we rounded the turns leaving Topeka, he told his sad story in a matter of fact way. It's an old story, although too common, another case for the records. But to him it was interesting because it was his story, and so I listened.

When he was a young lad, his father had moved out to the wheat country. They had begun to do well, when the corporation farmers started taking over the land in his section. His brother had quite a knack with machinery. The corporation farm managers hired him to run their tractors, binders, and threshers. He himself worked on the crew. When they had work, the hours were long, but they were well paid, so they didn't mind. But the work, he said, didn't last long enough. In between times they tried a little farming of their own.

They've been doing that sort of thing now almost twenty years, and they are still in the same condition that they were when they started. They've moved around a bit, eking out an existence, but hardly maintaining a decent living.

Now that the prime of life had passed and he was no longer hale and hearty, he couldn't continue the long working hours demanded during the rush season of planting and harvesting. But he figured he'd move on to a small 40-60 acre piece of land and try truck and subsistence farming. In that way he would be his own boss and could arrange his own working hours.

He wasn't bitter when he said it, but he maintained that corporation farmers had made it impossible for ordinary wheat farm workers like himself to make a decent living off the land. They were too big for individuals to give them competition. He had learned this by experience - the hard way. And so he was going back to support his family from the land, and ignore the speculation of cash crops.

Here was another man broken by his desire to profiteer through market crops. The corporations had beaten him until he had seen the light - that there is only one way to live on the farm, and that is to sink roots into the land. The land will furnish a man with all his necessities for a decent living, he said, but only a few with vast resources can hope to exploit the land successfully and then only for a time. - R. M. Demeyer, S.J.

### DR. MCGUIRE

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University of Innsbruck had its own celebration, the jubilant recalls. Part of this celebration lasting three days was a "Disputation" in the old scholastic manner. The thesis for dispute was: "The Infallibility of the Roman Pontiff." The "objectors" were drawn from post-graduate students and from the faculty. Dr. McGuire was selected to defend the thesis, which was, of course, the highest honor for a student.

He remembers that he innocently sent the program of the three-day celebration to Father Miller of Rochester who had been ordained at Innsbruck the year before. Father Miller showed the program to Bishop McQuaid, which gave the Bishop another opportunity to write and talk about St. Bernard's Seminary and the success of St. Andrew's Seminary students abroad.

### Illinois Priest

Lackport, Ill.—The Rev. Charles A. McCallan, pastor of the Church of St. Denis here, and a graduate of the North American College in Rome, is dead.



**OUR LADY OF CHINA**—Becoming "all things to all men" Our Lady of China, appearing at the "moon gate" with Her Infant Son in her arms, is a truly Chinese concept. With their innate simplicity and goodness the people of the Flowery Kingdom find a strong bond of affection for the Virgin Mother particularly because of the solitude and affection she has always shown them. During the Boxer Rebellion at the turn of the present century, Our Lady of China gave concrete evidence of this affection, appearing over a group of her Chinese sons and daughters, and creating such a terror in the hearts of the Boxers that they fled. On February 5, 1941 Pope Pius XII proclaimed "Mary, mediatrix of all graces, Queen of China."

## Barbarous Babies

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### RESPONSIBILITY AND SELF-RELIANCE

Sooner or later, every child will have to take his place as a useful member of the community. This usefulness can be greatly hampered and curtailed if the future citizen has not

been shown early in life how he can do things for himself and for others. Children who are spoiled by having everything done for them, or who are not encouraged to go out of their way to do something for others, and who are not asked to take little responsibilities so they may learn to use their own initiative, will, as a rule, become misfits in society! This is the greater danger for the "only child" and for the children of the wealthy.

Children like to act independently, and to do things that elicit praise. When they grow older, encouraging comments, such as "Mother wouldn't know what to do without you," or "You are Daddy's best helper around the yard," go far to keep them interested and to stimulate their ambitions.

Care should be taken, of course, that they do not get too selfishly ambitious—like little Richard, who asked his mother for a hammer to drive a few nails in the garage door, which Daddy said needed fixing. Mother refused to give him the hammer, she advised Sonny he had better wait until his father would come home, for he might hit himself on the fingers. But Richard had an answer "Mumma, I'll let baby sister hold the nail while I drive it." The lesson of thoughtfulness and consideration for others cannot be impressed too often in the dawn of self-importance.

When children are old enough to render some little service for themselves or for others, let them do it, never do it for them, even if you feel like babying them, or if, at first, their effort gives more trouble than help. In the beginning, supervise a bit, and always be ready with a word of praise when they show improvement. Around the age of four, they should be able to wash their hands, put on and button a coat or a dress, run short errands about the house, pick up things, and feed pets. About the age of five, they begin to take care of their own toilet more fully—subject, of course, to maternal inspection. (Yes, will we ever forget the crevices of our little cars, after Mother sometimes had put the finishing touches to them?) At six, they can go to school "alone, on their own," provided there is not too much automobile traffic. They can manage roller skates, wagon, velocipede and scooter, and they can play in the immediate neighborhood of the home, and they may be trusted with small sums of money to make purchases at the corner store. The age of seven to eight, when they have attained the use of reason, sees the budding of permanent habits of study and

work. Children who are spoiled by having everything done for them, or who are not encouraged to go out of their way to do something for others, and who are not asked to take little responsibilities so they may learn to use their own initiative, will, as a rule, become misfits in society!

Not all children respond to training with the same intelligence and willingness. It is for the parents to study the capability of the individual child. If one child is not developed sufficiently, or is not happy at a certain task, such as helping with the dishes, then assign another duty which is simpler and possibly more congenial, but still just as useful, say, setting the table, dusting or mending. After all, we very seldom do anything well for which we have no taste. However, do not excuse laziness or a selfish disposition. Be reasonable at all times never be foolishly indulgent. Make it a rule that there be a set time for every thing.

Children should be made to realize that they form an integral part of a family organization which has for its object the best interests of all and the happiness of each member in particular. It is well to figure this out for them from time to time, so that rewards or deprivations can be more logically imposed, while privileges can be more reasonably granted if a child's behavior does not indicate an understanding acceptance of this treatment, it is well for the parent to check up on his relationship with the child, there must be something wrong in the mutual attitude.

Odd jobs in the house or around the yard, occasionally done by children on their own initiative, should be appreciatively and fittingly rewarded. Helping Mother with the house management or minding the baby when not expected to do so mowing the lawn and cleaning up the garden all these can be made very interesting to children. And appreciation tactfully expressed, will encourage them to think of doing other chores unsolicited. Their sense of responsibility will thus be accentuated.

Self-reliance can be developed by letting them make their own decisions in personal affairs like the purchase of wearing apparel. This "momentous" step should in the beginning, be taken after a businesslike discussion between them and the parents, so that the youngster is certain to be advised properly.

Once more never do anything for your child that he can competently do for himself. Rather aim to make him do things for you and for others. This will instill a wholesome sense of self-reliance and responsibility. Never pull mother's apron strings too tight.

### Live Own Lives

After all, it is not for us to be downcast and depressed over the delinquency of others. It is ours to live that we ourselves cast no shadow on the Church.

## Catholic Near East Welfare Association

### For Peace

In the Byzantine Rite there is a prayer in the Mass which reads: "Give peace to Thy world; to Thy Churches and to Thy priests; to our well-beloved President, to the army, and to all Thy people." How aptly this expresses your own thoughts today. Have a Mass said for these intentions.

### ANOTHER "BOYS' TOWN" UNDER WAY IN BEIRUT

It does not happen often that a college professor surrenders his position to spend all his time caring for destitute, homeless waifs. That is what a young priest in Beirut, Syria, has done. In that city there are hundreds of abandoned boys who were headed for a life of sin and crime. They had drifted into the city because of upset conditions throughout Syria.

The story comes to us from the Apostolic Delegate in Lebanon, Archbishop La Prestre, who writes: "I want to ask your assistance for the very worthy work of Father Anthony Cortbawi, a young Maronite priest. As a professor in the Maronite College in Beirut, he interested himself in the vagabond boys who haunt the streets of this city, seeking alms or sow and then carrying a pittance by carrying baggage."

These boys Father Cortbawi gathered into a room at the college. He taught them simple subjects and explained the Catechism to them. When he could, he fed them. Once in a while he was able to entertain them by showing a "movie."

Today he has more than 500 of these boys under his care. He has outgrown his present quarters and must move to a more convenient location. Father Cortbawi intends to devote himself entirely to this charitable work, which he has aptly named The Refuge of Our Father.

"His chief needs are for a hall where he can gather his boys, a chapel and rooms for himself. The main building will cost \$500, the chapel and his rooms \$500 each. All can be built for Twelve Hundred Dollars."

Think what it means to save 500 boys. Otherwise they may grow up a menace to society. Surely you will send us a gift to help Father Cortbawi build this Boys' Town in Beirut.

### POPULAR DEVOTION

One of the most popular devotions is the Way of the Cross. In the Near East this devotion is not so widespread as we should like to see it. If more of our chapels had Sets of Stations of the Cross it would become better known. A Set of Stations can be erected for only Ten Dollars.

### THE FIRST TO DIE

The first of the Apostles to die a martyr's death was St. James, called the Greater because he was taller than the other Apostle James. His Feast is kept on July 25. In these troubled times some missionaries have been called upon to give up their lives for the faith. Others, "martyrs in heart," have worn themselves out in the Lord's service. When one priest dies another must be raised to take his place. In the Near East many young men are anxious to study for the priesthood. Help us support them. It takes One Hundred Dollars a year for each student. Sponsor one if you can. Or, if you can't do that much, join Our Student Support Club, whose members send us One Dollar a month for that purpose.

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Whenever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, there must be a Lamp burning in honor of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Give a Sanctuary Lamp for a Near East mission chapel. We can provide one for Seven Dollars.

### IN EVERY CHAPEL

There should be a picture of our Lady in every one of our chapels. It is the first thing the Separated Christians look for on entering a Catholic Church. Five Dollars will buy a large picture.

### WAR'S DESTRUCTION

Though many of our missions are in war zones little destruction of mission buildings has been reported. However, the people, already poor, are now, in many cases, completely destitute. Thus please an extra donation upon our friends who share their little with their swollen socks. Even with a dollar a day they can and will help their poor people. Surely you will aid them with Five, Ten, or Twenty Dollars.

### TELL YOUR FRIENDS

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