

Birthplace Honors Cardinal O'Connell

LOWELL, Mass.—(AP)—To perpetuate the memory of His Eminence William Cardinal O'Connell late Archbishop of Boston, the name of Gordon St. in this city where he was born, has been changed to Cardinal O'Connell Highway at the direction of City Manager John J. Murray. The action was taken with approval of the City Council.

The Mission cannot cease in difficult times or in times of War.

ANOTHER BOY TO TRACK IN MUD

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This is a true story. "When our third boy was born, I let my lip, but when Tommy came, I just broke down and cried," confessed pretty Mrs. Grant straightaway after her husband-in-law had uttered stinging words.

They always ate in the kitchen because of the boys. Mrs. Grant looked apprehensively at Tommy packing paper on an airplane.

"Oh, I've often heard this and don't mind," said Mrs. Grant. "But Tommy does mind," she said. Mrs. Grant then crossed the yard and looked at the house.

That's why he had grown obnoxious to even successful—and why he spends so much time each day outdoors by himself, playing his little flute.

When Tommy started to go to school, his behavior changed but not for the better. Perhaps he felt even more lonely than before, more neglected anyway. He commenced trying to attract attention to himself. He began telephoning people in the neighborhood repeatedly. He rang up Hugh Grayston three or four times within an hour one day and announced to Mrs. Grant that he was going to a little party.

She was eagerly excited until her mother telephoned about it and Mrs. Grant said, "Oh, there's no party, that was just Tommy's imagination."

Then Tommy refused to walk to school alone. Postponements were tried, but they had no effect. So his mother went with him—but grudgingly.

But Tommy soon devised more ways to keep family attention focused upon himself. Hugh Grayston must walk with them he insisted or else he would not go to school, and later he would not go if his next older brother rode his bicycle. Tommy was too young for a wheel—so this brother also walked with his mother, Tommy and Hugh.

Being immature, Tommy was soon put into a lower section of the class than Hugh. Then Tommy began to have stomach-aches—could not go to school. The teacher suggested coaching Tommy at home. He was soon in the upper section again, and his stomach-aches disappeared.

One Saturday morning the boys were playing with a train at the Graystons' home. Mrs. Grant came over because it was time for Tommy's dancing class. He didn't want to go. Mrs. Grayston suggested that her younger boy go along to watch Tommy dance. The latter got up at once for this gave him a chance to show off.

Then, on a certain occasion, his teacher noticed Tommy standing during a school program unconsciously imitating the orchestra leader. Thinking this, and other incidents over, she realized the boy was very musical and later suggested to Mrs. Grant that if he had a legitimate chance to show off, it would counteract his unwanted feeling—the mother had confessed to her how grudgingly she had accepted this fourth son.

That very afternoon when he was leading a play band on the lawn, his mother suggested organizing a neighborhood orchestra to meet regularly at their house. Tommy was delighted and was soon absorbed in this new enterprise.

Mrs. Grant, remembering his desire for a party, said they might give one on his birthday.

"Oh, Mother, let me invite the boys and girls—and could we—could we have the ice cream on the lace cloth in the dining room?" His eyes were shining.

"Yes—oh, yes!" His mother was conscience-stricken.

As soon as Tommy's yearning for attention and the home privileges that go with gracious living were satisfied, the little boy felt that he really was wanted. With no question of his home security, Tommy soon became properly adjusted and normal.

The Christian Family

Since the Christian family is the unit of the Christian civilization, if that unit is in danger of destruction so also is the civilization itself. That such a danger does exist must be clear to the most casual observer of the times. Only within the Catholic Church is the Christian family free from the germ which has been steadily attacking it for the past two hundred years in the non-Catholic world. This germ is divorce. Divorce, its possibility and facility, must inevitably, if allowed to continue, utterly destroy the Christian family, and with its destruction must go the civilization which is instituted. Charles L. Judah, S.J., in Catholic Opinion, Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 29, 1944.

Will Grow Larger

Blot out as far as possible all the disagreeables of life; they will come but they will grow larger when you remember them, and the constant thought of the acts of meanness, or worse still, malice, will only tend to make you familiar with them.



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