

Like a Million Charities Workers' First Requisite - Stout Shoes

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The most important word of advice to young people about to become social workers is not impractical: it is no less simple, correct formula or open means to success in the business of helping people to help themselves.

It is simply this: to always wear stout shoes.

Periodically workers visit St. Joseph's Villa because Brooklet Catholic Charities aids in admitting children to this institution. Returning to the office in the late afternoon, we are often confronted with large families of children who have been victims of eviction notices.

The favorite time for evicting large families of children, it seems, is the very late afternoon. Through it all we are slaves to the constantly ringing telephone and are ever conscious that eight hours is a very short time indeed. Such is the life of the social worker as they go about trying to care for some of our city's poor and troubled.

It is a great trial, although our work with individual and our own intimate problems is often interrupted and delayed by numerous telephone calls and social work assignments.

Our services include the placement of children in foster homes or in St. Joseph's Villa of children of broken homes; here the caseworker tries to find the cause of the break and possibly to effect a reconciliation.

Our Family Division works with people in their own homes to overcome members of personal problems which marred his existence. We try to find out why a child is a problem either in his own home or in school. To this end we have the services of an expert in child psychology; we seek the aid of a competent, trained psychiatrist.

Our agency does much work with the unaccompanied mother and her child, often finding the child in a well-known adoption home. In addition to these tasks our staff must see to it that the child is in the best home possible.

THE TYPICAL DAY of a social worker might begin with a visit to a hospital clinic with a child, since we provide for the medical needs of all the children under our care. She confers with her teachers to check the progress and the problems of children in the foster home. At luncheon we often call at various homes to see the clients.

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Shakespeare A Catholic? Scholar Backs Up Claim

OSGWA—(NC)—Shakespeare was born and brought up a Catholic but there is doubt that he lived as one, at least during his 30s and 40s. In the opinion of Dr. G. B. Harrison, head of the Department of English at Queen's University, Kingston.

Referring to Shakespeare's religion, Dr. Harrison said: "He has been claimed by Catholics, by Anglicans and even by Puritans. The evidence—to my mind conclusive—is that he was born and brought up a Catholic." Shakespeare's father, John Shakespeare, married Mary Arden of Willmote near Stratford, a family of some means and standing. The senior branch of the Arden family were the Ardens of Park Hall, and in the early 1500s the head of the family was Master Edward Arden, a keen Catholic who even maintained his private chaplain to say Mass for the family.

In 1582 when the results of the preaching and martyrdom of the Blessed Edmund Campion were still disturbing the Privy Council, Edward Arden's son-in-law, whose name was John Somerville, oppressed by the persecutions, went out of his mind, eluded his keeper, and made off for London. His behaviour was wild, and his words wilder: he was even heard to

utter threats against the queen. "New Edward Arden was the cousin of Shakespeare's mother and he died in 1584 when Shakespeare was 20, and already the father of three children. Further, the chief agent in the persecution at the Stratford and was that same Sir Thomas Lucy who was, according to every legend and tradition, Shakespeare's chief enemy and who caused him to leave Stratford; and moreover it is in this same year 1584 that Shakespeare's name disappears from all Stratford records for several years. When he emerges from obscurity in 1585 he is found dedicating his first poem, 'Venus and Adonis,' to the young Earl of Southampton, whose family was notoriously Catholic. The pattern does make sense.

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Pope Asks Mercy For Spain's Doomed

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Mother Asks Decent Movies For Showing to Children

CLEVELAND—(NC)—The determination of a Catholic mother of St. Thomas Aquinas parish here is bringing pressure on some 100 theater managers of Greater Cleveland to show only movies not harmful to children. Some time ago Mrs. Howard Burns wrote letters to two neighborhood theater managers protesting the poisonous entertainment their theaters were offering children, but no results were apparent. With the encouragement of her pastor she interested the Catholic Parents' Teachers League and soon all Greater Cleveland's theater managers received a letter signed by the president of the league.

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