

company, with that company, to this place of amusement, to that place of iniquity, without scarcely a restraining word, let alone a chastising rod that enforces obedience. These boys grow up in the street and alleys, are sent out of the sight of their mothers on account of the boisterousness so natural to boys. Their sisters are kept severely under parental eyes and consequently are generally saved to the faith in which they were baptised. Fathers and mothers should make it the study and burden of their lives to watch anxiously their children, during the tender years, when the mind is so much more susceptible to receive impressions and the heart to be led astray. See that the boys as well as the girls are instructed in their religion and are kept to its practice, and that they avoid all companies that may lead them away from the Church. What a fearful account will these parents have to render on the Day of Judgement, when called upon to present the souls of the children they have neglected, and whose crimes will be deserving of hell! Honor thy father and thy mother is the divine command given to children, because the father and mother have the responsibility of their care placed upon them by Almighty God.—*Catholic Columbian*.

“Secret service” is one of the most convenient accounts in the management or administration of governments. Many a theft it covers, and many a dark deed is hidden in the folios of its musty archives. Here are the figures as given by a well-posted European journal, included for this account in the budgets of the principal European powers:

Greece.....	1,000,000
Italy.....	1,200 000
Spain.....	1,500 000
Turkey.....	2,000,000
Russia.....	3 000 000
Austria.....	5 000 000
England.....	8.000 000
Germany.....	17,000,000

The secret service fund of Germany, as shown by this statement, is more than double that of England and exceeds the total or that of all the other States of Europe. It will astonish the readers of the *Catholic Review* that a State so powerful and so enlightened has need of employing ways and