GEORGE BERNARD SHAW: HIS BOYHOOD AND YOUNG MANHOOD

[By Gerald Cumberland, in T. P.'s Weekly.]

flour milling, a business of which he wealth of Christendom. knew nothing, and promptly lost all his fortune. In desperation he turned to drink; this was the salvation of the His wife, an emancipated ing in the British Museum. He did woman, without the knowledge of what occasional work in the city, but soon women in Ireland.

School Days.

In the meantime, though his people were not Methodists, young Shaw had larly unintelligent, but the lad had his own way of doing things, and, fully convinced that his own way was inanything at school," he wrote, some total idleness." This confesion of total between two men in the Glen of the ized that any sane man should have gospel of socialism. Douns, One had a gun; the other was unarmed; the issue can be imagined. His first appearance in print literally labbergasted the whole family in general, and his "numerous uncles" in particular. It was a letter printed "Public Opinion" as a kind of mild otest against the visit to Dublin of Messrs. Moody and Sankey, the evan-An Attorney's Clerk.

At the age of fourteen, however, he left school and went to "business." He was engaged by a firm of attorneys, but he hated his work for it bored him. What he had to do he did well because his columns of figures represented he reported as having an aggregate of Huniversity of Salamanas had 6 000 attachments the ghost of an idea. A time more than 50 000 attachments are Aquinas was one of the lecturers. The came, however, when, at the age of sixnow compelled to undertake responsibility for which he was by no means sities that outrank in size the great culties, and found them to be no diffihausted the greater part of the day; but his evenings were his own, and he read everything that came in his way, wrote fugitive essays, thought a great deal helped his mother with her dabbled in music, and kept his eyes open for all things worth seeing. His attention had not yet been powerfully attracted by anything; he had no great and absorbing interest in any of the problems that were agitating men's minds. He was simply an intelligent but ignorant young man with impossible theories about everything.

A Free-Lance in London.

In the year 1876 his mother went to London, and he followed her very soon He was by this time twenty years of age. They took rooms and Breslau, the latter of which has nearlived together. Now this settling down ly in London was a very risky undertaking. Mrs. Shaw had for some time recognized that Dublin did not afford sufficient scope for her talent and energy, and her son was naturally anxious to gauge his powers by competing with other writers in the literary maelstrom of London. They had a fittle money, but were absolutely friendless. Mrs. Shaw, however, soon found channels in which to work and earn money, but George could obtain no recognition whatever. As a literary free-lance he was an undisguised failure. His MSS, invariably came back "declined with thanks." And this was not to be wondered at. He was too clever, too brilliant. There was no market for his wares. He did not suit his writings to the tone of the various papers to which he wished to contribute. He refused to sacrifice even the most trivial of his principles. He



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George Bernard Shaw was born in was honest to such a degree as to be Dublin on July 26, 1836. He was one almost dishonest. He had his own way ed, and wouldn't he give Selina another of a large family, the head of which of spelling his words, his own manner was a man in by no means prosperous of punctuating, his own way of ex- furious. Not only was the five shilcircumstances. His father, George pressing himself: rightly or wrongly, Carr Shaw, an ex-civil servant, it was his way, and, being his, he recapitalized his pension, embarked on fused to change anything for all the

Glosed Careers. His days were spent chiefly in read-

emencipation meant, was clever, prac- wearied of this and threw it up in detical, and utterly regardless of appear- spair. He obtained an appointment as Wagner in the British Museum, and ances. Without waiting a moment, a musical critic on a weekly paper, but she threw herself into the midst of the his criticisms were so terrific in their by heart. But study did not occupy most arduous and unremitting labor, onslaughts on composers, vocalists and him all the time; he began to write made a position for herself in musical instrumentalists, that the circulation novels. In 1879 he perpetrated his first circles in Dublin, maintained that posi- of the paper began to decrease, and the work of fiction. "Perpetrate" is Mr. tion in spite of all competition, and as editor informed him that he could Shaw's own word. Fortunately for Mr. a result kept the wolf from the door easily dispense with his services. Oc. Shaw this work was never published. and made herself one of the happiest casional articles were accepted by Between 1879 and 1883 Mr. Shaw wrote other papers, but the result in pounds, five novels: "Immaturity," "The shillings and pence was not very en- Irrational Knot," "Love Among the couraging. It chanced that in the same Artists," "Cashel Byron's Profession," building as that in which young Shaw and "An Unsocial Socialist." Speaking and his mother lodged the e lived an of these Mr. Shaw says: "I recall nexional School, where he learned artist who was employed by an firm of these five remote products of my nonnothing. His master was not particuwere issued in book form, with a few which were always coming back to me lines of verse under each drawing, from some publisher, and raising the Now, Shaw was not a poet in those very serious financial question of the days, but the young artist, hearing that sixpence to be paid to Messrs. Carter. he refused to learn useless lists of meaningless names. "I never learned to write some verses for one of his passing them on to the next publisher." drawings. The reward offered was five In 1884 and the following year, how-shillings. In great glee, the coming ever, they were published, in inverse years ago. "It was a place where they pute 'Caesar' and 'Horace' into the hands of small boys and expected the lines on the premature death of a child Mrs. Annie Besant. They succeeded in result to be an elegant taste and knowlresult to be an elegant taste and knowledge of the world. I took refuge in with golden hair. It was an excellent attracting the attention of William skit on, say, Mrs. Hemans at her worst. Morris, Willam Archer, W. E. Hen-The artist read it, approved, and paid ley and R. L. Stevenson. And yet no already begun to write, and had a great the five shillings. He said it was real publisher would look at them! ambition to draw, Michael Angelo poetry, it had quite touched him, etc. at last, success did come, and Mr. Shaw being his boyish ideal. His first literary effort was a story about a fight between two ways is the first literary effort was a story about a fight between two ways is the first literary effort was a story about a fight between two ways is the first literary effort was a story about a fight lite

taken his verses seriously, and fearful orado, but one of the most valuable lest his career should be ruined by his things they have accomplished for the becoming known as a minor poet, state has been the abolition of the becoming known as a minor poet, young Shaw sat down, determined that this time at least he would write ballots. A man can't mark a ballot something worth reading. The first picture he had to write for represented a knight leaving his castle for the wars. Here was a splendid subject! Shaw felt quite an affection for that lusty warrior. He asked him, in solicitous terms, if he felt very frightenkiss before starting? The artist was lings refused, but Shaw was told "to keep his bloomin' doggerel to himself.' The would-be poet grinned, and told himself that two careers — that of musical critic and that of poet laureate-were for ever closed to him.

Seeking a Publisher. History began to interest him, and so did music. He pored over the scores of before he was thirty knew them almost

LARGEST

Ranking of Europe's Seats of dents. Half a century before it numbered 200 students from Germany Learning as Regards the alone. Gone By.

Although 22 German universities are had not the ghost of an idea. A time more than 50,000 students only two or three of these universities exceed in teen or seventeen, he was appointed to size a number of the other great Cona higher position in the office. He was tinental schools. In fact, Berlin and He grappled with his diffi- schools of either Italy, Spain, England, Austraia-Hungary or Russia, and the culties at all. Finally he resigned his University of Paris has four times as position and obtained an appointment many students as any German unielsewhere. And so the years passed, versity except those of Berlin, Munich, They were not wasted years, although Leipsic and Bonn, while the Univerthey might have been spent to better sity of Lyons is considerably larger

deal, helped his mother with her work, universities are above any but the universities are avalanced largest four in Germany. next in size after Munich, and the Czech University at Prague is larger

than any but four of the German uni versities. It has long surpassed in size the ancient German University of the ame city. Budapest has a university ranking only just below the greatest German

universities. Even the University of Athens ranks only just below Bonn with its 3.800 students and the University of Rome, which is the third Italy, ranks between Freiburg and 2.350 students.

Denmark's one university, that Copenhagen, ranks along with Heidelberg, which stands ninth in the list of German universities. Two other Scandinavian universities, those German universities, and northern University of Helsingfors in finland ranks with the first six.

ality of political opinion have as nervous, but he didn't for a moment after that to sell the increase. We calmany students as any but the four or lose his appreciation of the value of street German institutions.

Below the great University of Ma
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after that to sell the increase. We callusted that 100 birds would keep 200 to some one year and planting in it agrees of alfalfa free of grasshoppers.

"Until taught by our own experience" with my turkey pens." drid there are two or three ancient frage. schools of Spain with from 1,800 to more than 3,000 students, and the single Portuguese university, that of Colmbra, one of the most picturesque factories most occupations that she that one bird pays the cost of raising compara, one of the most picturesque seats of learning in the world by reason of its clinging to mediaeval dress and customs, ranks above seven or eight of the German universities.

At least two of the provincial universities of Evapora rank with the first it seems to me and to most of the control of the

Four or five universities of the she is doomed." United States rank with the first three German institutions, but would hardly ed out. In South America the University of Buenos Ayres stands with the first four or five German universities been admitted by experts that we and is growing. At least one other have the best set of laws for the pro- gathering them have been invented. South American university ranks with he great schools.

Even the greatest of German universities, Berlin, with its 7,194 stulents, is small compared with some of the mediaeval universities. Alcommunication was costly hough slow and difficult in those days the appearance of a great teacher at any university would quickly attract students from other seats of learning, so that in numbers the mediaeval universities ebbed and flowed from year t

Sometimes, too, a quarrel of some kind with the Government or with the teaching force would bring about a sudden secession of hundreds or thous. ands of students along with part of the teachers. When Abelard lec-tured at the University of Paris, the number of students is said to have isen to 30,000.

stateenth century, found 11,000 students. Bologna University had 10,000 students at the early height of its prosperity. It is now flourishing with

Padua, which owed its first success to a schism at Bologna, was threat-ened with extinction almost immediately afterward, in the year 1228, because dissatisfied students received a proposal from Vercelli to give them 500 houses and other privileges and conveniences if they would remove to

Bologna in the early part of the seventeenth century felt itself in the lepths because it had only 1,400 stu-

Salerno, which had had a famous Number of Students—Enor-school of medicine, took on the character of a university for a time when the faculty of Naples came over to it, and was a great school. Naples had brief revival, a tremendous reputation, and a great roster for two or three years after 1272 because Thomas dents in the sixteenth century. The German mediaeval universities

did not rival the greatest of Italy. France and Spain in the number their students and their great growth in that respect has come with the re-cent material prosperity of Germany and the world-wide reputation of German scholarship. Gottingen, which is not mediaeval in origin, had more students in 1823 than it had 80 years later. The Dutch universities, though not so famous as they were three or four hundred years ago probably have

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Dr. Aylesworth said, however, that

same rank. The Italian University of a state of the modern wo- fight in the altalia belt is not the interest of apple culture. Turin stands above Freiburg in numbers, and the proved methods of apple culture. The stands above Freiburg in numbers, and the proved methods of apple culture. The stands above Freiburg in numbers, and the proved methods of apple culture.

"What has been the effect of the

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men bold and masculine?" asked some-The Rev. Dr. Aylesworth looked hor

"I defy you to find in any state women who are better gowned, more home-loving or more orderly than our Colorado women," he replied emphaacquired an additional grace and dig-nity since they were made real citi-

So have the men. When a group of one that of county treasurer. women go to the polls the men do not stare at them and laugh at them.

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with us that women should vote. When the ballot was granted to them in 1893 they won it by a majority of 6,000. When the law passed into a constitutically. "When I say this I am not tional amendment eight years later it speaking for Denver particularly, but won by a majority of 30,000. If the for the various rural communities question were to be submitted to the which I have visited on lecture tours. male voters now I do not believe that The Colorado women seem to have there would be 30,000 votes against

When asked whether women in Colzens, and the increased respect in orado were anxious to hold office Dr. which they have been held by men for Aylesworth replied that they were althe last fifteen years has given them most too indifferent to office. They a poise and self-confidence which they showed a disposition to seek some of the higher educational offices, notably didn't have before.

"You will find the mental and moral that of state specific mental standards very high in our rural instruction, he said; but in the whole communities. There is one thing that sixteen years that women had been the women of Colorado—both in city voting there had been only nine electand country—seem to have lost end to the state legislature, while two things and that the communities of country clark and that the community and that the community clark and that the community clark and the country clark and the c tirely, and that is sex consciousness, had held the office of county clerk and

"It has become a matter of course children and for the unfortunates."

Fill Their Owner's Purse.

chickens in a two-acre field of alfaifa ing added to the other ingredients.

It happened to be a grasshopper trated combination and should not be given too often. Under no circumbeen destroyed, while on the two acres stances should the corn bread be poorthe poultry had destroyed the grass- ly baked. hoppers. Knowing that the turkeys our next season's crop of alfalfa.

fly to their roost, my husband would was necessary for someone to go out have ceased to be bountiful I whole and cracked grain as they would much prefer to gather their own eat up clean.

"After a week or so it was never neton Aylesworth of Colorado saw re- cessary to drive them out in the mornporters yesterday afternoon at the Na- ing, and seldom necessary to start tional Suffrage headquarters at 505 them back at night. Having found out leaving their perch

Several of the Russian universities he wasn't accustomed to being inter- successful that my husband and I dewe had always believed that turkeys "Why, what will become of woman ate as much as hogs, and for that rea-

> increase from year to year in the alfalfa fields is wonderful . It destroys woman's vote on Colorado?" he was asked.
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> "There really can't be more than the seed crop by eating out a portion of the slender juicy stem supporting the tiny curled seed pod. So great a bors now believe that turkeys are betlegislation has come about as a direct ter than any of these machines, besides having the advantage of being money-

producers. "Turkeys in our section have two enemies. The first is the coyote, which fortunately can be seen at a considerfortunately can be seen at a considerable distance. At the sight of this enemy a flock of turkeys will rise as one bird and fly towards the house. During the time that we have been turkeys I have lost only seven

fror he raids of coyotes. ine other enemy is the disease known as the blackhead. This disease of the turkey through insanitary food or drink. So far as I know there is no cure once the bird becomes infected. As with many other diseases in the poultry yard, one ounce of prevention s worth many pounds of cure. The hest preventive so far as I have been able to judge from my experiences is a strong constitution. Perhaps the best way to supply this strong constitution is to avoid inbreeding.

"For my purpose I prefer the bronze turkey, and I am doing my best which I started out. I have found the to get rid of the white stock bronze better foragers, hardier as young poults, easier to fatten and heavier for the size of the frame.

"I have found turkeys about as easy to raise as chickens, provided one or two simple rules are observed in the care of the young. For the first two weeks I confine my hens in dry, roomy coops so arranged that the young birds

They Kill Grasshoppers and has dried and when it rains. I believe that more young turkeys die from getting wet, either from new or rain, than from any other cause. "After the second week I cut one Kansas Woman's Experience wing of each mother hen and turn her and her poults into a small alfalfa field

With the Thanksgiving Bird near enough to the house to have them driven into their coop should there be on a Farm—Easy to Raise, an appearance of rain. When the she Finds, Provided Certain able to look out for themselves, and Vital Rules Are Carefully can be allowed to follow the hen with the flock. After the third month a turkey is about as healthy as any fowl I have ever raised.

"Perhaps I should also say that if "Last year my crop of turkeys num- any of the poults are not up to the bered 300, with an average weight of mark in health and appearance it is twelve pounds, and sold at an average best to kill them off or at least separpane of 2772 cents a pound," a kansas ate them from the flock until it can be woman in New York told a reporter. "The best food for young poults dur-"It is four years now since I began raising turkeys for profit, and they ing the first week is wheat bread that has been soaked in milk. The first have done so well in supplying me with money, besides adding to the income of the farm by destroying grasshoppers, that I feel almost as if I had struck a gold mine. thought my first trio of turkeys. I eggs and finely-chopped onion, with thought it would be nice to raise our the addition of some red pepper. This own birds for Thanksgiving and pepper should be chopped very fine, Christmas. They ranged along with the which my husband had planted near the house. He threshed fourteen bushels of seed from that little field, and not one bushel from the 200-acre field he avening. It is a very rich and concentration of the control of t I usually give this corn bred evening. It is a very rich and concen-

"When I have it I also roam further than other poultry we determined to deny ourselves at Thanks- chopped eggs. The eggs and cheese take giving and Christmas for the sake of the place of meat, which is as necessary with turkeys as with chickens. From three my flock had increased After the first week I begin to mix a to twenty-three, each of my two tur-key hens having hatched and reared wheat bread, and day by day increase That Is, Out in Colorado, Says ten young poults. The second year, as the ration until the bread drops out soon as the young poults were able to and only the mixed grain remains, for their roost, my husband would "My favorite mixture is cracked

have the flock driven to the alfalfa wheat, hulled oats and cracked corn. fields away from the house in the In the fall when fattening the birds morning. For the first few nights it for market, and after the grasshoppers and turn their heads homeward, where about 10 per cent meat scraps. As long on their arrival we gave them as much as the grasshoppers last the turkeys

"To persons beginning the business I would give the advice that they start on a small scale and learn from experience. In addition to the rules al-Upsala in Sweden and Christiana, in Fifth avenue, and made an honest ef- that their breakfast as well as food for ready given, they should take care to Norway, rank above the six smaller fort to answer every question that was the entire day was to be had in the ferman universities, and the far asked him about the effect of woman alfalfa fields, they proceeded there on wade so that they can be moved from the control of the coops and the far asked him about the effect of woman alfalfa fields, they proceeded there on wade so that they can be moved from the coops and the second "Our experience that year was so place to place, and should never be allowed to shelter two hatchings of eggs when they are not shut up for liber- viewed and that it made bim horribly cided to increase the flock to 100, and on the same spot in the same year. My husband has a succession of cow pens

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forts have been made in other ways to jon every hand, but it has been hard work up interest and give instruction. to arouse the people to these oppor-Notably there is the new state experi- tunities. The Boston show is proment farm in Monmouth, which has nounced the largest and finest of the just been established, and is to be de-kind ever seen in New England, and voted largely to the making of exper- the prominence of Maine it is gratiiments and the giving of object lessons fying to local pride. It all goes to show the possibilities in the rocky acres of

