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OUR RURAL SCHOOLS III

Since beginning our discussion of the rural school problem we have received some correspondence on the subject in which some questions were raised or points made that may usefully be noticed here.

In our first article it should have been made clear just what sort of This may perhaps be best done in the words of Arthur Henry whose article in Munsey's Magazine we there quoted from. After instancing cases which illustrated the influence of manual training as a characterforming factor in education he continues:

"But it is not in the public schools would understand the force of the new philosophy in education, if he looks upon manual training and the kind is the Catholic Protectory at were notorious thieves and were arrested as such, or at the request of toughs, these boys lead as contented and well ordered a life as do boys anywhere. There are neither guards nor watchers over there. They enjoy greater their honor, as a matter of theory, their conduct takes care of itself.'

It is important to take this con-

Association which was addressed on the subject of Consolidated Schools by Dr. Sinclair of the Education Department. County Boards and Consolidated Schools were the burden of his address. With the reported to have said :

"A Consolidated School is the only school that can give as good an education to the county child as the city child gets."

Such a statement is, of course, a it is against making sheer assumption of this sort the basis of the whole plan of reconstruction of rural edu-

trustees:

"A touch and go teacher who works in school only until she can equal to those enjoyed in urban of Sinn Fein. In bringing him to his lights. get a city school is not the best for

We know how necessarily incomand we do not wish to reflect on Dr. Sinclair; perhaps he pointed the Schools and Collegiate Institutes, but to the service rendered by the teacher, though he may be apprecia-

be a "touch and go teacher," but it mously reduced. would be much better for rural schools if farmers had the good salary sufficiently attractive to retain her services. Why should not rural schools pay more than city term, Rural High Schools. We do schools? They get more from the not wish to depreciate Rurai High teacher.

A little beside the subject, perhaps; but just such a teacher is one of the correspondents referred to. Fresh from the country where she did excellent work in an ungraded school she is now at work in a city graded school. population. She is in entire agreement with our contention that the one teachered. ungraded country school shows very marked superiority in results over the graded city school. There is those facilities for secondary educanothing theoretical about her very decided opinion; it is the result of system brings to the doors of the emoluments of office; or the creation school the Catholic Protectory is. actual experience and observation. "Our pupils in graded schools," she writes, "do too little work for themselves; and their vision (if I may so call it) is rigidly restricted to the work of the grade. I am convinced that it is a great advantage in ungraded schools that all the pupils from the lowest class up are being developed-unconsciously if you will -by the lessons taught in the higher among the children of the more -by the lessons taught in the higher reputable classes, that the best grades. They are getting ideas of evidence is to be found. If one geography, of history and even of arithmetic; the reading and literature of the higher grades stir the belief underlying it as an impractical minds and hearts of the lower grade tad, let him visit any reformatory pupils so that they are always the new system is in force. mentally active, always interested, One of the largest institutions of this their ambition to be promoted stim Van Nest, about half an hour's ride ulated. In rural schools the good from New York. Here are some two teacher can and does promote at any thousand boys, committed to this time a pupil able to do the work of a place by the courts, because they higher class. In the graded schoo the brightest and the dullest, the parents who found them incorrigible. laziest and the most studious keep Gathered from the gutters as young step from grade to grade from year to year. In the graded school it seems past of his native land. The school. Appointments to office are made to me, the pupils' minds stagnate liberty than did the dried, and predigested for them. of old fashioned boarding And if the teacher does too much They are not put upon teaching or talking it is still worse. priest's dangers, when the same price rubbish! work is practically built upon it. have the pupils of graded schools the school-master, and the wolf. Government is to "Cut out Patronage boys have a constant and study or work problems independ. The story telling young Seumas con. in Taking the Census." The Civil interesting outlet for their energy, ently of the teacher—but of course ceived and cherished the daring Service Commission are to appoint

unnecessary help." It is not necessary to be by profession a teacher to appreciate the worth and cogency of this teacher's criticism. Based on experience in rural former we are not now concerned; this excellent teacher, as yet unand urban schools the judgment of spoiled by routine, runs directly counter to the gratuitous assumption on which the advocacy of Consolidated Schools is so complacently, not to say fatuously, based.

Should we then rest satisfied with alone? By no means. The better. ment of rural education is a problem whose urgency is not exaggerated by cation that we register an emphatic the advocates of Consolidated Schools. We differ radically with Again Dr. Sinclair tells the rural them as to its solution. That is all.

> That farmers' children are entitled evident proposition. But our whole

respondingly good salary. Though in the matter of the Provincial sub- subject and master of the art of prepoor and that of the other a joy education they had to pay their historic setting. to the farmer's heart, he seems to board in town, and, as a rule, In remaining seated during the being very strong and very vague he characterized him.

established. We shall refer to them his principles. by the simpler and more appropriate Schools. Their establishment was one of the few educationally progresly unfair and unjust to the rural

But as yet Rural High Schools are tion which our urban High School humblest town-dweller.

secondary education the rural population will have those advantages in cities, towns and villages.

High Schools, according to a well. vacant in his constituency is absurd considered plan, will provide many, in the extreme. It is his right and if not all, of the advantages claimed his duty to see that such appointfor Consolidated Schools while obvi. ments are suitable; and if not satisating some decided objections, will be the subject of another article.

SEUMAS MACMANUS OF DONEGAL

As a school boy in Donegal Seumas MacManus eagerly absorbed and re. responsible government that uncounted to the mountain lads, his known and irresponsible persons land and the stories of the heroic of the people's chosen representative. master in Ireland, and especially in in any case, but because the elected more or less; everything is cut and Donegal, shares the reverence given representative of the people has to the priest, for in the dark days nothing to say about them of the Penal Code he shared the "Patronage" is abolished. What If I could regulate matters I would was set on the head of the priest, under her supervision-for at least ambition of one day being himself a all enumerators, and Members of one hour in the forenoon and one Master; an ambition in due time Parliament are to have nothing to do sideration into account; that the hour in the afternoon. We might achieved. The Donegal school. with them. Is the Civil Service Catholic Protectory was known to be then give our poor over taught pupils master, a welcome and honored guest Commission omniscient? Then who a reformatory was assumed in the of graded schools some much-needed at every fireside, found in the tales will advise it? Somebody must training in self-effort and self-reli. and traditions recounted at the fire. do so. As we write the Free Press just to ance; and make them understand side a charm which he sought to lif it is sought to have honest and hand informs us of a meeting of the the joy, if not the educational value, transfer to the written page, and competent enumerators appointed the joy, if not the educational value, transfer to the written page, and competent enumerators appointed of the Elgin County Public School Trustee of overcoming difficulties without after many such had been accepted then why not leave the appointment and paid for he set out for Dublin to in the hands of the local council or hood days to his school-mates in the by Parliament. mountains of Donegal. The ability he had acquired of transferring to begging of the whole question. And things as they are, letting well enough the printed page the spirit and the atmosphere of Irish folk-lore must have brought his story telling art to perfection to exercise over critical lads in the Donegal hills.

> centres is, we may assume, a self- London the Catholic Club were actuated by the desire to hear the

he knows that of two farm-hands sidies to which farmers perforce consenting it he held the closest attended in the days of re-in erpretawith equal opportunity of learning tributed their proportionate share. tion and sympathy of his audience as absent from his conceptions a very Church in honoring Newman. I am to the good people and the delegates and equal experience in farm work If they wished to give their children he presented Ireland's claim of today strong, though a very vague idea of proud that I was able to honor such at the Das Moines or any similar

think that teachers' certificates make additional fees; the county, moreover, National Anthem at the close of the multiplied these spirits and attemptall teachers about equal, all worth sharing the cost of tuition of every lecture Mr. MacManus, we have no ed a rough classification of them into about the same salary. Thus the county pupil. If the city, town and doubt, intended no discourtesy to his good and bad; and, with a rough capable, hard working, ambitious village children, now comprising the audience; but it is just as well that sort of natural logic, but reasoning the Foreign Mission work of the and energetic teacher goes to the city bulk of High School pupils, had, it should be said that his action was erroneously, he sometimes tried Church, and especially in the work where the salary is better, the work like farmers' children, to pay for resented as such with practical una- harder to make friends with the bad so long and successfully carried on easier, opportunities of self improve- board and lodging in addition to nimity. A Canadian in the United spirits than with the good. ment greater, and promotion for the other expenses, the present High States in similar circumstances would deserving certain. Such a one may School attendance would be enor- rise during the playing or singing of shall dare to say to the face of refined periodical called "China," published In recent years, apparently as an any fear that his act of courtesy political and economic leaders of the last year by Father Fraser at after thought in our educational would be interpreted as a denial of year 1920 that their mental attitudes Almonte, Ontario. As its name insense and wise economy to make her system. Continuation Schools were his allegiance or a renunciation of resemble somewhat those of the dicates the purpose of "China" is to

PATRONAGE

from affording farmers' children public servants deserving of pro- human." motion to give place to incompetents who have "political claims" to the of sinecures for like reasons; or the Our solution of the problem of ousting of honest and compstent public rural education is the systematic servants to make room for political extension and development of Rural friends. These things and others High Schools so that in the matter of like them have brought the term Patronage into bad odor and called for correction of the abuse. But to and facilities long accorded to the assume that such correction means more highly favored people who live that that elected representative should have no voice in appoint-That the multiplication of Rural ments to positions which become factory the people whom he represents should hold him responsible. Somebody must advise or inform the Government, for the Government can not know every. body every where. It is altogether out of harmony with the spirit of school-fellows, the folk-lore of Ire. should usurp this right, this duty

And now we read that the Federal

make his way in the great world of some local non partisan body constiletters. His success is well-known, tutedforthepurpose? There are many Perhaps not the least striking rational ways in which the desired phase of that success is the apprecia- object might be attained. The protion by faculties and students of posal to leave the appointment of American secular universities, Young Census enumerators to the Civil Men's Christian Associations and Service Commission savors of pharother clubs and societies, not partic- issical pretence rather than honest ularly interested in Ireland, of the desire for an honest Census, and salf-same stories he told in his boy- we do not believe it will be adopted

> THE BIG MEDICINE OF HUMAN NATURE BY THE OBSERVER

When the North American Indian and unsympathetic audiences the used to put a bit of rabbit fur, a same charm that he had for the Irish | bird's tail feather, a bear's claw, and hair from an enemy's scalp, in a Mr. MacManus is a Sinn Feiner little bag and tie it around his neck. to facilities for Secondary Education and one of the five original founders he made an act of faith according to

That was his medicine bag; and in proportion to the strength of his High School system is purely urban. Sinn Fein case presented with faith in it, was his confidence in his plete a newspaper report must be; (Here we take no account of the understanding and sympathy. The success and safety. One must note technical distinction between High majority of Ireland's elected repre- the difference of terminology. Our sentatives to Parliament have term "medicine" is not the same as moral. It is this; the best teachers use the term High School in the declared for an Irish Republic. This the Indian term. The Indian medi- Blessed Virgin. It originated in of rural schools often go to the city generic sense.) Every city and town is known to the world. The Irish cine meant something which gave Paris during the War, and the aviabecause of the lack of appreciation in Ontario has its High School, and Question on the authority and him the protection of such gods or tors of France have officially placed of their work by rural trustees and many villages are likewise so favored. acknowledgment of the foremost forces beyond his control as his imratepayers. No one knows better, For nearly fifty years the system has British statesmen is the greatest mature and untutored mind conor affirms more emphatically, than been aided in its development with imperial question, the greatest inter-ceived of. The whole thing was an Palais-sur-Mer as the centre of the the farmer the difference in value of heavy subsidies from the Provincial national question confronting the unconscious and unenlightened devotion. service. Of the help he hires he Treasury—to which the farmer con- Empire and the world. The press tribute to the divine. The Indian knows that one man is worth two, tributed dollar for dollar with the has wasted no sympathy on Sinn recognized that there was somewhere three or five times as much as town-dweller. To those farmers in Fein. The Catholic Club thought something superior to himself, some another to whom he has to pay equal the immediate vicinity of the High that free speech and fair play entitled power which he could not control, Franqueville, daughter of Sir with any powers of reflection it must School town or village—say 10%—our them to give the people of London but which, on the contrary, controlled Roundell Palmer, afterwards Lord have stirred up strange thoughts to system of secondary education was an opportunity of hearing the other him; and, according to his lights, he Selborne, Lady Laura Ridding, her find themselves giving voice to the printed asking those available on equal terms. For the side. Seumas MacManus may tried to worship that power, to stand sister, states that in an audience the words: "Faith of our Fathers! Mary's tive of good work, he is extremely vast majority of the farming com have made no conversions to Sinn well with it, and to do the thisgs Earl had had with Pope Leo XIII., prayers shall keep our country fast

the Star Spangled Banner without and somehow-educated social and by the Mission College established North American Indian before he make more widely known the greatbecame a Christian. "What," says ness of the task to which this inde the affronted scholar, statesman, or fatigable missionary has set his hand, author, "compare me to a raggedy, to foster vocations to it, and to con-If people who talk of abolishing smelly, uncultivated Indian!" Well, tribute to the support of the new Patronage would define the term our troubles would commence then, college which is to train young men sive steps taken by Ontario in many we should hear and read much less surely; but if we should go on, and for the arduous life of a foreign misyears. Besides it was a step toward nonsense about the matter. Quite risking all the wrath at once, should sionary. remedying a state of affairs manifest. evidently what many good people say: "Aye, but we must make a mean is the abuse of patronage such distinction: The Indian's concepas the appointment to office for tion was a higher one than yours, political reasons of persons unfit to and had more of the truth in it, for a patch work affair. Their develop- discharge the duties of the office; or he did, dimly, perceive the divine, butions in the past had an honorable ment is hap-hazard. They are far passing over faithful and competent while you see nothing at all but the

Why, then, the cultured university monkeys, would surely fall upon us, if not with hands and feet, at least with the withering scorn of look and waive the monkeys. The mental product of those colleges which have spent the last generation in, as a writer has well put it, " blasting the Rock of Ages" have done a good job according to the plans and specifications they started with; and the scholar," who is the product of those blasting operations, will tell you that, though the monkey theory is probably correct, it doesn't matter whether it is or not : because, now man is the whole question; man is all that matters.

Into the darkened mind of the Indian there still filtered some small idea that he was subject to a higher power; but the cult of human nature to which the non Catholic universities of the day are lending themselves, are turning out graduates who look on man as the be-all and end-all; and worship human nature and human nature alone.

Many amongst them still admit theoretical first cause; but comparatively few amongst them admit that any power outside of human nature has any active part in the affairs of the human race. They still cling to certain principles of conduct; but they refer them to 'common-sense : " to "fair play :" to "good order:" to "brotherhood: to " service;" not to a law, given by a lawgiver, who will reward or of it.

century cultured heathens, and ask him; "What is going to be the upshot of all this unrest, discontent, envy, greed, jealousy, which are the component parts of the present class - struggle ?" "Oh," he says, " human nature is sound at bottom ; common-sense will prevail in the

The Indian was nearer the truth. At least, he distrusted the human nature which impelled him to take another man's scalp and that other to take his. He was miles away from the truth as to what the higher power was ; but he did believe there was one.

But the cult of human nature is the religion of the non-Catholic world today. And never has the human heart given way to grosser and less intelligent superstition than the veneration and worship they give to poor, weak, fallen, human nature.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

tors" is the latest title given to the ard. age, and chosen the church of St.

Dark as was the mind of the un- Newman as "My Cardinal," and added, that in the days of "re-in erprota-

As INDICATIVE of the growing interest among Canadian Catholics in by Father Fraser in China, comes to Now wrath attends the man who us the three initial issues of a little

Father Fraser's name is familiar. share in his labors in China. We feel then that it is necessary only to call their attention to the new period. | the schismatic Old Catholic Church graduate, whose cultured educators | ical to enlist their continued symhave taught him that he is not pathy and support. When it is redescended from Adam and Eve, but called that there are 400,000,000 that his original ancestors were pagans in China, and that, to use the missionary's own words, 33,000 people die there daily unbaptized, enough has been said to fire aposspeech. In vain might we offer to tolic hearts with zeal for their redemption.

> WHILE CANADIAN Anglicans are girding on their armor to do battle in the great "Forward Movement" which is being made so much of in the daily papers, one of their number, the London Times, whereat Dr. Symonds, Vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal, is proclaiming King's Bench and a special jury, his disbelief in the Virgin Birth of and during the course of the action Christ. His utterances on that the eccleciastical career of the subject, it is only fair to say, have made an unpleasant impression upon the older fashioned adherents three children. He had applied to of that body, but, comprehensiveness being the one inalienable characteristic of the Church of England they have to fall back upon the old dictam that "within its communion the Roman Church. there is room enough for all." Disbelief in the most sacred and vital truths of Christianity need be no bar to its communion. Lamentable as this is, it is well that the world should know that it is so.

> To THE editor of the Canadian Churchman, the official organ of the Anglican Church, Dr. Symonds writes a long letter explanatory of his remarks. He entitles it "The Re-Interpretation of Christianity," and notices, published in the press by his it is in effect a re-affirmation of his relatives describe him as being still doctrine as to the Person of Christ. "Archbish It is, in addition, a string of sophistries from beginning to end, the Mathew did not end with his own sting being in the tail. "I do not," exertions. At the present time there of the Virgin Birth as even a live issue." What to the world at large himself, or from one or other of those however is a live issue, is that the consecrated by him. One of these is Canadian Churchman considers the the ventilation of Dr. Symonds' heresies | combines a caricature of Catholicism fit matter for its columns.

"THE WORLD has often persecuted in the Month. the Church for fidelity to her Master's message: never for neglecting it. or vatering it down." This quotation appears in the same issue of the Churchman, and in the light of Dr. Symonds' utterances furnishes food for thought. The Christ Church tion of his Eminence secution of the Catholic Church by of the Jesuits and other religious Eminence has drawn the attention of it not their vindication from the matter. aspersions so freely cast upon them memorial, the Minister of Worship by their enemies. "The world persecutes the Church for fidelity to her Master's message." The Church is "OUR LADY, Protectress of Avia- content to be judged by that stand-

AT THE big Students Missionary Convention held in Des Moines, Iowa, representatives from all the Canadian denominational colleges and universities, "except the Roman Catholic," were present, the "great host" sang In an interesting account recently the old Catholic hymn, "Faith of Our churches had already issued a maniloath to retain good service by cormunity the only equality enjoyed was Fein; but absolute master of his which he supposed would please it. the Holy Father referred to Cardinal to thee." The truth is, however, proper quarters. Special collections

the service of one is exasperatingly the advantages of a High School in a comprehensive and graphic a directing power outside of and a man"—"that most illustrious, wise convention were just as liable to above human nature. The idea and good man," as Pius X. later sing: "God bless our Pope; Long may he reign," it the air caught their fancy.

INTERESTING ITEMS

FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD

Catholic News Service

THE END OF AN ERRATIC CAREER

London :- The death of Dr. Arnold Harris Mathew, who claimed to be Archbishop of the Old Catholics in England," brings to an end an extra ordinary religious personality. In addition to his ecclesiastical claims, Dr. Mathew also claimed to be the de juro Earl of Llandaff-a claim

that was never recognized. Dr. Mathew who was born in France of a British military family, was educated at Bonn and Stuttgart, and later studied theology at St. Peter's College in Glasgow. he was ordained to the priesthood TOREADERS of the CATHOLIC RECORD in the Catholic Church, and was appointed to the charge of missions in various parts of England

In 1889, so he said, he felt doubte about the doctrine of papal Infallib lity, and accordingly retired from clerical life. But in 1907 he joined in Holland, and the following year was consecrated a Bishon of sect by the Old Catholic Archbishop of Utrecht.

Dr. Mathew proceeded to set up the Old Catholic Church in the British Isles, and with that intent he, in 1910 consecrated to the episcopate two Roman Catholic priests of whom it must be said that they were not in good standing in the Catholic Church. The incident was notorious, and action was taken at Rome, resulting in a Bull of excommunication being published, paming Dr. Nathew and his two companions

by name. The Papal Bull was published, in against that newspaper. The case was tried before a Justice of pseudo bishop was considerably aired. Dr. Mathew stated that he had married in 1892, and had had the Holy Office for a dispensation to regularise this marriage, which was refused, as also were the other conditions on which he might have been received back into communion with

The result of the libel action was that Dr. Mathew lost his case against the Times, the jury holding that the publication of a Papal Bull-even of personal excommunication-was in no sense forbidden by English law. Moreover, the jury found that the terms of the Papal Bull were true in substance, and that they were not malicious.

In December 1915 Dr. Mathew wrote to Cardinal Merry del Val offering his unconditional Archbishop of the Old Catholics in

The schism originated by Dr. are some five or six persons who have received an irregular episcopal consecration either from Dr. Mathew with the advanced tenets of Theosophy, the activities of which have een exposed by the Jesuit Fathers

INDECENT MOVING PICTURES

Warsaw :- The importation of objectionable moving picture films into Poland, which is a commercial enterprise on the part of one or two money making concerns from outside, has occupied the serious atten Cathedral rector is quite evidently an Kakowski, Archbishop of Warsaw, adept in "watering it down." But who sees in the event a menace to apply the saying quoted to the per. public morality. The demoralizing effects of these flims have been brought to the Cardinal's attention Governments, and to the expulsion from all parts of the country, and his orders from various countries, and is the Minister of Worship to the

In replying to the Cardinal's regrets that the thing should have been allowed to happen, and he states that the matter has been given into the charge of the Minister of the Interior, who will take drastic action to prevent indecent and immoral films being shown in the country.

SAVE THE CHILDREN LEAGUE London :- The Pope's appeal on behalf of the suffering children of Central Europe met with a generous response on Holy Iunocents Day throughout the British Isles. Protestant Archbishops and heads of the other non-Catholic festo, in which they associated them selves with the benevolent efforts

inaugurated by the Holy Father. In the newspapers appeals were attend church to send in their donations to any church or society that