reformed.

Subitantial rewards,

cholarships, and the highest prizes

are held out to all, irrespective of class or creed Secular education

means worldly prosperity. Everything is done to make its steep

path easy and agreeable. Anoth-

er and more suble influence at

work is the spirit of doubt and

abelief. The shallow knowledge

of science and philosophy which is

ow popularised awakens this

spirit; and there is a propaganda

of rationalism in the cheap press

designedly founded to destroy all

belief in the supernatural, far more

ex'ensive and pervasive than peo-

ple generally imagine. Then, active-

y playing on the passions, are the

pleasures, excitements, and worldly

attractions, that are only too well

Forgiving smiles dispel the accusing

astrav The entrance, woe ; the joyous exit weal : Just room enough to pray, repent and

kneel

God's ministers, with mind and soul nities of Christian Doctrine. St. and voice.

In kindly words, vouchsafe a healing

The tempest-tossed heavenly calm And the tear-wet eyes are

It is a wayside shrine, where those established in no less than fifteen who wait

Within its shadows life begins anew Distasteful grow the follies that allured ;

heavenly gate.

The truly penitent depart assured Of high-born thoughts that last life time through.

The earthly symbol of the gate, o heaven: Kneel, pray, repent. Pass on. Thou art forgiven.

Cardinal Vaughan's Letter on Religious Training of Children.

impulse. At his death the workers in his Confraternities exceeded 5,000. AN IMPORTANT LETTER by His lay and cleric, with 740 different Eminerce Cardinal Vaughan on the centres-and this for a population religious training of children was not three times the present Catholic read in the churches of the archdiopopulation in London. In 1571 St. cese of Westminster on a recent Sun-Pins V. ordered Confraternities of day. His Eminence says: "Great Christian Doctrine to be established educational changes are taking place. in every diocese throughout Chris-Stimulated by the fear of losing her tendom, and a few days later the commercial supremacy, by a desire Basilica of St. Peter's, in Rome, beto increase the wealth and comfort came the seat of the Archconfraterof her sons, and perhaps by nobler nity, to which all Confraternities of aims, England is about to make a the kind are now affiliated. To this large expenditure along the whole day it is a striking sight in Rome to path of education. The hand of the see and hear the children assmbled State is extended to grasp and con- in groups or classes, every Sunday trol in all its branches, from the in St. Peter's, going through their elementary school to the University lessons in Christian Doctrine. These A competition, keen and real, if Confraternities exist in England. somewhat veiled, has been set up In the First Provincial Council of against the influence of Christianity. Westminster a decree, drawn up by The State claims the right to instruct, Cardinal Wiseman, ordained that the mould, direct, and influence the first two Confraternities to be estabgrowing youth of the country, with lished in the missions should always be the Confraternity of the Blessed the nation. Christianity also claims Sacrament and the Confraternity of to exercise a paramount influence, Christian Doctrine. This decree as being slone capable of leading has been partially, though not wholly men safely through this life, into a carried out, though in many parts life of happiness that shall be eternal. of England there are flourishing The recent Education Act excludes Confraternities of Christian Doctrine the presence of every minister of re- that meet every Sunday of the year. ligion and the teaching of every form We ourselves were employed over of definite Christianity from all forty years ago, when living as an schools provided out of public funds. Oblate of St. Charles, under the It transfers from all voluntary authority of Dr. Manning, in Baysschools to the State the whole of the water, to establish the Confraternity secular control, leaving to religion, of Christian Doutrine in St. Mary's, at least for the present, a certain and it continues to prosper and renlimited freedom, which the Opposider excellent service to religion to tion is still bent on destroying. this day-large numbers of the flock Thus competition between the world taking part in teaching and training and the Church, to control the form the children. It was the intention of our venerable and holy predecesation of the young, has become visibly and sensibly accentuated in all sor, as we heard more than once directions. The question before us is directly from his own lips, to order this: Given the present condition the establishment of this Confraterof the law, will Christianity continue nity in every mission of the diocese; powerfully to influence the young but illness, and finally death, hinand to form their character? or will dered his accomplishment of this the continually increasing control of project. the world in the sphere of education dominate and prevail, to the ultimate THE PAST CUSTOMS.-We must destruction of revealed religion as a ow beg your special attention to vital factor in public and private

the following considerations:-

The task of attaching children to

their religion, so as to make religion

a living force on their after life, is

far more difficult now than it was

300 years ago, when a greater sim-

plicity of life prevailed, quieter

homes, and less of that spirit of

independence which has now invad-

ed every family. It is far more

i fficult than it was even forty years

ago. The increase of difficulty

changes that are taking place. The

State has become schoolmaster, and

wields supreme authority. Old

methods of teaching are banished or

others strong.

small and weak.

does not feed.

of food, but because the food

and gives the child growing

Whatever the cause of weak

Scott's Emulsion really feeds

ises out of the great educational

DUTIES OF PARENTS. -Proceeding to deal with "the Honor and Responsibility of Parents," His Eminence says: "In the early centuries of the Church the work of training and catechising children devolved entirely upon the parents, who carefully explained to them what they had heard in the Church from the lips of the priest. And many of the great Fathers speak with enthusiasm of the instruction they had received in this way.

life? The answer to this, so far as

the Catholic Church is concerned.

depends upon the parents and the

priests. You will see further on in

this letter a fuller expression of our

meaning.

In a period succeeding the early centuries, children were taught reli gion chiefly by the priests and by members of religious orders. But on merging from the Middle Ages into the modern period the Church found berself in the presence of new conditions, created partly by schism and heresy, partly by the new learring, parily by the carelessness of the clergy, partly thy the discovery of the art of printing, and by the growth of population. She braced herself to her task by convoking a General Council, which, among other salutary decrees, ordained that the clergy should teach Holy Scripture and Christian Doctrine, not only on Sundays and holydays, but during Advent, and at least three days a week during Lent, whilst on Sundays and holydays the children in every parish were to be taught the strength. adiments of the Faith, and obedience to God and to their parents! ness and failure to grow-thus indicating that the resolt to be Scott's Emulsion seems to find met was one against authority, both it and set the matter right. human and Divine. St. Charles Borromeo took an important part in

forwarding the execution of this dea interest himself in this was by the practical experience he had gained in the diocess of Milan; But it was not only a catechism that was needed; a complete change of eystem was required. The instruction and formation of the young was no longer to be confined to the care of the clergy. They were to bring in the help and the moral influence of the laity. Hence the foundation and the rapid spread of Confrater-Charles is sometimes spoken of as the first founder of these confraternities. But this is not correct. On sending his Vicar-General on before him to Milan, at the beginning of his episcopate, he found confraternities of Christian Doctrine already well different centres in the city. A

calculated to carry away unsuspect ng youth into the deep but tem estuous current of worldliness and inblief. The question therefore arises. Can we do anything to strengthen the hold of religion on he young? The world has no Gain faith and guidance toward the priest, Castellino da Castello, had right to an exclusive influence. Car begun the good work one or two we improve our methods of instruc years before even the birth of St. ion? The educational State has no monopoly for the improvement teries; that is, in 1836, or 1837. of methods. To put it briefly we must tollow the lead of the School for children, or Confraternity Church, and strengthen our moral of Christian Doctrine, of which we hold and influence on the young, by have record. By 1560 Confraternities of Christian Doctrine, comclosely associating the leity with the clergy in their religious training. posed of clergy and laity, were producing excellent results in Rome-It must be borne in upon the child en from all sides that it is not the laity, it is said, throwing themmerely- the clergy-as a profession selves into the work with surprising apart—but the parents and the whole people, that are interested in zeal and enthusiasm. It was not till 1566 that St. Charles reorganized their religious training and instruc the Confraternity in Milan. But he tion. This was the system of St then gave to it a new and extensive Charles, of St. Pius V, of Benedic XIV, and it has become the system f the modern Church. It is little o our oredit, if we have not sufficiently stirred ourselves in England n this matter. It will be to the grievous loss of future generations we remain indifferent, while the pfluence of secular education is be coming everywhere more dominant And now as to an improvement in our methods, so as to keep abreast

> of the educational advance. DEFECT IN METHODS .- The followng would seem to be the two defects in our method which tell most heavily against the influence that religion ught to have upon the young:-I. First, Catechism and Religion are too much identified in the minds of children with ordinary school work. The teaching of religion is conduct- us in the flesh." The Cardinal then ed in the school-room and by the or- enters into a detailed and most interdinary school teachers. The parents, esting exposition of catechetical mebetter class of the people has no concern in it. It is not treated as an evenue to success in this world: it task, which many are able to escape ues: altogether. Is it surprising, then, that the subject of religion is not always popular? 2. nothing can be so dry and abstract as the Catechism, dealing as it does, in necessarily condensed and concise form, with the whole course of theology. It addresses the reason, and makes little appeal to the heart and affections. The wholesome doctrine of self-denal is there, but the attractive personal sweetness and love of Our Lord need development.

SUGGESTED REMEDIES .- I. uggest the following way of dealing with the first defect. But let us say at the outset there can be no queston of dispensing with the service of he day school. They lay necessary and sound foundations. It is simply question of supplementing their work. The Synods ordain that the clergy must visit the school and teach he children religion This is done. In the Catholic elementary State chools of Germany the priest spends from ten to sixteen hours a week eaching Catechism, Bible and Church istory, and the Liturgy, to the differ ent classes. Once a year the child en are examined by the chief inspec or and the clergy, in the presence of he parents, who are especially invited to attend, and to express their approval or otherwise of the children's progress. Our own Synods ordain omething more than a to of the priest to the school. They say that Confraternities of Christian Doctrine are to be established, which means hat the laity are to take part in the raining of the children, and then the priest is to give a well prepared and enteresting instruction or exhortation ipon that part of the Catechism which has been learnt. This is to take Every farmer knows that place every Sunday, and in the church some plants grow better than itself. St. Charles' Confraternities others. Soil may be the same always assembled in the church itself and seed may seem the same No words can be stronger than those but some plants are weak and of the late Bishop Dunpanloup on the importance, on the absolute neces-And that's the way with sity as he thought, of securing a relichildren. They are like young gious place-altogether apart from plants. Same food, same home. school associations in which to assame care but some grow big semble and teach the children their and strong while others stay religion. He would give them for this a chapel of their own; where this Scott's Emulsion offers an cannot be he would enclose them in easy way out of the difficulty. the sanctuary itself, or curtain off Child weakness often means part of the sacristy or some other starvation, not because of lack large room into a temporary chapel.

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with the education to be given. If such be the legitimate demands of ecular education, who can say that eligious education shall be treated with less reverence and consideration? t therefore becomes a question of what is possible—of what the priest can devise in each mission-not indeed to deminish the religious instruction and the good influence of our excellent school teachers, but to increase the children's love and esteem for religion by making them feel that it is not merely a matter of school routine, but that religion has its own bright sphere of joys and interests quite apart from school work, satisfyng their affections and putting them uto personal communication with our dear Lord and all that is good and holy. II. Next, the Catechism may be dry, but it is not to be under valued. It is, for its bulk, the most comprehensive, the most profound, the most logical, the most valuable book in the English language. It is the compedium of the whole revelation of God. It is the people's "Summa" and, like the "Summa Theologica" of St. Thomas, it is dry light; concise, abstract, and addressed to the reason. It needs a commentator to develop its life and full meaning. Until the history of God's personal dealings with man is read into every page of the Catechism, it will remain the dry, abstract analysis that it is. Oace illuminate it with the stirring, concrete, historical lives of God and man, and

the dry bones live and move among

prints, pictures and music should be

used, and mentioning incidents from ecclesiastical history showing their takes up time, and is an additional value. His Eminence then contin-FIRST COMMUNION .- " One of the best ways to make a lasting impression upon souls is to take time and great pains in preparing them for their First Communion. During the last two years we have conferred with the clergy on this subject; and in the last Synod an instruction on the 'Method of preparing the children' was published. So that this subject is not one now sprung upon the clergy for the first time. Nor is it altogether new to the laity, for the Ladies of Charity have been informed of it, and they have already received lectures on the art of catechising. According to the arranged plan, the First Communion day is to become a great religious festival throughout the whole diocese. It will take place on Sunday within the cctave of Corpus Christi. The course of preparation will begin in Lent. Everything is to be done during the time of preparation to make a lifelong impression upon the children, and to attach them to their religion, by carrying out the system already spoken of in this letter. The clergy are to enlist the co-operation of a number of the laity in each mission, who, under the direction of the priest, will form a body of workers to

be employed partly in teaching, and partly in otherwise interesting training, and helping the children who are to make their First Communion. The moral and personal influence of a number of leading members of the flock, in addition to that of the clergy, will thus be brought to bear upon the children during this important period of their life-their preparation for First Communion. We do not enter into further details in this letter, which is already too long. But we refer you

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