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helped to emerge from the state of ignorance. Our ears are opened, and our speech is given to us to use in thanking our parents for the care taken of us, and praising them for their good work. We should for their good work. We should look upon our fathers and mothers as the absolute rulers of our physical life, at least, in this world. God helps them from on high, and gives them, as He gave the power to bring us into the world, strength to continue the noble work in rearing us. We must be deaf to every voice in contradiction to our parents, and every word we speak ould be in accordance with their wishes. Of course, we are speaking now of God-fearing parents, not of neglectful fathers and mothers, though even they must be obeyed and submitted to by their

But this absolute deafness and dumbness is overcome as we grow in years. As our reasoning powers increase in intensity and clearness, we begin to speak for ourselves, and to hear rationally. We rejoice at the fact of this physical progress taking place within us, and at the development of our mental powers. In other words, maturity brings with it many joys.

But do we develop equally as well religiously? Is our blindness gradually overcome, until we have a clear vision of our religion through knowledge and faith? Are we ready to listen to those in authority or those who are in a position to teach us? Growth in religion does not come of necessity, as does progress in the physical and mental part of us. Religion refers to the noblest part, and requires the exercise of the noblest of our faculties. The will is the great motive power behind religion. Now, we can use our will as we please and though it is true. we please, and though it is true that we are inclined to goodness, we also have strong tendencies to wickedness. Are we earnest mem-bers of the school of religion? Certainly God demands us to be.

Oh, how great is the number of those who have never seen religiously, nor heard religiously! They are still spiritually deaf and dumb. Do they not more than half fill the world? And is not their blindness and dumbness a cause of the same defects continuing in others? The world in the last few centuries has exalted education. No one will blame it for setting knowledge on a pedestal, but it is a fact that it has made education the god of all. Religion has not played the part it should in this recent enthusiasm. What is education without religion? And what is education with a false religion?

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"The stage is one of the most undertake the Church must undertake the Church Of the one, we have examples unnumbered; and of illustrations of the other, there are scores. The world, it is true, often gives both of its best gifts—though worldly, of course. Their spiritual eyes never see, and their spiritual ears never hear. The greatest lights of the world, who at first were only educated, but who afterwards also saw and heard spiritually in the true sense, admit that the happiest true sense, admit that the happiest and most consoling days of their lives were lived after they had received this new sight and hearing. Such was the conviction of St. Augustine, one of the greatest geniuses of the older centuries; and the same may be said of Cardinal Newman, one of the brightest minds of recent years.

religion, or of no religion whatever Rites, and, at the recommendation—nay, even those who deny God an of the Congregation, finally issued

FIVE MINUTE SERMON tive of Christ in the world today is the safeguarding of the purity of human conduct, wherever con

It is a commonplace that the sanctity of the home means the permanence of the nation. History points out most vividly the truth of this fact. The pathway of the centuries is marked with national failures because family life weakened and Christian morals, the safeguard of the Christian home, were not held in rev-

It is the sanctity of the home which America must guard today. During the past unhappy years when the world was torn and distracted, ripe occasion was given to agitators to palm off their wares on the people. The conscience of mankind had been wounded and the skilful demagogue was at work altar. Thirty years after his death doing his best for the success of he was declared Blessed by Pope

his enterprise. It was a time when these men and women, so-called sociologists, could speak with impunity and they were alert to the opportunity presented. We have had the spectacle of radicals preaching false and sub-versive doctrines and the people generally decried against them. Measures, sometimes very stern, were invoked to safeguard order.

But meantime, the "sociologists" were hard at work. They were teaching that procedure heretofore teaching that procedure heretotore considered not only impractical but positively perversive was legitimate and praiseworthy. From public platforms they were speaking of free love and the utility of divorce. They hesitated not to advocate the economic independence of husband and wife. These with scores of malicious principles with scores of malicious principles were dinned into our ears.

The people were quick to see the danger in radical teachings regarding government and fortunately so. But what of the perils that lie in the principles of the "scientific sociologist" so-called? If his voice is to be heeded, divorce is good and useful what was always principal life at its source. good and useful, what was always considered sinful becomes but a constitutional or inherited weak-ness and is excusable on that score and so on. Meantime, family life is undermined, respect for parental authority is lessened, false inde-pendence is sanctioned and even

us not forget that that era will never come until the family is made impregnable from the darts of the scientific sociologist, and family life strengthened by every safeguard that men can place about it. A nation's strength lies in its

## THE PRINCE OF MORALISTS

St. Augustine, one of the greatest geniuses of the older centuries; and the same may be said of Cardinal Newman, one of the brightest minds of recent years.

People are blinded today by the glare of these so-called educated individuals. Is it not true that a highly educated man is almost deified by the world, no matter what he thinks of God? Have you not seen thousands of such instances during your lifetime? Do you not see as many today? In our everyday literature are we not extolling men of distorted ideas of religion, or of no religion whatever religion, or of no religion whatever—nay, even those who deny God an existence? The same is true in the financial world. The money giant is the hero. He is honored, he is looked up to, he is sought after. But has he a religion? How few stop to consider. He is famous; that fact seems to suffice. He may remain forever spiritually blind and deaf, but he always will have his coterie of admirers—people no better than himself. The blind still lead the blind.

But why is it that so many remain forever deaf and dumb and blind as regards religion? It is because they do not apply to the right source to overcome these defects. It was the same with the epith of deaf and dumb. The representa-

labored by preaching and writing up to his eighteeth year with rare success. In the fields of polemics, asceticism, theology and especially moral theology, he combated error and spread the sweet odor of Christ. He was the untiring champion of the glories of Mary, of the devotion of the Blessed Sacrament, of the primacy of the Roman Pontiffs and the infallibility of their definitions, infallibility of their definitions, and above all he did heroic service in behalf of the Sacrament of Penance; all this he accomplished in spite of the arduous duties involved in the founding and direction of the Congregation of Most Holy Redeemer and in the administration of the diocese over

which he was set as Bishop.

His holiness of life was no less fact that is attested by the rapidity with which he was raised to the doing his best for the success of his enterprise. It was a time when these men and women, so-called sociologists, could speak with impunity and they were alert to the opportunity presented.

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Truly, the child of today is the parent of tomorrow and the cities the parent of the parent by alty to Christ, His doctrine and His Sacraments which the last-named Doctor of the Church taught so effectively by word, writing and example throughout his long and fruitful life.—America.

## DRAMATIZED DIVORCE

The Rev. Charles Carver, Episcopal clergyman of New Haven, Connecticut, has turned to the stage in order to act the leading role in a may easily exist together with the play entitled "The Divorce Question." He explains his position by preme earthly power is no guarantee.

carry out is to plant in the public alone a passport to a heaven that must be gained through the correct divorce system which is making exercise of a fallible will. In other world and which is poisoning our national life at its source. My belief is that if our parents are not to have control of our moral instruc-tion and teach our children that marriage is a Sacrament and not a contract or a thing to be terminated at individual caprice, then the Church must undertake the

owerful allies that the Church can have in promoting Christian teaching on this vital subject."
Whatever one might say about themethods of this clergyman, one cannot but admire the efforts he is

it. A nation's strength lies in its adherence to Christian ideals. And it is weakened just in the proportion that it forgets, or ignores Christian morality.—The are counties in five different sections where this national evil is sections where this national evil is putting forth to lessen a great American evil. Thirty-two States so common that there were actually more divorces than marriages in the period going back to 1916. Here in California the rate is about 230 for each 100,000 of the population, and this means that ten out of every fifty-five marriages in this State result in legal separation, and the State ranks eighth in an

was unenviable list. From a Catholic point of view the divorce question is not going to be solved by problem plays and moving pictures. Nor can legislation ever bring it about that this evil will be absolutely abated in these United States. Influences to rouse the conscience and stimulate the moral sense of the Nation may desembling but the final solution. do something, but the final solution must be found in the proper under-standing of the teaching of Christ on the subject of marriage.

known, is seen, yet by how many is he despised! And for what cause? high purpose of the Council to standard the prescriptions of civil law alone, divorce will be taken

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

TRUE EDUCATION

"He hath made both the deaf to hear and the dumb tos, eak." (Mark vii. 37)

We are all born deaf and dumb as regards religion. Even after we have been purified from our original stain by the waters of Baptism, we are not conscious of the incipient state of grace within us. We are under its influence, but altogether unconscious of it. We are saved from physical dangers by the vigilant care of parents; we are safeguarded, as regards our soul, by the habit of grace infused at Baptism. We are deaf and dumb to both until we reach the age of reason. Then we gradually learn how we were helped to emerge from the state of ignorance. Our evers are not yeignorance. Our ears are opened, such season of the council to make them, dealed and mocked and falsely accused? Search for the what hated and mocked and falsely accused? Search for the whose hated and mocked and falsely accused? Why was Christ hated and mocked and falsely accused? Search for the reason, not in the person of the Supreme Pontiff is clear from the epoputation for learning from the seputation for learning from the seputation for learning from the suprum for the surpum hated both and have healed ther infirmities—especially their spiritual ones. Let the Pharises of today come to the great school of Christ on earth, and their eyes within us. We are under its influence, but altogether unconscious of it. We are saved from physical dangers by the vigilant care of parents; we are safeguarded, as regards our soul, by the habit of grace infused at Baptism. We are deaf and dumb to both until we reach the age of reason. Then we gradually learn how we were helped to emerge from the state of its Supreme Pontiff is clear from the seputation for learning from the seputation for the suprum hat the demoral strain the demoral serious. He has been compared with St. Anselm for his knowledge of the Blessed Virgin, with St. Bonaventure for the Blessed Sacrament; and when the Blessed Sacrament; and when the past and is responsible for the noblest and best elements in

present-day social life. There is no divorce question for

## TWENTY YEARS AHEAD

It is said that someone once asked Napoleon when a child's education should begin. The Emperor should begin. The Emperor answered: "Twenty years before remarkable than the profundity its birth with the education of the and exactness of his learning, a mother;" and it may be added, of the father. There is considerable wisdom in this paradox, since it places squarely upon the parents the responsibility of properly rear-

of the future, as well as one of the faithful upon whom the Church must depend as objects of her min-istrations. The more thoroughly the child is equipped today the better chance will his offspring have tomorrow to succeed on the field of life and to work out his eternal destiny with unending happiness as the certain reward.

After all, the chief requisite for final success in a rational creature is the attainment of his end as a moral being. Wealth or position ee of obedience to the moral law. Neither is intellectual achievement words, all earthly accomplishments and acquisitions may flourish and thrive in a soul that is headed for the bottomless abyss, while infantile simplicity may lead directly to the portals of bliss.

Hence it is that Napoleon's rework will never be applied to pressure the control of the portals.

mark well may be applied to present-day methods of education.

Both for his own sake, as well as for that of Church and State, a so to speak, give the initial impulse that is to place this indefinite being in the realm of existence. It means that the child has the right not only to be born but to be well born. This can take place only if the cause—the parents—is properly prepared.

Here we have an added argument for the efficacy and necessity of Catholic training for Catholic children. Just as our faith directs us to heaven along lines not usually followed by the majority of men, so must the preparation for the so must the preparation for the successful practice of that faith be along special lines. Morality may be learned from the natural law: Christian morality is imbibed only at the font of religion. That means that the Catholic child will reach his full moral development chiefly through the medium of the Catholic school.—Catholic Bulletin.

## EXTREMES IN FASHIONS

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dition of materialistic thought that are dangerous both to the salvation of the individual and to the pernanence of society.

Father Scott, S. J., in a thoughtful article on this subject makes some very pertinent observations which parents should take to heart and ponder. "The Catholic Church," he says, "realizing the vital necessity of safe-guarding virtue has always taken a firm stand against always taken a firm stand against lascivious dress. But with the spread of irreligion among the nations, the voice of the Church has not been heeded outside her own children with the result that fashion has gone mad. Paganism with the added lure of modern devices is rampant.

Speaking of young women who fail to appreciate the dangers of extreme modern dress, he says: "Mothers have had experience with the pitfalls of life. They know that with every precaution there is nevertheless constant danger for their daughter. Yet they allow those dear to them to risk their worldly happiness and their im-mortal souls for the state of fosbion? fashion.

Our Holy Father has often insisted on this very point. Addressing associations of Catholic women His Holiness has insisted that they avoid those extremes of fashior that endanger their eternal s lva-tion. The Pope's warning has been widely heeded and Catholic women have given a splendid example.

Parents should guide and direct their daughters in this matter Extremes are dangerous in every thing in life. Modesty, that charm-ing virtue that attracts us to Mary Immaculate so lovingly, is the key to character. Catholics must lead in establishing this virtue, firmly promulgating sanity in this direction.—The Pilot.

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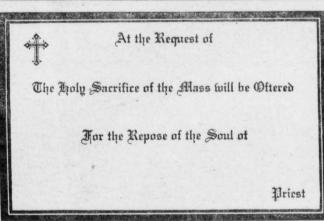


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