the children. "Out of my way, ye to Donnelly. His rich brogue fell as music on the ears of at least one listener "Mulcahy!" shouted McG shouted McGrath,

McGrath shuddered and fell into step with Mulcahy, swinging one of the frightened youngsters into his arms as he did so. He had not seen Mike Mulcahy since he had left Cleveland—and the years had been many since they had been classmates at the parachial school. He almost at the parochial school. He almost forgot his errand, so absorbed were they in conversation and reminis-cences, until a remark of Mulcahy's

cating the corly-headed boy who slept on his generous shoulder.

"By George!" McGrath stopped short. "Say Mike, let me have these kids this evening, will you?" And he outlined the plan which he, Donneily and Schneider had conceived for a real Christmas. His description of the wonders in the bachelor apartment caused Mike's eyes to glisten.

"Ye have thim," he said, "I'll call up the station and fix it for ye on wan condition—and wan only. I'm off duty at six, and it's playing cards I meant to be this evening down at John Czorgolz's shack—but a dinner loike that, and a Christmas tree, ars a sore temptation. After I call around at St. Leo's for confession, have I your permission to join your feativities? Mind now! Nary a young un de ye get if ye say no!"

"I hope so! Excuse me, I mean—Do you suppose you ceuld, Miss Manners? Thank you," he stammered relievedly, as she shifted the baby to her lap and comforted him with a little round mirror that produced itself magically from the depths of her handbag.

Mac had always liked Miss Man-ers. Now he adored her. Had he'd have proposed on the spot. The car stopped at a busy corner, and in the exadus that ensued he managed to move himself and his two charges across the aisle where the could confidentially explain things to this heaven sent, understanding weman. She listened, wide-eyed. She exclaimed, "How layely "at just the right places." listeneo, "How lovely!" at just the right places. And she, too, was enthusiastic. But when he mentioned the dinner she ooked doubtfully at the children.

a—a bath," she suggested.

His face fell. "Er—I—I suppose bey should," he agreed. "Maybe he janitor's wife—"She disposed.

She dismissed the idea with a wave of her hand.
"You don't know a thing about mives," she said. "Do

Can you come? Oh,

get sleepy before the circus? Where—?" He broke off to stare at

We are old friends," she said. "but we have not met for many years. How are you, Frank?" Mac looked at the face of the

these kids, and it's meself will talk as leg off ye. Their mither, poor sowl, had an overdose of bootleg took Miss Manners home. Once in gin, and she'll drink no more," and he motioned over his shoulder to the ambulance attendants who were already bearing a still, sheet-covered form on a stretcher to the waiting vehicle.

McGrath shuddered and fell into

She met his gaze bravely.
"I will, Frank," she said. "Oh,

August Schneider.

"Next year," he ventured with assurance, "we'll all go to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donnelly and have another old-fashioned Christmas. Boy howdy. Old Frank looked like a thunder-cloud when I kissed her under the mistletoe."

August ate another red-sugared rabbit cookie.
"Ach!" he sighed soulfully "Ach!" he sighed soulfully,
"What a Christmas!"

## A CURE FOR UNHAPPY

DIVORCE

Modern reformers have a very interesting pastime which consists mainly of pushing man down an abyss in order to pull him out. The fact that it is far easier to shove a man over a precipice than it is to draw him back does not deter them from the pleasure of the pastime; nor does the fact that a man pushed down an abyss may break his neck or fall so far that he is beyond recovery. The Prohibitionists, for example, have sub-hibitionists, for example, have sub-Mae was a trifle embarrassed when he left his genial friend and boarded the ear with his charges. The two older girls, ragged, dirty and unkempt, held themselves rehelicusly also. The four-year-oldeurly-head, who had wakened in the change of carriers, alternately sucked a grimy thumb and howled lustily. A group of giddy girls giggled openly at Mae's apparance. A fat woman near him saiffed audibly and remarked to her pudgy escert:

"I should think he'd know enough to get the kids cleaned up before he took 'em out."

Mae stared at her icily, but she returned his stare and worsted him. He could feel the slow red rising He could feel the slow red rising cover his face and ears in a scorehing tide. Then Jane Monners came to his rescue. In his perturbation he had not even noticed that the quiet, well-dressed woman who sat in the scat just across the aisle was a fellow-worker from his office.

"Won't you let me hold the baby, Mr. McGrath?" she asked, sweetly.
"Perhaps I can keep him quict."

"I hope so! Excuse me. I mean of large families. But, by far, the quite as fanatical in their advocacy of large families. But, by far, the best example of this tragic sport is given in the reformers' method with divorce.

A few years ago, these reformers A few years ago, these reformers were advocating divorce as a cure for unhappy marriage. Today, these same reformers are advocating marriage as a cure for unhappy divorce to sanction lust. If marriage is for the raising of children and for the creation of Mae had always liked Miss Man-rs. Now he adored her. Had been ten years nearer her age, 'd have proposed on the spot." In the spot of the

ends with the following passages in the best pulpit manner:
"I am well assured that

marriage is not merely an affair for the individual. Both Church and State do well to concern themselves with it. But let them do so at the right end-that is to say, at the

beginning.
"To fail in marriage is a great and tragic failure—tragic for the married partner, even more tragic for their children. Everyone should be taught to think of marriage paritors' wives," she said. "Do you mind if I come to your party and help you out? I'm not a bit afraid of Mrs. Grundy—and there'll be Mrs.—er—Rosetti, did you say?"
"Would you? Say, Miss Manners, you're a peach! Of course we need a hostess. Who ever heard of an old-fashioned Christmas withmat of an old-fashioned Christmas withmat cape?"

Can you come? On this day to think of marriage as a high and sacred responsibility. Both Church and State—but especially the Church—should regard it as a grave indictment against themselves that any of their members should marry without knowing what they are about.

"Ignorance and levity should be made impossible, so far as any

"Ignorance and levity should be made impossible, so far as any teaching or moral authority can make ced at the apartment. Donnelly met Mac and his party at the door.
"You're late." he graveled to admit failure lightly or quickly.

Every effort should be made to create a deep separation. "You're late," he grumbled. to induce those who have failed, to try whether success be not yet possible.

Where—?" He broke off to stare at the woman who advanced behind Mac into the lamplight. He gazed at her long and unbelievingly and she returned his gaze with equal perturbation and amazement.
"Jane!" he exclaimed.
"Mac, who had deposited the curly-head on the nearest chair, returned to perform the introduction.

"But so long as either Church or State bases its laws upon a fiction, as long as their morality leans upon a dishonest but absolutely rigid pretense—so long will they shirk the harder but truer duty of inculcating so high an ideal of marriage, so deep a sense of mutual and racial responsibility, that both separation and divorce will at last become as rare as they are always "But so long as either Church

of the Best Style. Some soar on wings of noble sentiment. Others tramp out stalwartly with a hardi-

There is very little writing so pernicious as hollow idealism like this. The modern world, it is customary to believe, suffers from materialism, but it must not be forgotten that it suffers also from a vacuous idealism. The materialist is most often obvious. The idealist is a child of the clouds, and, alas, most everybody believes that all clouds

have silver linings.

To begin with, this idealism is too late. Both Church and State, writes the preacher, should concern them-selves with marriage "at the right end, that is to say, at the begin-ning." There is one Church that has always done this. But today, so gladly! I've regretted that foolish quarrel of ours more times than I can tell you."

Over the weeklage of the Christ cences, until a remark of Mulcahy's recalled it.

"It's a poor Christmas Eve for the laddeen," said Mulcahy, indicating the curly-headed boy who slept on his generous shoulder.

"By George!" McGrath stopped "Network of the laddeen," said Mulcahy, indicating the curly-headed boy who slept on his generous shoulder.

"By George!" McGrath stopped "Next year," he ventured with assurance, "we'll all go to the assurance, "we'll all go to the have crushed it. They preached it. have crushed it. They preached it, instead, as a universal remedy. It was then that they should have been advocating this education for marriage. Now, with divorce easily possible, education for better marriages is largely vain. Men and women today can find no necessity for the path of most resistance. When the betrothal ardor is dead, there is no imperative need for smoothing off the rough edges, no need for mutual adapta-tion, no need for self-discipline and restraint. There is a facile solution of all difficulties: there is the easy

to which is escaped by making mistakes afresh. What especial need is there for wisdom and high seriousness in an adventure which, at the worst an adventure which, at the worst an adventure which, at the worst and discord, but prose, prose with its purple patches and weak spots, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose with its long periods of flatness and discord, but prose, prose ness in an adventure which, at the worst, can terminate only in an and shaped and wrought pportunity for another light and achievement, splendid and solid and ignorant adventure?

to create a deep sense of responsibility," suggests the preacher. But with divorce, standing as a permissible easy way out of marriage and thus, with its everreadiness, characterizing marriage as a rather transitory and trivial affair, how can any deep sense of responsibility be created? I speak, of course, of those who believe in divorce. Agitators for divorce have called marriage sanctioned lust. called marriage sanctioned lust. weaknesses and you may be sure Marriage may have been to some he will indulge them. If you are Marriage may have been to some he will indulge them. If you are men and women a career of lust. But as far as one Church is conmarriage, the first step is to abolish marriage. They began by pushing man over the precipice. Now they are endeavoring to pull him up.

In the current issue of the Atlantic Monthly, an English woman preacher, writing by invitation on the subject of marriage and divorce, ends with the following passages in momentary experiment. Divorce more than one of many light and evanescent affairs of the heart. Marriage, with divorce always the possible outcome, is nothing but a momentary experiment. Divorce does not help children, it does not help in the creation of a noble comradeship. It encourages fickleness and irresponsibility. It is nothing more than a makeshift of weak men and women to relieve them of the burden of their petty boredom, to allow them the wayboredom, to allow them the way-ward indulgence of their passions. It is divorce that sanctions lust. Yet, an advocate of divorce, alarmed at its growing evil, as the preacher here, can speak of "creating a sense of responsibility!"

Alas, the poor idealist. Now, of the Church. She is highly thus furnish the supply of immates wrought up over those who will not of prisons for years to come. trip along to her song of nobility and the future of the race. She born are men's passions. She has thrown man over the precipice. Now, she would have him, at call, come soaring back. She has no conception of the ordinary man. She sees him as a sort of airy creature like herself. Allow him the opportunity of divorce, she says, but teach him not to take it. She is conite to the says that the control of the control o She is quite sure that a course of sermons is sufficient to make a Galahad out of him. She flies the pretty kite of her idealism high

through the heavens. returned to perform the introduction.

Separation and divorce will at last become as rare as they are always tragic."

Miss Manners, this is—"he began, and then paused at the tableau that presented itself to him. "Hello! You two know each other?"

This is the reformer at her best. One would look far for a better example of the modern fashion of other?"

Miss Manners recovered her poise. Miss Manners recovered her poise. She smiled and held out a slim hand She smiled and held out a slim hand.

The policy of the future will be more Christian and scientific. It is that they think somehow that a perfectly ideal marriage state is one would look far for a better example of the modern fashion of reform appeal. The sentences have a sturdy and persuading ring to them. They march out in Form A1

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What an honor God confers on us when he calls us to travel the same road as His Divine Son!

undertaken with care and thought-fulness, is about as perfect as any-thing in our lives is perfect. A constant trying over and over of ness rare among women preachers.
Others shire with the light of great discovery, as: "To fail in marrisge is a great and tragic failure." No we started. For laxity breeds doubt the sentimental humanitarian laxity. If a marriage is an extrabellation or dispersion of the product of the produc "Mulcahy!" shouted McGrath, incredulously and joyously.

"Mac looked at the face of the incredulously and joyously.

"Mac McGrath, ye good-for-mothing!" The cop forgot his dignity in the glad and unexpected reunion with this old friend.

"What are ye doing here in this man's town? Sure, Mac, you're a sight for sore eyes. Help me down to these kids, and it's meself with the face of the shire with the light of great discovery, as: "Tofail in marriage is a great and tragic failure." No the sentimental humanitarian or philanthropist who reads them is deeply moved. But to anyone capable of clear thinking it must be obvious that they are little more slight for sore eyes. Help me down to these kids, and it's meself will talk a leg off ye. Their mither, poor role home in a taxi. And Donnelly perpicious as hollow ide, if implication in the plane of the discovery, as: "Tofail in marriage is an extraction farther back, as a rule, than when we started. For laxity breeds doubt the sentimental humanitarian or philanthropist who reads them is deeply moved. But to anyone capable of clear thinking it must be continued in the pale of conversion. This system has doubt the sentimental humanitarian or philanthropist who reads them is deeply moved. But to anyone capable of clear thinking it must be obvious that they are little more than the plane of the pale of conversion. This system has doubt the sentimental humanitarian or philanthropist who reads them is deeply moved. But to anyone capable of clear thinking it must be cause the parties to it are extraordinary, or are blessed by some special grace of God. It is best for most of us that the light of great discovery, as: "Tofail in marriage is an extraction or children." The christmas Eve party was a doubt the sentimental humanitarian or philanthropist who reads them is a great and traying over and outcome. The christmas extraction for the discovery, as: "Tofail in marriage is an extraction or children to the pale of come institutionized missaid is all branches and doubt the store former weeps large tears over may unhappy marriages; but the fact State is, most marriages are unhappy; they can be no happier than life itself. Most men, most women, are intermittently unhappy. It would be very curious if marriages were

> There are some, of course, who through their mistakes, or through their undisciplined temperament and selfishness, are more than usually unhappy. Marriage for them is, as they will it, a punishment or an unhappy. opportunity for reformation. Then, there are those who through no real fault of their own, at least, we can assume this, are very unfortunately married. But to have special legis-lation for these few would be as impractical as it would be unjust.
>
> God bless the work that lies before your hand! legislation as this, and whither it has drifted. Marriages are broken universally now because of a disagreement on a baseball score or an argument over a necktie. Indissoluble marriage is best for the greatest number. The fabric of civilization cannot be torn down for the sake of a few. It seems strange to me that those scientific humanitarians who are devoted to bringing man, who has very curiously Evolution by going off at a crazy tangent, back into the fold of orthodox animals and who are so passionately interested in the future of the race, are also ardent supporters of easy divorce.

I write here, as is obvious, of the necessity of indissoluble marriage apart from the definite command of ignorant adventure?

"Every effort should be made to create a deep sense of responsi- artist in marriage, like the artist divorce. Begin at the beginning, says the preacher. That is the beginning

#### "BEHIND PRISON WALLS"

CHAPLAIN'S ADVICE TO WELFARE WORKERS

their release, by society in general. "A scientific investigation of the prison problem," he said, "indicates that the best efforts of the social and welfare worker, should be directed to securing such environment and training, both mental and moral, as well nip in the bud the having educated man to divorce, she would have him educated to marriage. But she is too late.

She complains bitterly of the laxity gressors of tomorrow, and who will

"It is immaterial in this great and the future of the race. She does not know how wilful and stubborn are men's passions. She has thrown man over the precipice.

is diminished by just and equitable provisions of the law and the earnest brotherly cooperation of the citizens, the overflow will necessarily decrease and give less concern, and we should fast reduce crime to a will necessarily decrease the number of the thousand wars of old, minimum and decrease the number in the clouds, and then is wroth that the earth does not follow it

embrace virtuous lives; that they may be confined to the care of the State only as a last resort. The work of public spirited citizens will more concerned with boys who do not enjoy proper home training or advantages, or who commit offenses against the order and peace of the neighborhood, or violate the rights of others.

'Many a man will be sent along the road to health, wealth and happiness through the medium of brotherly interest and saved disgrace and injury which frequently follow commitment to correctional schools.

#### A NEW YEAR'S WISH

your hand!
God's blessing be on all that you

For what is fame or gift or treasure grand,

God strengthen you when crosses come to stay,
When shadows close around your heart and home! God guide your soul when light seems far away,
When all the world's tossed waves
are white with foam!

God dower you with kind, consoling words For wounded hearts, with gloom and anguish filled,— soothing words to sing like

happy birds With voice prophetic, till the storm is stilled! In body and in soul, God keep you

strong To toil for Him, and never fail through fear! This is my wish, the burden of my God bless you in the dawning of the year!

THE TRANCE OF TIME

(AN OLD YEAR REVERIE) In childhood, when with eager eyes, The season's measured years I viewed. All, garb'd in fairy guise,

Pledged constancy of good. Spring sang of heaven: the summer flowers Bade me gaze on, and did not fade Even suns o'er autumn's bowers

Heard my strong wish and stay'd. They came and went, the shortlived four; Yet, as their varying dance they wove, To my young heart each bore

Its own sure claim of love. Far different now :- the whirling year Vainly my dizzy eyes pursue; And its fair tints appear

All blent in one dusk-hue. Then what this world to thee, my heart? Its gifts-nor feed thee nor can bless.

hast no owner's part In all its fleetingness. -CARDINAL NEWMAN

RING OUT, WILD BELLS

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, The flying cloud, the frosty light; The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new Ring, happy bells, across the snow The year is going, let him go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

mind,
For those that here we see no more Ring out the feud of rich and poor, Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause And ancient forms of party strife Ring in the nobler modes of life,

Ring out the want, the care, the sin, The faithless coldness of the times; Ring out, ring out my mournful But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite: Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out the narrowing lust of Ring in the thousand years of peace

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