earnest asking in prayer that God is pleased to bestow His grace upon us, and to guard that treasure of the true faith which in His goodness He has entrusted to us.—The Monitor.

WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE WORLD?

By the Rev. John M. Ryan, C. S. C.

The hands of the clock are point ing towards the future. Never be-fore so much as now was the world in such a state of feverish unrest. In science, in philosophy, in politics in literature, in religion, everything seems unfixed, unfastened adrift. Science, which should be the index finger forever pointing out the handiwork of God, has lost itself in an endeavor to blot out God's name from the book of nature. Philosophy is degenerating into a bundle of absurdities. Politics, the world over, trains the head and leaves the heart has become a game of chess, in which the most skilful mover wins, with- riot at random. out regard to rectitude of purpose or honesty. In literature, the so-called has all this on the question of religreelists are making out that imiques education? It is the heart and purity is not so much of a crime the center of the question of religafter all and that marriage should ious education. For several hundred last only as long as sentimental love | years the spirit of unbelief has been keeps man and wife together. Relig- extending and the army of the ion has become a plaything for comfort's sake and the ease of con- strong. Recruit after recruit science; mere matter of sentiment, come to swell the ranks. They have nations of the earth, armed to the fare and are in a better condition to teeth, are like so many tigers ready give the Church battle than they to spring at each others throats in deadly combat for the settlement of They have perverted the conclusions petty jealousies or the unChristian of science, they have poisoned the

any of the world's universities. The for those who still think that there sole object of knowledge seems to be to know anything and everything moss growth of long ages of superbut God and to explain away con-science as a neat piece of clock work destroyed the faith of our own people which goes on striking the hour of and enlisted them under the banners good and evil in the human breast; and like a clock, a mere machine, with no authority to bind us, serving no purpose but to tell us whether we are running fast or slow, whether it is noontide or the shades of night. We are drifting fast towards a future of which God alone knows the outcome. Man is trying to do without his Maker and God is waiting patiently to let man learn again by bitter experience the awful fruits of unstrained folly; to bring back to his heart with welcome again the foolish prodigals after they have tired of feeding on the husks that were thrown to the swine.

MUST FOLLOW LIGHT

I am going to try to set forth the necessity of Catholic education and to prove especially that in the times in which we live, we are bound to educate religiously thinking. Men are beginning to realize more and more every day that in the sea of social storms which we are running tory of eternal truth and its responsthrough, the mariner's eye must be libic custodian before Almighty God. kept continually fastened on the beacon of light that wards him off light is there left strong enough to versities are established.

When God made man he hung up in his mind the lamp of faith and in Stateshave ordered the establishment a religious education. his heart he put a longing, a yearning for what was good and noble, pure We who have gro and true. He made a sojourner on generation that is passing away are earth with a return journey to happing the fair judges. Such religious ness and heaven before him. At every step there was a tugging in the absolute necessity in our fathers and earth, he was to fret and worry labor and strive unceasingly for his And God put within the human breast an indicator which men call conscience, to warn man when he had swerved from the proper track, to console him when he had done his

And why was all this longing, this worrying and this yearning? God made man for His own blessed, infinite self, and man by his nature tends back to God as irresistibly as bosom of the sea. God could make man for no other purpose but to be eternally happy conjointly and forever with Him

MAN AS MECHANISM

For this reason, God gave to man an intellect and a will, intellect the headlight, will the locomotive, intel-God's plan to be trained and educated

This balance wheel was religion; childhood of hope when he was perplexity. education that neglected religion, fell short of the plan of God, nay, contravened it. And that is why He infused into the mind of Adam a you owe it to your God, you owe it to have the contract of the plan of God, nay, this coming future. She is ready to educate your children likewise; and you owe it to your God, you owe it to have the contract of the past and the man who seeks light for his progress must rely as Patrick Henry did, on "the lamp of experience". All that is effective in reknowledge of what he was to do. the country, you owe it to your faith, pressing capitalistic rapacity, all That is why He inspired the prophets you owe it to yourselves, you owe it that gives to the worker a realizathe beginning of wisdom. That is why He sent His beloved son, our why He sent His beloved son, our Lord and Saviour, to enlighten our intellect and strengthen our will forever, that is why He established through Christ the universal Church,

through this means of humble, that she might forever cry out to the nations the same old truths of creation's dawn—that knowledge without religion is emptiness, and that educa-tion without Jesus Christ is like the

APPEALS TO HISTORY

Do I exaggerate? Has enthusiasm led me into extravagance of statement? I appeal to history judge me. Listen while she speaks. For over three hundred years the world has been trying to get along shouted: without God in education. Puny man has no room for his maker. He was an intruder, an unbidden, an unwelcome guest. What has been England is agnostic. the result? Germany is socialistic. France is indifferent and atheistic, and Italy the Italy of song and story, chival-rous deeds and unnumbered glories, after only forty five years of the new doctrine, is sick, sore and undecided. Yet all four have education that uncultivated to grow wild and run

But you will say: What bearing ious education? It is the heart and enemies of Christ has been growing without faith or principle. The all the implements of modern war wells of literature, they have made satisfaction of revenge.

And education? What shall I say of it? There is no room for Godin scorn, they have written with pity for those who still think that there moss-growth of long ages of superstition and ignorance, they have

What are we to do in the face of all this, for the future? Shall we sit idly and see the enemy massing his troops and training his guns in position against us, and not prepared? Shall we eit down weeping at the cemetery gates of a dead past and cry for a return of the good old days. hen men were better and religion held in more repute?

No! a thousand times no! We must educate. We must meet the enemy and make them ours. Face to face they must be met. Assault after assault must be repulsed. The Catholic Church must come out and defend herself. If her enemies are scientists, she must be scientific; if they are planning her destruction she must look to her defenses, and if they are educating against her it is clear that she must educate in her own behalf. For she is the deposi-

To meet the demands of the times to prepare men and equip them for the shoals and shallows. And what the future, Catholic colleges and unipierce through the mist of doubt and error surrounding us unless it be the light of religious truth, the lustre of and to arm the youth of the day with a ready knowledge of their

We who have grown up with a heart of man, a desire, a seeking after some of us may think it is not so such practices was put out of busihappiness. During his stay upon now, but we forget that the world that the hands of time are moving fast towards the future and that the mercury is running low in the world's barometer and warning us that the long gathering storm is ready to burst and break in fury, if it has not already broken.

DEFENDERS ARE NEEDED

Do not mistake it. The boy is father to the man. The American child of today when fuller grown is tends back to God as irresistibly as inland rivers seek their rest in the spirit of the see. God could make of the hour. We have to educate a man for the future well-armed and well-equipped with knowledge and well balanced by religion, if we care for our children when we are gone if we care for the true religion at all, we must do so.

know his religion minutely and we lect to brighten his path, will to are bound to educate him for his urge him forever onwards over the future needs. In religion, as in busistars to everlasting rest. Under-standing and will were meant in The days when religion was rothing else than the singing of hymns and together. They were to grow up side by side. If you developed the one at the expense of the other, equilibrium was destroyed, the world has moved on into a different world has moved on into a different balance wheel by which God meant atmosphere and different conditions. balance wheel by which does not of the Catholic of the future must be not only an educated gentleman, but an educated Catholic. If he does religion which taught man in his highest flights that there was something higher; religion which taught him in his degradation that he was pursuing the wrong course; religion find himself exposed to the fury of which nursed him back to a new the storm of doubt, temptation and

The Church is educating her

KEEP LAMPS TRIMMED

murmured: "You know my little sloop that lies drifting at her moorings in the bay?" And the servant nodded a "Yes, sir." "I wish you "I wish you religion is emptiness, and that educa-tion without Jesus Christ is like the darkness of the night in which are seen no stars.

APPEALS TO HISTORY

Induct is 1es, sir. I wish you would bring her under my chamber window so that I may gaze fully upon her. I wish you to hang a lantern high up among her shrouds; and to float my silken streamers from the tip of her topmast." And as the frightened servant gazed wonderingly into the dying man's eyes, Webster drew himself up majestically from the pillows and shouted: "For when I go down, I want to go down with my lamps burning and my colors flying." A sentiment redolent to the full with the strength of departing manhood the cry of a bursting nature, the last spark of a manly fire going out without the warmth of religion. The death of a man with an educated head, but with a heart that had never known that the sun of his life goes out to rise again upon eternally be breaking. My friends, when our children and our children's children come in the course of time to the hour when they too must go down into the darkness of the grave, may they in a higher, holier, truer Christian Catholic sense, go down with the lamp of faith brightly burning and

THE CRAFT GUILDS

the colors of the good old Catholic

Church triumphantly flying.

The modern world is shaking its head over the labor problem, which is not exactly new, having given considerable trouble in the spacious days of the Pharaohs. The man who works with his hands has an old grievance, which does not consist merely in the fact that his efforts to improve his situation have been bitterly opposed, but also in the more poignant one that his winnings have been filched or torn from him century after century. Yet modern man is blissfully ignorant of the fact that his great grandsire sighed in the same key over the same enigmas. Both failed to advert to another matter; that their enterprising ancestors solved the vexatious problems and duly set forth the solutions in history.

The European workingman was well on his way to a comfortable existence and his rightful place in the scheme of things when the economic revolution so craftly labelled "The Reformation" took away his hard won position and thrust him back into the pit of serfdom and economic slavery out of which he had been gradually and painfully climbing for more than a thousand years.

The "Middle Ages" were really the glory time of the workingman. This is doubtless one of the reasons that his oppressors took such care to cover that period with calumnious ignominy. The records show that workingman's problems were well and practically solved between the eleventh and fourteenth centur-

The "high cost of living?" had that settled when Henry VIII's grandfather was a boy. Profiteering? The long dead folk we so lightly term "reactionary" put an effectual stop to swollen selling prices. There were biting laws against "corners" in merchandising during the Middle Ages. Shoddy and adulterated goods were kept out of the market by officials who had the best reasons to make careful inspection. The medieval merchant who tried

had its representatives in legislative assemblies and town government in these distant times. Each craft was thoroughly organized and included every man in the craft from the youngest apprentice to the most ex perienced and skilful artificer and all were protected in their rights, cared for in illness, supported in old age, honorably buried and their families looked after, not as a charity but as a vested right. They had even the "closed shop" in the Middle Ages and it was a "closed shop" to which no employer could take exception as does his successor of today with a pretext of justification. Then each man who worked belonged to his own guild and that guild was bound by law to produce honest goods at a The Catholic of the future must, fair price; the guild saw to it that contracts were kept.

The trade union is older than the medieval cathedral. Society insurance, sick benefits, organization pro tection, a fair market for buying and selling, a system of law that worked for the poor man as smoothly as for the rich man, a voice in legislation that was heard and heeded, the legitimate, man-sized position in society: all these were guaranteed the man who worked with his hands or his head or with both in the days when the Pope was recognized in every hamlet in Europe as the Father of Christendom and the Successor of

St. Peter. The wit loves to declaim : "Our future is behind us." He speaks better than he knows, for the solution of present day problems is in the neglected records of the past to trumpet cut into the ears of the to your children, you owe it to the people that the fear of the Lord is tuture to see that it is done. that beckons mankind to the rosy dawn of economic justice; these are

won; they are in the good and solid crime.
past when the son of toil was as counsel past when the son of toil was as sure of the rights as was the Pope or the king, the Middle Ages when the craft guilds solved the labor problem .- The Pilot.

A BETTER OUTLOOK

Since the settlement of the miners strike the country's outlook is decidedly better. We believe that as a nation we are past a crisis and can now look forward to the return of normal times. The troubles of the past months have apparently been necessary to arouse both the public gave more than her share of brawn and the government to a realization ing our commonwealth. They know now that a laissez faire policy will not do, and that is the first step towards salvation.

Anarchistic plottings, with out-breaks here and there, have pointed out a danger that must be eliminated. And it will be eliminated because the American people has scented the peril. The American people has no use for dynamiters, bomb throwers, for Senator Sherman has shown assassins and traitors. Heretofore himself to be lacking in the essenthe great mass of the people would not believe in the existence of such American and of a gentleman." malefactors on American soil. That Coming from a secular journal, was the intriguers' only hope, just as such a defense of the Catholic Church the devil has the best chance with is remarkable; as indicative of the those who do not believe in him. feelings of the great secular press But now since the ugly features of the traitors have appeared on the still more important, pertinent and scenes-too early for their benefit, happily not too late for the benefit of our country—a mighty wave of patriotism, freshly stirred up, will united States Senate for such a bigot sweep them off the face of the country and shut out their kind from our | that state relegate him to the limbo shores.

The numerous strikes—and be it letin. understood that we are far from classifying them, as a whole, with anarchistic intrigues, though and there bolshevistic propaganda may have instigated them program of constructive legislative necessity. We trust that there is to cope with the difficult situation. It was a hopeful sign that the Administration would not let the miners' strike be settled to the detri ment of the public. The Government's fundamental axiom ought to be, at the present time, that the cost of living must not go higher up but must enter on a downward slope.

And, indeed, the President's pro ance terminated the strike, contains the key to a solution of one great problem. There shall be a thorough investigation of the coal mining business; the amount of profits is to be ascertained, and eventually curtailed in the interest of miners and ought then to be extended to all other kinds of industrial concerns with a view to stop exorbitant profits The miners' strike, it will be seen, has been the occasion to stop profiteering, by which we mean taking extravagant profits at the expense of the laboring man and the general public. And the elimination of profiteening will knock away the artiof living.

It has however, natural ones, too: and they must be knocked away partly by constructive legislation—to most widely read magazines and at secure, for instance, more production, the plot of the average best-seller better marketing, and so forth, partly Arkaneas Gazette, we believe—it was | ing to a set formula. ers and employees there production was at 100% and satisfaction general. So it will always be. Feuds between capital and labor are detrimental to both, and chiefly so to the general public

The chief reason for comfort lies in this that both the Government and the public are determined to end the wellnigh intolerable conditions. The handwriting has been seen on the wall; there has been a wholesome scare. Now let there be concerted action to save our country and make it the abode of contentment. S. in the Guardian.

A SCATHING REBUKE

HOW A PROTESTANT EDITOR HANDLES FOOLISH BIGOT

We have never met, and do not know, the editor of The Salt Lake Tribune—but we do know he is a menace to the bigots who are foolish enough to come within reach of his burning pen. Under the caption, "Sherman's Tirade," the brilliant Protestant writer said:

"No American, no matter what his creed or convictions may be, can read the speech of Senator Sherman due to their loss of faith in Almighty against the League of Nations, in which he attacks the Catholic Church in her head and members and gives a false statement of her teaching and spirit, without mingled feelings of anger, shame and pity. The question naturally arises, is the man a fool, a fakir, or a fanatic, or a danger ous demagogue, with the meanest qualities of all three? Is it simply ignorant and to be pitied, or malici-

He admits that he took under strong provocation. If this is his mature juagment, what is his character? Is he trying to dig up and explode the dynamite of bigotry, which the War and the work of the Catholic Church have buried?

'The Senator's statements and in ferences are not only false but offensive and dangerous. In the face of facts known to all the world, as well as of the glorious record of Catholics, and blood-for a United States sena tor to rise in his place in the Senate and maliciously falsify the Church's teachings, impugn the motives of the Holy Father, question the loyalty and patriotism of Catholics, is an insult which every American must resent. The press of the country should denounce the outrage; the state of Ill. inos should relegate this man to the limbo of dead politicians; his fellow-Senators must resent the disgrace

leaders throughout the country it is commendable. In the face of all this we may well ask with The Trias Sherman of Illinois? Should not of dead politicians?"-Catholic Bul-

"THE HAPPY ENDING

"The worse brake on the will to revealed the acute character of social be well," remarks Dr. James J. Walsh unrest. Congress knows now that a in his recent book, "Health Through Will Power," "is undoubtedly the is an immediate and imperative habit that some people have of pitying themselves and feeling that they enough statesmanship in Washington are eminently deserving of the pity or supposed, which they have to In his opinion, the widespread indulgence in this moral weakness nowadays is having a bad influence on our national character. He writes :

A great many things in modern life have distinctly encouraged this practice of self-pity and conscious commiseration of one's state until it has become almost a commonplace of modern life for those who feel that they are suffering, especially if they belong to what may be called the sophisticated classes. become extremely sensitive as a consequence about contact with suffer of the public. The investigation ing. Editors of magazines and read-ought then to be extended to all ers for publishing houses often refuse in our time to accept stories that unhappy wherever they are found to exist. people do not care to read them, it is said. The story may have som suffering in it and even severe hardships, especially if these can be used for purposes of dramatic climax, but by the end of the story everything must have turned out 'just lovely, and it must be understood ficial prop from under the high cost suffering is only a passing matter and merely a somewhat unpleasant prelude to inevitable happiness. A glance at the contents of our

proves that Dr. Walsh is right. The by a more amicable attitude between editor of a weekly periodical that capital and labor. In a recent state-ment about industrial conditions seems to require that the stories he Every craft in the industrial world throughout the country - in the accepts should all be written accordnoticable that where there was a good understanding between employ- opening paragraph, for instance, tha opening paragraph, for instance, that the reader will be content to toil to the distant end of an inartistic tale in the hope of learning how the problem proposed at the beginning is finally solved. All the old subscribers, however, are sure that the story will always end happily, with lovers united, the lost restored, and the failures brilliant successes. prosperous editor however is little disturbed by the fact that real life is by no means the romance of weak optimism with which his contributors' stories are filled, or that the world's greatest literary masterpieces are characterized, as a rule, by the very antithesis of the so-called "happy ending." For if Shakes-peare were with us now and hoped to have his plays accepted by the editor of the average fiction magazine, Ophelia must not be drowned, Desdemona smcthered, Cordelia hanged, nor Lady Macbeth be a sui cide, but each of those afflicted ladies would have to forget all her sorrows before the end of the last act and look forward serenely to years and years of untroubled bliss.

It would be interesting to learn

how far this weak fondness for the God as the "Just Judge" and in the reality of His heavenly rewards. If Christian hope no longer helps a large number of our non-Catholic Americans to bear patiently the buffets of the world, and if they no longer believe that steadfast virtue is sure to be eternally recompensed in another life, it is not surprising, perhaps, that they insist upon having in novels, plays, and moving pictures nothing but the happy ending. For whatever may be the explanation, is there place today in the United States Senate for such a man? At a time when all the construction of the country should be and even in this world all wrong marshaled for unity and co-opera seem to be righted and every worthy tion, such an appeal to blind bigotry cause appears to be crowned with

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