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ARE WE DETERIORATING !

We pose the question chiefly with regard to the Catholic boys of today as compared with the boys of say a generation ago. We have heard some interesting discussions of the subject in which these facts were brought out: The boys of forty years ago had more ambition, higher aims, and more purposeful will than have the boys of today. Having determined on the goal of their ambition-often a very high aim indeed, taking into account the limited resources available—they set out with upswerving purpose, unflagging perseverance and restless energy to reach it. Without reference for the moment to the boys of today the facts unquestionably bear out the contention that the boys of the preceding generation were all that is claimed for them. The great majority of middle-aged Catholics, now of assured and honorable position in the learned professions. in business, or in any other walk of life, started out under handicaps now too easily assumed to be insuperable. They had little or no money; the means of earning it did not crowd and jostle them as they do the boys of 1920. They earned it slowly and saved rigidly, their goal ever before them. Qualities useful, essential, to success in life were thus developed. It is a very striking thing, when half a dozen or more from various parts of Ontario talk this matter over, that each and every one is able to point to the most prominent and successful men of their various localities as starting out nowhere, getting help nowhere save from that best of all sources -their own individual efforts and

the will to realize their ambition. Today the schools are better and more numerous; the facilities for secondary and higher education boys out of all comparison greater.

Something is lacking, for in many able to fill the ranks the inexorable think that school-life, already too freedom of Ireland. hand of time depletes.

hardly be denied by any one whose ignorant parents are training their brother officers, forced by pub. rage? Again, experience has compelled thoughtful children in self-indulgence instead lie opinion to court-martial him, consideration of the question: In of self-discipline and hard work. the boys of today it is rare to find that indomitable will to realize their success of any kind; but it has led He was sentenced to be confined in Yet to the foreigner all will appear the ambition lacking. In student failure in this life and in the next. Majesty's pleasure." days we were taught the difference, the vast difference, between voluntas and velleitas. "Voluntas" means history of the world were the oppor. for ten days after he had "executed" "will" in the sense of "where tunities so great as they are today. there's a will there's a way." This Let them be taught self-confidence, whose murder Sheehy-Skeffington proverb contains not only a pro- self-reliance and self-discipline. found but a practical truth, a truth that should be burned into the who may attain prominence that McIntyre. It was only after Major convictions of school days; where these considerations are put forth. Sir Francis Vane had gone to London there is on the part of a young, It is for the farmer, the salesman, and communicated personally with healthy, vigorous Canadian boy a the mechanic, as well as for the the authorities there that any action real will to reach any goal in life doctor, the lawyer, the eminently was taken or any suspicion of Bowen- unfair. it will make its way through diffi- successful man in business. culties and over obstacles that while.

as a great captain of industry. He thing you will. started at the very bottom; he is now at the top.

Mr. Schwab writes : "For thirty six years I have been

moving among workingmen in what is now the biggest branch of American industry, the steel business. In that time it has been my good fortune to watch most of the present leaders rise from the ranks, ascend step by step to places of power. These men, I am convinced, are not natural prodigies. They won out by using normal brains to think beyond their manifest daily duty."

The italics are Mr. Schwab's. Just give a little serious consideration to what follows:

"American industry is spilling over with men who started life even with the leaders, with brains just as big, with hands quite as capable. And yet one man emerges from the mass, rises sheer above his fellows; and the rest remain."

Now is there a reader who has not heard the excuses with which Mr. Schwab deals in the following paragraphs:

"The men who miss success have two general alibis: 'I'm not a genius' is ons; the other. 'There aren't the opportunities today there used to

"Neither excuse holds good. The first is baside the point; the second is altogether wrong." (Italics ours.) 'genius' I do not believe in. That is,

are so-called 'natural geniuses.' ' "There is not a man in power at our Bathlehem steel works today who did not begin at the bottom and work his way up, round by round, simply by using his head and his hands a little more freely and a little more effectively than the men beside him. The fifteen men in direct charge of the plants were selected not because of some start-

yond their jobs." "To my mind," writes the steel king a little later on, "the best investment a young man starting out in business can possibly make is | Easter rising in Dublin in 1916, to give all his time, all his energies, to work-just plain hard work."

The gospel of hard work is not absurdly easy-going, must be softened

It is not for the comparative few cuted" the editors Dickson and

It is noteworthy that both Senator would frighten mollycoddles from Harding and Governor Coolidge, the The lunatic murderer has, of course, all further consideration of the Republican candidates for President matter. These have a velleitas not and Vice-President of the United a voluntas to attain their object, States, started life on the farm. It a certain weak willingness, but not may recall some things we have of this whole dastardly business next the will, to be something worth often urged on the thoughtful consideration of farmers. De the farm-In extenuation it is often said by ers' boys get the discipline of hard sisters and mothers that it was work new to the same extent as easier a generation or two ago than formerly when perhaps necessity was punished by taking away his it is today; even teachers and rather than parental intelligence commission for being "absent withfathers countenance this molly- imposed that highly useful educa- out leave" when, finding he could coddling suggestion. It is not true, tional influence on farmers' sons? do nothing with the Dublin military the police or the military, or both. Neither forty years or four hundred What we have been saying to our authorities, he went to London. years ago was anything worth readers in this article applies with accomplishing dene without effort equal force to the bey who stays as great and greater than is required on the farm as to his brother who with Irishmen at home and abroad

a day driving stakes for a steel dian boy, something that will require tions."

Only out of such a soil cultivated | they themselves opened firs. in youth will spring the men who will worthily fill the places of those who succeeded under more difficult conditions.

THE IRISH "OUTRAGE"

much light on the causes of the turned in each case. fighting in Londonderry. Taken together with what, despite a rigid become known of the ruthless military rule in Ireland, the Londonderry situation looks black indeed.

The systematic diffamation of Sinn the minority faction of Ulster; the crowding into Ireland of soldiers, tanks, armored cars, airplanes and all other munitions of war, made it publish the evidence. obvious that at least a powerful faction in the Government desired The Morning Post, the organ of hidebound Toryism, has so often termed it. The systematic arrest and imprisonment of national or local importance that a leaderless people might be the more easily goaded into providing this excuse is of a piece with the rest of this devilish policy. Apparently the opposition which English Liberal papers voiced has "The thing that most people call also been supported by a faction within the Cabinet. Londonderry is the crisis; on the issue, it would I am sure that few successful men appear, now hangs the fate of Ire-

> land. No light, as we have already remarked, is thrown on the causes of us to guess what we are not allowed to know.

Under date June 6th, the Toronto Globe had in its cabled summary of the official report states that the official list of "outrages" this the man said he was an Engling stroke of genius but because, characteristic and illuminating paraday in and day out, they were doing graph : little unusual things-thinking be-

"Oak Groves House, in Mid-Cork, former home of the family of Capt. Bowen Colthurst, was burned to the ground yesterday morning. Colthurst was associated with the caused the execution of Sheehy-

Skeffington. Francis Sheehy-Skeffington had popular today. It is not popular in nothing whatsoever to do with the schools where young men of fifteen Dublin Rebellion except to try to or sixteen take that child's examin. organize a voluntary police force to eleven and even at ten. It is not ciated with the physical force move-

This man Captain Bowen Colthurst found him guilty of the charge of Self-indulgence has never led to murder, but that he was "insane."

Let our boys hear in season and But, note the fact, this lunatio was out of season that never in the allowed to continue in his command the boy Coade and other boys of was an eye-witness, and had "exa-Colthurst's sanity entered the minds of the military authorities in Dublin. long since been released and restored

to his rank in the army. We shall publish a fuller account

week. It is another illuminating fact in connection with military rule in Ireland that Major Sir Francis Vane

The Globe - and it is a case of "from one learn all "-finds fault

the military were fired upon before modern warfare.

In each of the three public last in Londonderry. inquests into the circumstances of ! the death of the victims of these licly given that no attack of any despatches have given us to obtain or unjustifiable homicide were re- effective protest.

The matter came before the British House of Commons. Official inquiry censorship and control of cables, has was promised. On May 10th, Mr. Henry, Attorney General for Ireland, informed Lieut, Commander Kenworthy that military courts of inquiry had been held into the cases Fein, indeed of all Ireland outside where inquests had been held in connection with losses of life in Dublin, Miltown-Malbay, and Arklow, but it was not proposed to

If the publication of the evidence sustained the official explanation and nothing so much as an excuse to confounded the coroner's juries' begin the "reconquest of Ireland," as verdicts would that evidence be withheld from publication?

> The official lists of outrages are not facts but propaganda.

Commenting upon these lists the British Independent," which is scriptural grounds." opposed to the Sinn Fein policy, says editorially, May 13:

daily from Dublin Castle are intended for consumption abroad. In the lists are included summaries of outrages which no one who knows Ireand would attribute to any political party. But abroad the mere fact that these occurrences appear on the official lists, will convey to foreigners the impression that all are the work the Londonderry situation by the bly that is the deliberate intention of despatches; but a brief retrospective those who compile the lists. What, glance at the Irish news may enable for instance, was the object of including in Tuesday's list of Irish outrages,' the raid on a convent near Dublin by an armed man who demanded money? It is true lishman and wanted money take him to England. But it omits his further statement that he was not a Sinn Feiner, but that 'Sinn Feiners are getting the name of all this.' Such a summary as that officially issued was not candid. Then the case of a gentleman held up and robbed in Rathmines a few nights ago also appears on the official list. Most probably this was the work of one of the gang of men the shadow filled corners of who last winter infested the suburbs European diplomacy despite cansorand committed many highway robbaries at night. Other cases much greater; the means at the disposal of parents to educate their ation—the High School Entrance— prevent looting during the consecutive disposal of parents to educate their ation—the High School Entrance— prevent looting during the consecutive during the consecutive disposal of parents to educate their ation—the High School Entrance— prevent looting during the consecutive during the consecutive during the consecutive during the consecutive disposal of parents to educate their ation—the High School Entrance— prevent looting during the consecutive during the consecutive disposal of parents to educate their ation—the High School Entrance— prevent looting during the consecutive dur which moderate but honest hard quest district. He was he in any way assowork has given to others at twelve,
Feiner; nor was he in any way assothe threatening letter received by
her place in Europe so long; a place
the threatening letter received by popular in the homes where soft. ment. He was a convinced opponent Clare, appears on the next efficial the way, and for an indefinite period. Mr. J. M. Hickson in Toronto, is tions," by which he means extravrespects we are hardly or barely hearted and soft-headed parents of physical force even to gain the list of outrages. We note that while raids on the mails supply many paragraphs for the official lists, there is no mention of the attempt at There may be many contributary still further for their children, by murdered in cold blood. He mur. Donnybrook Post Office by a soldier causes. One stands out and will attendance at the "movies." Many dered several others as well. His in uniform. Was that not an outcontain reports of outrages obviously the outcome of miserable agrarian squabbles which have nothing to do | the Treaty. with politics or political ambition; oftener one finds even many through sin and shame to a lunatic asylum "during His as the work of Sinn Fein. If a Great Britain were published for even one day it would fill a page of

any daily newspaper."

outrages," says: government on the ground that Irishmen are naturally incapable of discipline and if left to themselves would turn the country over to

"Leaving out the disputed point of Irish indspendence, Sinn Fein does preach self discipline and the need for responsibility. It is not playing the same old selfish game. only evolving its own courts and police: it is doing its best to combat sporadic lawlessness and to evolve its own moral."

The policemen in Miltown-Malbay returned a verdict of wilful murder, have since been arrested. Commenting on this the Daily News says :

"This is, we believe, the twentyfourth time in which a verdict has been found by an Irish jury against It is the first occasion in which any action whatever has been known to follow."

Day after day, the "thoroughly aspires to one of the professions, for not denouncing alleged Sinn unfair" campaign of calumny says:

Charles M. Schwab was called For there are many kinds of farmers. Fein outrages and real murders of against Ireland has been kept up.

THE SCRIPTURAL GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

Johnston's letter to the Globe on Divorce and the Scriptures which we reproduce on page 1.

Here is a case where honest and conscientious private interpretation of the Scriptures has led to the precise doctrine of the Catholic Church on Divorce. But even this honest Christian has

been impressed by the twaddle that under present conditions divorce is only for the rich; if allowed at all it should be made accessible to the poor as well. The Christian Guardian has been slopping over with sympathy for the poor who are thus debarred from cheap divorce "on

As a matter of fact the overwhelming majority of the cases that come "It is quite obvious that the official before the Senate Committee are reports of outrages in Ireland issued from the laboring class. And the fee of two hundred dollars is always remitted if it is claimed to be too onerous for the financial resources of the applicants.

The Senate Committee is com posed of especially competent members of the Senate; most of them lawyers, all of them competent and trained in taking and sifting evidence. It has been said by competent critics to combine all the advantages of judge and jury. Cases passed upon by this Committee are accepted by the Senate and House as settled. Almost invariably their decision is accepted and acted upon.

So the alleged grounds for divorce courts are far from being the real

THE SAME OLD COMPETITION BY THE OBSERVER

The light is slowly creeping into ship and equivocation; and a few officially reported include the send. facts are becoming plain. Germany ing of threatening letters. These is playing the European powers off against one another; in much the same fashion in which Turkey kept which she is going to hold still, by

The Treaty of Versailles is already described by the daily papers as re. agances in dress and in the toilet. practically abandoned. Germany is calling scenes of the Middle Ages. But, though his invective sometimes calmly refusing to carry out its "Not since the time of St. Francis of gets the better of his humor, this terms; and England and Italy have, Assisi, and the humble saints of six unnamed prophet often hit the mark, to all appearances, overborne France, hundred years ago," says one paper, and had withal an imposing gift of and are going to let Germany out "has there been a scene such as in rhetoric with some weight in arguof many of the most vital parts of St. James Cathedral this morning, ment. His thunder was often real,

socialistic tyranny, and ruled upon thousand of the city's sufferers." principles which are directly inspired by the devil, including the destruc-The Manchester Guardian of May and Italy because they foresee that disposition on the part of devout and went away quite unabashed." So 8th, referring to the official list of Germany's trade will be important thinking Protestants to undo the that satirists have their usefulness, "The attempt to prejudice English overborne; Russia's dictators are and go back to the Catholic ages of which we live. opinion against any form of self- also playing the game of setting off faith for their inspiration and exthe interests on some of the Allies ample. Anglicans parhaps are in against the others.

violent anarchy is thoroughly in favor of the United States signing read, in Mr. Hickson's audience were the Treaty, one wonders less and clergymen of every denomination, less at her not doing so, the longer all respectful and expectant in their one watches the European powers attitude to this manifestation of the able lately that it became necessary

grand professions? Where are the attitude must necessarily be one of Paccagnella laid his plans before the against whom the coroner's jury they were giving their lives? Europe the age outside of the Catholic message from Cardinal Gaspari has structed; upon the same old basis; all faith in the supernatural. the balance of power is now more candidly admitted to be the balance. going on, and previous re-arrangements made after other wars.

Victor Giraud, a French writer,

apon, after five big men had fallen The boy who is going to be a farmer policemen. But the Globe suppresses Day after day deliberate silence as to powers, has unquestionably gathered Francis' time, as in every age before down on the job, to evoke and direct should not be content with the easy- the murders by policemen and mili- police raids and military raids, police the greatest amount of tangible it, such manifestations of faith have the gigantic effort put forth under going drudgery all too common on tary in Ireland systematically and murders and military murders, and profits from the victory. All her amongst Catholics been unintermitthe tremendous stress of war the farm. He should look forward to all the time, except in such cases the thousand and one acts of ruthless dreams have been realized; she has tent. He has but to journey to the conditions in the vital matter of make farming a work that will satisfy as cannot be concealed. And then tyranny intended to goad the got to great a share in the partition far-famed grotto at Lourdes, for examship building. And Schwab suc- to the full the intelligence and the there is always the misleading unarmed or absurdedly inadequately of territory that she has all but ple, or to our own shrine of St. Anne ceeded. Schwab worked for a dollar ambition of a healthy-minded Cana- impression of the official "explana- armed youth of Ireland to some forgotten the most elementary duties de Beaupre, at any time during the action which would justify the use of European solidarity. Mistress of pilgrim season, to witness a spectacle company as a boy of seventeen, as much serious preparation and as In the cases of the military against them of the forces of the a large part of Asia and Africa, as which as a manifestation of faith immediately after leaving college. much hard work as success demands murders at Dublin, Miltown-Malbay crown armed with tanks and well as of Australia, she has thought and of confidence in God's constant Then it was that Charles M. Schwab in other walks of life. So with the and Arklow the British official armored cars, airplanes and artillery, it possible to neglect Europe. In presence here on earth and of His laid the foundations of his success future mechanic or salesman or any report of the occurrence stated that and all the horrible efficiency of her fever of economic and commer. open-ear to the cry of the distressed, They appear to have succeeded at of the German peril; we may suppose in Toronto. This is said in no We shall see whether or not the speculated on our impoverishment as a reminder simply that what to conscience of England and of the and on all the embarrassments which Protestants is a novelty is to every military outrages evidence was pub- world has been so dulled with the we shall find in a Germany insuffi. Catholic worthy of the name an daily diet of "outrages" that it will ciently disarmed, and that she is integral part of his spiritual life. kind was made on the troops and stand even this British outrage in willing to retard, even to paralyze, Nevertheless, we repeat, no Catholic that they fired without justification | Ireland as it stood the Turkish our revival, to secure a lead over | will have contemplated the Toronto It is impossible from anything the or provocation. Verdicts of murder massacre of the Armenians without us, which we can never catch up affair in other than a respectful, a markets troublesome competition ful spirit. and reduce France to a second class power, forever dependent on Anglo-We call attention to the Rev. Mr. he who grasps too much binds badly creasing section of them, to abandon will furnish her soon, perhaps.

> against her." the existence in France of serious dissatisfaction with England.

> So far as Russia is concerned, the only question which is at pres. ent admitted to be under considera tion is the question of trade. But it needs no gift of prophecy to see that England is not far from recognizing the Soviets as a government.

The San Remo Conference closed with an appearance of harmony between France on the one hand and Eng land and Italy on the other, which later news would seem to show was unreal. It may now be said with some confidence that Germany will not be compelled to carry out the Treaty of Versailles; and, despite some rather plausible excuses which are being made, it may also be rather confidently stated that the real reason why she will be let off has to do with future trade more than with laying the foundations of a lasting world-peace.

At San Remo, M. Millerand, Premier of France, was assured that England was not considering a revision of the Treaty. That may be technically true; England may not revise the treaty; but the question is: will she do her part to enforce it. At present, the indications seem to be that she will not. Time; a short time : will tell.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

THE "MISSION." as it is called, o

tion of religion and of family life, wous feature of the affair is the evi- that heard him in 1620, for all she is about to be recognized by England dence it furnishes of the growing may have bitten her thumb at him, to them. In this also, France is work of the last four hundred years and never more so than in the age in the forefront in this respect, but they Whilst there are many arguments do not stand alone. For, as we also power of faith in the Unseen to German cynicism is having a good assuage the ills of humanity. To time these days. Where are our this aspect of the affair the Catholic fine and high sounding principles for sympathetic respect, the more so which our brave soldiers thought since the preponderating trend of is being re-arranged; not recon- Church is towards the negation of been received by the Italian Director

IN. HOWEVER, saying that not for not of military power, but of money hundreds of years has such a spec- Reverend Edmund Lester, S. power; that is the chief difference tacle been seen, the scribe must be Director-General for Italy of the between the re-arrangement now understood as having only his Protestant experience in mind. Had his vision been other than merely institution, which is that of promotion sectarian he would have knewn that ing among the faithful the practice not only in this twentieth century, of much more frequent Communion

"England, of all the victorious but in every century since St. cial imperialism, she has lost sight far transcends the recent event that, jealous of France, she has carping or disparaging spirit, but with and eliminate in the world's sympathetic, and let us add, a hope-

WHAT IS known as suffragism, and Saxon products and commerce. But the ambition of women, or an intogether, and her immense empire their time-honored sphere in the gives her trouble already, and, home and to enter into the problems with German intrigue aiding, and complexities of politics and economics, is usually regarded as a with grave disappointments and development of these latter days. terrible surprises. Her imperious That it was not unknown in the age selfishness has aroused almost all of Elizabeth, and subsequently, is a over Europe discontents deeper than fact familiar to every student of the she thinks. It is not to her interests time. Distinct evidence of it is conthat these discontents coalesce tained in a very rare pamphlet by an unknown author, entitled "Hic Mr. Giraud has the reputation of Mulier, or the Man Woman," pubbeing a moderate writer; and we lished in 1620, a copy of which we may take it that his words indicate have recently seen. The book is described in the sub-title as "A Medicine to Cure the Coltish Disease of the Staggers in the Masculine-Feminine." Needless perhaps to say it is not always either delicate or respectful in its language.

> IT IS said that the manners and temper of an age are reflected rather in its lesser than in its greater writers, and while the justification of the saying is not always clear, it finds some exemplification in the pamphlet referred to, the writer of which is certainly not in the first class. Nevertheless, that he has had influence upon the development of language and letters, is proven by the value placed upon this effusion, which in the London auction mart recently sold for £40. Of Ben Jonson, who does rank among the greater writers, it has been said that Elizabethan England found no mirror more exact than his plays. The saying quoted has perhaps a truer application to the middle ground, or to a combination of the two.

THE AUTHOR of the pamphlet, whoever he may have been, would find a ready mark for his satires in the Society of to day, so little does human Nature change from one age to another. And it his preachments were in vain in the seventeenth century it can scarcely be affirmed that they would have any effect in the twentieth. He speaks of "the disgrace of the whole sex, who amaze men's minds with their strange proporwhen James Moore Hickson, the and smile at it as we may, it is with Russia, still in the hands of English faith healer, laid hands on a the knowledge that with it there is lightning that sometimes strikes home. "We may be sure," says a To THE Catholic the one conspic. | modern critic, "that not every wench

HOLY FATHER AND THE "K, B, S,"

The spread of the Knights, Handmaids, and Pages of the Blessed Sacrament in Italy has been so considerto appoint a priest-director to organise the work, and Father Guisepps Paccagnella was recently nominated by the Knight-Director, Father Holy Father, who has been keenly interested in the work of the crusade all over the world. The following

"The Holy Father has been pleased to read the letter in which Your Reverence has informed him that you have lately been appointed by the Crusade of the Knights, Handmaids. and Pages of the Blessed Sacrament. Considering the high aim