stood at the altar as the Honorable Katharine felt intensely proud of her lovely and distinguished looking daughter in law, though hardly one whit fonder of her mayhap, than she had been a full two years before.

Lance and his bride spent their honeymoon at dear old Corofin; and in accordance with Eily's wish it was later arranged that the foster parents to whom she owed so much should come to live in a roomier and more comfortable house near the Castle where old Andy, who refused to give up entirely his work, would be nea at hand to oversee the under gar at hand to oversee the undergar-deners; and where Nancy, his wife, rejoicing now in a yearly income beyond her wildest dreams of wealth lived to become in time a sort of second foster-mother to her darling Eileen's little children.-Nora Tynan O'Mahony maze tol ,edol

#### THE NATIONAL HERO OF THE BELGIANS

By James M. Bennett, in "The Evening Ledger"

What manner of man is Cardinal

All the world knows of him as the "voice that cried out in the wilder ness" while murder, rape, arson and pillage were rampant in Belgium, Few Americans know anything of the personality of the churchman who arrives in New York today. I am uniong the three or four Phila delphians who have seen the Oare dinal since the German hordes over ran King Albert's little land

I spent the greater part of an after-noon with Cardinal Mercier at his palace in Malines, as pictures qua town between Antwerp and Brussels. Bearded German soldiers, with brist-ling bayonets, trod the sidewalks outside the Cardinal's home as I entered. They were there to guard the Primate and see all who entered and left the big stone building in which he lives. The Cardinal was virtually a prisoner. His famous pactoral letters had aroused the anger of the invaders.

There were bullet marks on the sides of the palace, holes in the roof and parts of the cornices had been torn away to The beautiful cathedral nearby, was in ruins. Hungry men, gaunt women, sickly children idled about on the street as I entered the

I was escorted to the reception room by a young priest. Cardinal Mercier entered in a few minutes. The Cardinal talked to me more than two hours. He made a lasting

impression leven, neveron sagnad, no Even when the horror of War was

upon, his beloved Belgium, the Car-dinal had a smile for the stranger. I saw a typical churchman, tall and ascetic looking, bright of eye, quick of movement, slightly bent by the weight of years—in a word, the kind of a man one feels better for having seen and heard talk.

The Cardinal enjoyed the dilemma in which he had placed the Germans. His pastoral letters shad tolds his people "Our future is not in doubt. We will win. We will be free." I asked the Cardinal to tell me omething of his detention in his

palace. BHe smiled, regital ? "At 6 g'clock one morning," said the Cardinal, "two German soldiers and an officer prought me a commun-ication from their communities officer acking meto deny the statement that The letter consisted of tour or the typewritten pages. 'Come back in the evening and I'll give you an answer.'

orders were to wait in my room until he received the reply. Go and tele-phone for other orders, I then said. "The officer went out, his orders while I considered my reply, which was in effect that while it was true there were no manacles on my hands, I was to have performed service in Antwerp and was not permitted to do so, and that for three days I was restrained in the palace. Two days

later I was asked to modify this letter, and I wrote another letter. If the Germans are clever," concluded the Cardinal with a smile, "they will publish my first letter." Suddenly Cardinal Mercier asked : "Tell me something, please, of how you Americans raised so much money

and sent so many supplies to our suffering people ?" Lexplained how the States, cities and villages throughout the United States had taken up the great charity and nushed it for the American Co mission for Relief in Belgiam of told

him I was the first and only American

o crossed in one of the relief ships Wonderful!" exclaimed the Car exclaimed the Cardinal stanger there are rich bloss. ings in store for the people who have made sacrifices to help us. The war is still upon us. Our people are hungry. I fear their hunger will continue. Tell your people, when you go home, that we thank them, and impress upon them that our cry is for more. Without outside we will perish. Without aid from the

I then asked the Cardinal to tell me more of the treatment of the Germans toward himself and the

members of his household.

Excuse me, please," he said. "I do not want to talk more about it just now. I am keeping a record of iteall, day by day and incident by incident. Some day I may make it public. When that time comes the War will be over and Belgium will be

free. country and the great men over there," the Cardinal continued. "To you know Cardinal Gibbons?"

to remark, that the most hat

ican Cardinal en many occasions.

"He's a great man," said Cardinal
Mercier.

"I'll tell you w little joke
about him. Yes ban relate it to your

people for it demonstrates the real democracy of the Americans, all words "A year or two before the War ba-gan, I think it was, Cardinal Gibbons stopped here on his way from Rome to the United States. We enjoyed his visit of a few days. He has a vast fund of information, a pleasing and uplifting trend of conversation. We were sorry when his visit ended and there's where the joke comes in.
"I was not well, and I said good.

bye to the Cardinal in the palace. The carriage had been ordered to take him to the railway station. In about five minutes after our visitor had left one of the young Brothers rushed in almost out of breath, and said, 'Cardinal Gibbons is walking alone to the Station and carrying his

I could not understand that. It was different. I could not imagine why he should walk alone and carry his satchel. I was embarrassed. I dispatched a messenger to inform the Cardinal that the carriage was waiting for him. Then I waited forthe return of the messenger to learn how it all happened—Cardinal Gib-bons walking alone on the streets of

When the messenger came back ne related the conversation with the Cardinal

The carriage is in front of the palace to take Your Eminence to the stationad Perhapso you did not see

it)? dirdr act of cliness became had Oh, yes, I saw it, said the Cardinal, but I did not want it. I like to walk, so I started out. When I am at home I take long walks every day. Young man, do more walking, you will live longer. " Then I was able to assure Cardinal

Mercier that Cardinal Gicbons was indeed a great walker. I fold him of the long and almost daily walks that the Cardinal takes along Charles

street in Baltimore,

As he shook my hand in parting
the Cardinal said, Good-bye; come again, please. Come when the dark-ness has gone; come when the sun shines upon Belgium."

And such is the man who is com

ing to Philadelphia in the next week or two. He comes to thank our people for what they did for his people when their need was so great. Philadelphia will see a plain man, a man of the people; a man whose smile is contagious; a man whose words are real game to be treasured

a man who, in the time of Belgium's deepest woe, cried out, "The convic tion, both natural and supernatural of our final victory is more deeply than ever anchored in my soul.'

### TRAINING OF THE CHILD

BY HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL mids ads O'CONNELL man a eve

Among the manifold instances of the wenderful love of our Blessed Lord for His Creatures. His exceed-ing affection and solicitude for children stand out conspicuously in the

It is easy to understand the reason for this children have every quality that appeals to the Heart of Christ, innocence, purity, candor of soul

Wetall remembers that touching pecasion when the Disciples in their mistaken care for Him would have kept the little ones away, lest they should amoy the Lord. Christ, how-I said. The officer replied that his

the sons and daughters of God.

We should be all the more watch. ful and zealous in this duty because we know that all around us today are influences which tend to instil into young hearts irreligious and ideas and to alienate the little ones from Christ.

Let us now examine briefly these wonderful virgues of childhood which. passing some of the dangers which render their possessors so pleasing to our Blessed Lord, tend to weaken and destroy them. Innocence has its cremy in a pre-

mature worldliness that dims the brightness of the young heart and kills or injures deeply the very quali-ties that should be the protection of

early years.

The purity of youth is menaced by the moral degeneration that per-vides the world, an evil-that sweeps unchecked among those who know not the Christian law and extends its baleful power even to the rathful its baleful power even to the faithful and their little ones; in a thousand unseen and subtle ways it advances its outposts in mature souls and from them inevitably spreads to the chil-dren themselves. As sin robbed our first parents of

that andor with which they were originally endowed and made them the slaves of deceit, so do these worldly influences coming from the same source that corrupted their hearts spoil that honesty and straight-

heers spoi that heers and string to forwardness natural to child hood.

Docility disappears from the heart of the child when parents forget or give up their divincity appointed places or quides to the younger gen-

Some of the widely advertised and unrestrained and rampant is a very

I replied that I had met the Amer-can Cardinal on many occasions.

"He's a great man," said Cardinal able circumstances the right training of a child is a difficult art, call-ing forth the fullest powers of a soul richly endowed with grace and wise counsel; it might be begun in infancy so that the growing mind may advance under proper direction and rais. Yet what do we behold all around us, wherever the young are made the victims of novel and noxi ous educational theories? hood is sacrificed to the Moloch of destructive formulas; teachers, in-stead of using the wisdom and ex-perience of their years, deliberately encourage little ones to say and do whatever fancy or chance puts into their small heads.

Too often thoughtless parents ad-

mire the performances of their misguided offspring as smart and preco cious. Little do they dream of the bitter pangs that will be theirs in later years as a result of this unnatural forwardness. The plea, they must learn to express themselves, is

the prefentious pretext of a very victous training.

The plague has even entered our own gates; it has begun to infect the children of Christian parents; causing them to torget the ideals of true boyhood and maidenhood and to suffer the destruction of innocence. We have only to observe and listen to realize that the evil is abroad among us, busy with our own children. tsol THE PRESENT AGE

The present age is the ern of luxury, and luxury ought to have no place in any life, least of all in the life of a child; it is certain to produce physical and moral weakness. corrupt the poblest faculties of a soul and render its slaves fit

only for pleasure. Yet this is precisely the bringing up that many children are receiving today at the hands of unwise parents.

Nothing is denied the child of the
period; it is pampered and cajoled,
not trained. The result is that at an age when youth should possess the will power to choose wisely, that power is gone, and its place is a craze for evil allurements.

Every life, no matter how well protected, has its trials, losses and sorrows. Men and women must be pre-pared early to meet these crosses in strong Christian spirit and to re ognize the blessings concealed under them. Luxury and its accompanying influences wither the fortitude of the soul and make it incapable of patient industry and perseverance, but simplicity of life forms the Christian character and by wise discipline builds up that strength of soul gives us the foundations of true life and forms the pillars of society. Any other ideal or rule is evil and sure to work harm.

all were bad enough if the weak-ness of foolish parents produced bad fruit only in their children, but it goes on to work havor with their children's children and succeeding generations. Hence the enemy must be met at the beginning; parents must cultivate the principles of true parental duty, so that kind firmless and uniform discipline may give to those committed to their care that strength and resolution of soul that are the best endowment and most reliable inheritance they can carry into active life:

The world is not the smiling barsdise lit discolit appears to inexperienced youth lifte is filled, with difficulties and temptations and the sconer children are prepared to meet reali-ties the better for them and for societyput ent

What school of life could be worse iittle children to come unto Me and forbid them not."

Mindful of this command, it is our duty to bring the children near to Christ, and see to it that they grow in the qualities which He loves and which make them in a special same fish, rebellious, prone to evil, ene-miss of society instead of its support-ers, liabilities to Church and State and not assets, and finally, doomed to wretchedness and heartbreak.

Look now upon the family where God's will is law, cheerfully and quickly obeyed; where Christian discipline is the rule; where father and mother present to their children a good example of restraint, strength and affection; where corrupting in-fluences are sternly banished and all things regulated according to the highest standards. Such is the home in which tranquillity reigns and the goodly spirit of a well ordered house hold is ever manifest.

One of the first lessons to be taught to the child is confidence in God, in the Church as God's representative on earth and in the parents as His agents in the home. This confidence must be carefully nuctured, for it is the rock on which man and woman later on will stand firm against the saults of evil and every trial. The best way to instil this quality into the young heart is the example of it made daily visible in the parents' lives.

PURPOSE OF TRAINING MOS It would seem according to modern ideas of education that the most sublime purpose of training is the attain ment of self-confidence. Anyone who knows modern child-life even super-ficially must realize that there is no need in these times for any special cultivation of this much over rated virtue Of course all children ought places of guides to the younger generation, when the child is left to its own devices, or rather abandoned to individuals are lacking in this quality, they should be gently led to the attainment of it. But self-reliance attainment of it. But self-reliance attainment of it. But self-reliance boasted educational revatence of the reputsive thing. Excessive self conduction day, tend inevitably to the destructure fidence is the mother of the grossect mood line and beauty said second



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and most revolting egotism, bad enough among those of ripe age, but in children its presence is painful to those who behold it, it is so unchildlike and therefore unnatural.

The sublimest and most beautiful

self-confidence is the unfailing hope that God will help us if we do our best and the recognition of the fact-that even our very best without God's help will accomplish but poor and un-satisfactory results. The habit of confidence in God is cultivated by daily prayer and supplication for His fatherly assistance in all that children undertake. Such reliance on God's aid, far from weakening initia-tive add courage, only stimulates them, for they are the very conditions upon which God will grant His supnort, As a child who gives the im-pression of wanting to appear wiser than its parents is a very sorry sight, doubly so is the vouth who has not learned to docksto God's wisdom and strength for continued guidance and encouragement in all, his undertak-

With so many dangers lurking to entrap childhood, wite evil entrench ed everywhere, what are parents and guardians to do to ensure a coming generation of sterling and depend-ble men and women?

First and most important, essential in the highest degree, is to get back to the Christian system of trainding and development, to follow strictly the rule laid down by the Lord: "Suffer little children to come unto Me." Everything in the home must dispose the little ones to come near to Christ; they must learn that He is the Way the Tsuth wall development. learn that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life; that their souls in silver, all thought of fatigue, of clingtime and eternity are destined for ing soil and stubborn rock is nothing. His sweet service

home since God Himself bas portrayed that abode in Nazareth where Christ lived so many years and was subject to Mary and Joseph, where the joy of obedience, work and union of hearts were the influences ani. is a treasure mating all three. The Holy Father is a shining reality which ought always to be kept before parents and children, and especially in this day, because it gives the remedy for worldly notions and false systems and illustrates the true rule of family life.

Constant watchfulness is one of the most important duties of parents; if they fail in this they are unworthy of the names of father and mother; if they care only for vanity and dis-play, what wonder if the children follow the evil example: We all know, alas, where this fatal path entered upon in childhood eventually leads to moral destruction.

Religion must ever cocupy the ighest place in the Christian home. ide by side with careful training in God's law must come frequent use of His Sacraments, so needful in the years when hadding passion is developing like a poisonous plant in the soul. Thus will the little ones be brought near to Christ, endowed with noble qualities and formed on right ideals.

An excellent custom, now unfortu-nately more honored in the breach than the observance, yet which is of great power in sanctifying the home and training children for a future, is family prayer. At least once a day all should unite in this devotion that purifies and sweetens the whole

PROPER READING

The printed page has its dangers and great ones too. It is fatally easy today for the child to happen on reading that is rank soul-poison Recreation also must receive par-ental attention and the companionship of the children's hours of play be safely guarded. It is a grave omission for tathers and mothers to neglect this, for many a little one, carefully protected and taught at home, has come to disaster through and companions." "Suffer little children to come unto Me" is a conmand, a law laid down for parents, and the only right way to bring up a child is to see that it is near to the Lord at all times: at home, at work and at play we end send bedgetos vila

mine, for I feel I am their father in God. The growth of their souls in purity and strength is one of my greatest solicitudes and the tender est affection of my heart goes out especially to the lambs of the flock. I feel this responsibility very deeply. I want them to know my voice, to hear it and to love it; to remember men in their prayers and esteem. They will walk as we lead them in faith and work. This grave responsibility is ours, dear Christian parents, and we must guard and folfill it as one of our highest duties, seed dIt is a most inspiring and consol-

ing thought for me to reflect that I

can be of such great service in bringing the children to our Blessed Redemen, for in a few years these an away but a least of a way of the service of the se

many of God's temples, in so many schools conducted by devoted Religious, will be the sterling men and women of this Diocese, the strength and support of Church and State in the coming time.

The duty of parents always has the same unvarying obligation and pressure, but now on the return from regression and spendion, when nature restion and vacation, when natur ally discipline has been somewhat relaxed, it is time to reflect and return with renewed vigor to a fresh consideration of them. It is my earnest wish that parents read and explain this message of mine to the children; that they may

ittle ones whose solid foundations

of faith and piety are now being laid in so many thousand homes, in so many of God's temples, in so many

realize that my heart is with them and my constant petition to Almighty God is for their growth in holiness their welfare and true happiness. I pray that they begin the school year with eager minds and bedies invigor ated by rest, and realize how precious are these years of preparation both for time and eternity, so that they may make the fullest use of the opportunities presented to them now. Only the most diligent work and study will prepare them sufficiently for their future duties, a noble filling of whatever place they are destined

They must flee idleness as one of the worst evils of life. This does not mean that they are not to have recreation, which is the wise use of unem ployed time to give strength to the body and soul. Idleness is purpose-less frittering away of time, one of God's most precious gifts. Let them, begin to value their lives as of ines-timable worth; let them realize even now that God has given them some thing definite to do in the world and that He will hold them accountable for the use of His sacred gifts in the accomplishment of this work. Each hour idly spent brings its penalty and its quickest result is unhappi They who see high and noble purposes in life are too much occupied to be easily worried and disheart-

As the workman familiarizes him There need be no vagueness as to self with whatever can help him to the true model of the Christians attain the object of his search, so should the student habituate himself to serious effort in delving into the treasures of knowledge. stored mind is a wonderful preparation for life. The wealth of the mind that no one can take away; it is the key to whole worlds of wisdom awaiting the patient industry of those who are determined to obtain it. The nuggets of knowledge which the toil of the student brings forth are part of the wisdom of the ages. The lives of all the saints and heroes, the men and women who have accomplished wonderful things for God and fellowman form a rich store of human experience which study reveals. secret of their goodness and gr ness will be found in a lively faith in their eternal destiny and a desire to follow God's will to the very end of their strength. And from a realization of this same faith and obedience the Word's will mast come the witell spark which in due time will develop the children of to day into the sterl ing Christian men and women of tomorrow

Surely the children of this Diocese are not indifferent to what their future lives ought to be; they do not want to be drones in the hive, accomplishing nothing, making no step in advance. God has blessed them and all children of this land as no other opening to them such bountiful fields of opportunity. 250 w b

THE PEACE OF GOD SO

Far be it from me to point out the great merchant princes and captains of industry as models. The atmos-phere of the business world is filled with the exaltation of false ideals, certain to breed disappointment, full of peril to mind, heart and soul. Our children should be warned of these dangers, against this fever of money-getting, this blind ambition to attain high places of doubtful honor, for are all symptoms of a pervading and fell disease. Not that way lies happiness, and after all, happiness is God's greatest gift to man on earth. No; what we wish to point out now is the fulfillment of life's highest

destiny id at cheerful, contented, fruitful and laborious life, sanctified to the full by love of God and the noble charity of a Christian hearf.
This alone brings the peace of God which surpasseth all understanding. In this way life is freed from that canker worm of care that eats away cheerfulness and joy. It worldly prosperity comes honestly and by God's will it is a real blessing to be nged for His glory and the benefit of humanity and if it does not come something else does come, a million in the knowledge that, having done our duty in this dife in high or low position, a just God and most loving Father keeps constant watch over our daily trials and successes, notes strictly now achievements and crosses are borne and stands ready at the gate of eternity to render the sublime reward for lives passed in His service.

May God bless the children of this portion of His vineyard may He lay His hand on their viitles heads and draw their tender little hearts to His Sacred Heart, so that they may be-

come a source of consolation to their parents in school and at home, that the lessons they are now learning may prepare them, not only for this life, but also fit them for the glorious place reserved for them in Heaven. The Pilot.

O my friends! more precious in the eyes of the loving and tender Christ are the tears you shed for His suffering children, the free tears you shed as your hands minister to them in their affliction, and your lips tremblingly tell them of your love and sympathy!—Anna C. Binegue.

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