

HELP THIS GREAT CAUSE

Mr. Fred L. Gifford, Imperial Representative of The Klan in the West and Grand Dragon of the Realm of Oregon, has instructed The Western American to publish the article appearing below by Judge Walter H. Evans, President of the Children's Farm Home.

By W. H. EVANS, President Children's Farm Home

ONE of the facts that marks the human race as superior to that of any other is the ability of the genus homo to adapt himself to change and surroundings.

This preface is made only for the purpose of pointing to the fact that the species responds to environment—that both character and conduct are controlled by environment and will not be contradicted.

The dependent child is and always has been an object of pity and, to a greater or less extent, an object of public concern.

Court records are replete with illustrations of the fact that the dependent child is apt to become delinquent, and that the delinquent child easily develops into the criminal.

It is safe to say that not all of the dependent children are brought to the attention of the courts. Perhaps there are 300 more at large in this county who have never felt the help even of a court of domestic relations.

In the early Anglo Saxon civilization dependent children usually found their way into the workhouse and from the workhouse into institutions kept by public funds that were little better than places of living death.

The modern idea of housing and caring for dependents centers about the home idea. It undertakes to establish as nearly as may be done without parental love the home life for the child.

It is a singular fact that Oregon, with all her splendid spirit of patriotism and sociological service that has been manifest in many ways, has absolutely neglected to undertake in a scientific manner the care of the dependent child.

The need of a change has been known for many years. It has been recognized that something ought to be done, not only because of the fact that dependent children under present conditions cannot be given the scientific care and parental attention that should be given them.

In carrying out the ideals embodied in the children's farm home a corporation was organized which is controlled by a board of directors of leading citizens, selected without regard to their affiliation primarily with any organization.

In recognition of the worth of the idea and in furtherance of the objects the State of Oregon contributed \$25,000 toward the purchase of 25 acres of this farm and toward the erection of one of the cottages.

The funds for the building of such a cottage are perhaps 50 per cent subscribed, but there is great need of help.

Every good citizen should feel a personal interest in the establishment of this home. It is time that we stop criticising the institutions that are now caring for our dependents until at least such time as we shall be able to provide for our own.

There has been much discussion of the idea of establishing a somewhat similar institution in connection with the Old Peoples Home near Forest Grove, but nothing tangible has yet been accomplished or even undertaken.

Make it a matter of personal interest. It is not a question so much of the amount you may subscribe as it is a question of knowing that you sincerely believe in and are willing to back such an institution because of its aims and objects and of the good it is capable of accomplishing.

CHILDREN'S FARM HOME OF THE W. C. T. U. Corvallis, Oregon

In consideration of the fact that there is no Protestant non-sectarian provision for dependent and orphan children of Oregon, aside from the Children's Farm Home of the W. C. T. U., at Corvallis, and in view of the present pressing need of constructing additional buildings to provide for many dependent children, I hereby pledge and agree to pay to the Treasurer of the CHILDREN'S FARM HOME, the sum of \$125,000.00 Dollars (\$ ) on the following terms and conditions:

A REAL HOME for Dependent Children, Not Just an Institution Make checks payable to "Children's Farm Home" and mail them to Mrs. Ada Unruh, Financial Secretary, 615 Stock Exchange, Portland, Telephone Main 0227.

WAR IN IRELAND EVOKES COMMENT

The following letter and article were submitted to The Portland News and rejected. The Western American is pleased to give space for this eye-opener, especially from an author so distinguished and sincere.

Editor Daily News: In your issue of today (Friday, May 18) I find an "Editoriallette," from which I quote: "No peace in Ireland for generations, predicts Shaw Desmond, one of Erin's leading journalists. Fighting has become a habit over there, with brief breathing spells."

There is more of the same sort, all because Desmond, and the Editor of The News, both fear to reckon in the problem the one factor that holds the key to the solution. Such cowardice will receive its reward when this factor is held up before the eyes of the world in all its hideousness as it is surely going to be.

Let me introduce that factor here, in the words of an Irishman and a Roman Catholic, Michael J. M. McCarthy, scholar and barrister-at-law. He says:

"It is sacerdotal interference and domination, beginning in the infant school and ending with the legacy for masses after death, that will be found to be the true and universal cause of that universal degeneracy upon which we commiserate ourselves."

After this, he draws the contrast between the poverty and ignorance in Catholic Ireland and the industry, prosperity and progressiveness of Protestant Ireland.

Of Cork, this Catholic Irishman says: "It has erected religiously and mendicancy on a pinnacle before which it bows down and worships and the poor beautiful city has its reward. The priest-educated Catholic citizens of Cork are, in the aggregate, men without minds. . . . I express what hundreds of thousands of Cork people themselves think; and I would gladly turn my native country off the road to ruin upon which it has been travelling since the priests awoke under Italian inspiration, fifty years ago. . . . If we examine the standing army of priests and nuns who are quartered in such affluence in the city of Dublin, our astonishment cannot fail to be increased at finding so much vice and misery among the lower classes of the Catholic population."

Here is a quotation straight for the Ireland of today—inhabited largely by semi-lunatics produced by generations of papal rule and ruin: This from the Sunday School Times of April 7, this year:

"Little is known in America of what is happening in Ireland. Our press does not report the burning of the Hibernian Society's building. It does not reproduce the picture before me of 'discriminating violence,' a photograph of the wrecked Y. M. C. A. on Sackville street, Dublin, with the intact Catholic Club next door. The battle was between Republicans and

Free Staters but the sufferers were not the Catholics. A splendid Protestant boys' orphanage at Ballyconree near Galway, founded in the days of the potato famine and exercising a beneficent ministry ever since, was burned to the ground last July. The boys were rescued by British destroyers, as Greek children in Smyrna by Americans.

"Protestant churches are being wrecked. That at Moyras with rectory and school was, on November 7, completely gutted and burned. In such cases, Bible and prayer-books are torn up, fonts broken or defiled and the walls covered with obscene scribbling. Protestant families that have lived in Ireland for centuries are now refugees. In some parishes, every Protestant has been either killed or driven away. Sinn Fein gunmen have swarmed over from Catholic Ireland into Ulster in the hope of fomenting disorder, of breaking down the new government there."

There is more of the same sort; but what can be said of the craven daily press of America that dare not print a syllable of all this, while barking loudly at the Russian soviet; while publishing columns of Catholic purgings about their lamb-like intentions here; and priest-inspired defenses and denials of practices that have been a part of papalism ever since its founding in the fifth century. We are to send an armed force into China because a few persons have been captured by bandits; but we must not even be told of this papal inspired savagery going on in Ireland. Why? I am contributing time, typewriter and paper to send something to you that I know you dare not print; but you will read it and perhaps curse the intolerable conditions that compel you to drop it into the wastebasket. Besides, I am taking a carbon which I shall send to The Western American, which probably will print it.

E. F. B.

"EDITORIALETTES. (From The News) "In Ireland. "No peace in Ireland for generations, predicts Shaw Desmond, one of Erin's leading journalists. Fighting has become a habit over there, with brief breathing spells. "Nations founded in blood drown in blood," Desmond philosophizes. Ireland can never be anything, can never be freed until she has passed through three generations of self-discipline and training."

"Desmond's picture is too dark. It is Irish to predict a fight instead of peace. But self-government is not learned easily by new republics. Ours has not finished learning, and we have nearly a century and a half the start of Ireland."

Editor of The Western American—Dear Brother: This letter explains itself. The Daily News is gagged and hobbled by the Roman hierarchy, neither more nor less than all the other dailies of this city. The situation is so disgraceful to alleged American manhood and such a betrayal of the people whose money supports these craven sheets, that I hope you will print it. I enclose also, the entire editoriallette from which I quote. Yours very truly, E. F. BALDWIN.

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