HELP THIS GREAT CAUSE

Mr. Fred L. Gifford, Imperial Representative of The Klan in the West and Grand Lragon 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. Mr. Gifford also requests that every effort be made to promote this great humanitarian cause, saying "He gives twice who gives quickly," and that "all should give until it hurts."

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. Someone has said it is this ability that has permitted the human species to exist in the face of antagonistic forces much more powerful and capable of wreaking destruction. His power of adaptability to environment, to accommodate himself therein and to provide for himself wherever he may be situated has not only marked the species as superior, but has contributed toward its perpetuation.

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. The effect of environment is perhaps more markedly discernible in the case of dependent children than anywhere else.

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. The statement has been made that 2400 children pass through the Court of Domestic Relations in Multnomah County yearly. I have no exact figures as to the percentage of this number that is dependent. Perhaps 50 per cent of them are in that class.

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. If we are right in our assumption that 1500 dependent children live in this community, and are further right in the assumption that a large percentage of dependents become delinquent and eventually criminal, it needs no further argument to convince the thinking mind that a serious problem is at hand, and that is the problem of placing dependent children in surroundings which will contribute toward making of them good and useful citizens.

In the early Angio 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. Later on in our Anglo Saxon civilization municipalities and states undertook the task, indeed the obligation, of caring for these dependents in institutions called orphanages or orphan asylums, usually large institutions wherein children were housed in circumstances that could not contribute in any great degree toward developing the dormant good in every child. Students of sociology early discovered that the housing of large numbers of children in institutions served as a sort of a leavening process. It made some of them better for the association, perhaps, but I believe the general consensus of opinion has been that it has made more of them worse for the experience.

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 factor is held up before the eyes of publishing columns of Catholic many ways, has absolutely neglected to undertake in a scientific manner the care of the dependent child. It is true that the State with its magnanimous generosity is contributing large sums of money every year for the care of dependent children, but the children whom the State is now supporting are all housed in institutions modeled after the type of institution that has existed, wherever one has exsited, in this country since its early founding. They are all in orphan homes.

The need of a change has been known for many years. It has been recognized that something anoth to be done not only be cause of the fact that dependent children under present conditions cannot be given the scientific care and parental attention that should be given them, but because of the further fact that a large percentage of dependent children must, in existing circumstances, be cared for in religious institutions of different faith and doctrine than that espoused by the parents of many of the dependents.

These existing circumstances prompt the W. C. T. U., an organization that for more than fifty years has been caring for the welfare of dependents and unfortunates, to undertake the establishment of a farm home for dependent children, a farm home that shall be conducted along religious but non-sectarian lines, a farm home where all children regardless of sect, creed or the lack thereof may be housed in circumstances as nearly approaching, the ideal home as it shall be possible to make them-a place where those physically capable may help earn their "board and keep," and a place where all of school age may have the privilege of attending the public schools.

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. This corporation has undertaken and is purchasing a well equipped farm near Corvallis, adjacent to the great college there. They have laid out plans for the construction of a series of cottages, each capable of taking care of twenty children. In each of these cottages will be established a house mother, and in the boys' cottages a house father and mother, who will live with the children therein, who by example and precept and by loving care and attention will, it is hoped, establish a home relation that shall, as far as possible, take the care of the one the child lost. Indeed, it is hoped to make it better than the home surroundings of many.

In recognition of the worth of the idea and in furtherance of the objects the State of Oregon contributed \$25,000 toward the Hibernian Society's building. It does can manhood and such a betrayal of purchase of 25 acres of this farm and toward the erection of one of the cottages. Two of them are now under construction. One is being built from funds contributed largely by communities outside of Portland. An effort is now being made to secure funds for tact Catholic Club next door. The ette from which I quote. Yours very the building of a third cottage to be known as the Portland Cot-battle was between Republicans and truly,

tage. The funds for the building of such a cottage are perhaps 50 | When on your way to and from th per cent subscribed, but there is great need of help.

Every good citizen should feel a personal interest in the es tablishment 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. It therefore seems appropriate and proper that an appeal be made for help in establishing an institution capable of saving from economic loss a large percentage MILLER BROS. LOGANBERRY FARM of the potential criminals in our community.

Make it a matter of personal interest. It is not a question so nuch 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. My first recollection of a Masonic fraternity was an explanation made to me that some playmates of my earliest childhood were being cared for by the Masonic Lodge, orphan children whose father was a Mason. We have always been taught to take care of our own. May we not avail ourselves of the opportunity so to do?

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ere submitted to The Portland News American. and rejected. The Western American opener, especially from an author so distinguished and sincere,

Editor Daily News: In your issue of today (Friday, May 18) I find an

because Desmond, and the Editor of is surely going to be.

school and ending with the legacy for masses after death, that will be found of that universal degeneracy upon which we commiserate ourselves."

Protestant Ireland.

Of Cork, this Catholic Irishman ays: "It has erected religiousity and mendicancy on a pinnacle before which it bows down and worships and "In Ireland. the poor beautiful city 'has its recitizens of Cork are, in the aggre- Erin's leading journalists. Fighting

express what hundreds of thousands of brief breathing spells. Cork people themselves think; and I would gladly turn my native country blood, Desmond philosophizes. Treoff the road to ruin upon which it has land can never be anything, can never been traveling since the priests awoke be freed until she has passed through under Italian inspiration, fifty years three generations of self-discipline and . . . If we examine the stand- training.' ing army of priests and nuns who are quartered in such affluence in the city is Irish to predict a fight instead of of Dublin, our astonishment cannot peace. But self-government is not

Here is a quotation straight for the of Ireland." Ireland of today-inhabited largely by semi-lunatics produced by genera- Editor of The Western Americantions of papal rule and ruin: This Dear Brother: This letter explains itfrom the Sunday School Times of self. The Daily News is gagged and

April 7, this year: does not report the burning of the tion is so disgraceful to alleged Amerinot reproduce the picture before me the people whose money supports graph of the wrecked Y. M. C. A. on will print it. Sackville street, Dublin, with the in- I enclose also, the entire editorial-

Free Staters but the sufferers were not the Catholics. A splendid Prot estant boys' orphanage at Ballyconrec 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 destroy The following letter and article ers, as Greek children in Smyrna by

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"Protestant churches are being is pleased to give space for this eye- wrecked. That at Moyrus 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. Protecant families that Editorialette," from which I quote: have lived in Ireland for centuries are "No peace in Ireland for generations, now refugees. In some parishes, every predicts Shaw Desmond, one of Erin's Protestant has been either killed or leading journalists. Fighting has be- driven away. Sinn Fein gunmen have come a habit over there, with brief 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: The News, both fear to reckon in the but what can be said of the craven problem the one factor that holds the daily press of America that dare not key to the solution. Such cowardice print a syllable of all this, while barkwill receive its reward when this ing loudly at the Russian soviet; while the world in all its hideousness as it rings about their lamb-like intentions here; and priest-inspiring defenses Let me introduce that factor here, and denials of practices that have been n the words of an Irishman and a part of papalism ever since its Roman Catholic, Michael J. M. Mc- founding in the fifthy century. We Carthy, scholar and barrister-at-law. are to send an armed force into China because a few persons have been cap "It is sacerdotal interference and tured by bandits; but we must not domination, beginning in the infant even be told of this papal inspired savagery going on in Ireland. Why

I am contributing time, typewriter to be the true and universal cause and paper to send something to you that I know you dare not print; but you will read it and perhaps curse After this, he draws the contrast the intolerable conditions that combetween the poverty and ignorance in pel you to drop it into the waste Catholic Ireland and the industry, basket. Besides, I am taking a carbon prosperity and progressiveness of which I shall send to The Western American, which probably will print it. E. F. B.

"EDITORIALETTES. (From The News)

"No peace in Ireland for genera ward. The priest-educated Catholic tions, predicts Shaw Desmond; one of gate, men without minds . . . I has become a habit over there, with

"'Nations founded in blood drown in

"Desmond's picture is too dark. It fail to be increased at finding so much learned easily by new republics. Ours vice and misery among the lower has not finished learning, and we have classes of the Catholic population." nearly a century and a half the start

hobbled by the Roman hierarchy, "Little is known in America of what neither more nor less than all the is happening in Ireland. Our press other dailies of this city. The situaof 'discriminating violence,' a photo- these craven sheets, that I hope you

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