

immorality promoted by the volume of illicit publications? How can Christians look upon the danger with such indifference? Day after day we are reminded of the threat, yet day after day not a single protest finds its way to public notice. Where are our minds that we may realize and understand the danger? Where are our voices that we may raise them in united protest against an evil which both insults and injures? Where are our consciences that we can continue in such diffidence? Were we not warned by Christ himself. "I know thy works; thou art neither cold nor hot. I would that thou wert cold or hot. But because thou art lukewarm, I am about to vomit thee out of my mouth."

What is needed is a modern crusade. A crusade of Christians in a concerted effort to defeat a pernicious enemy slowly destroying us from within. Let there be a crusade in every locality festering with the disease being spread by publications unfit for the most pagan reader. Let the clarion call go out to every Christian to unite with his neighbour in a common effort to erase the filth and falsity from the literature of the day. There can be no delay. The evil is apparent. The hour critical. The number of Christians, soldiers of Christ, is legion; there is no dearth of leaders (or is there?) Indeed, let it begin here at St. Dunstan's. It is youth particularly at whom this paganism is aimed. As young and eager men and women we ought to be the most vigorous. As students we have an obligation to defend truth against its would-be perverters. Who better can alert the world? For all who take up the cause, action must be the watchword.

—EDITORIAL.

THE WHY AND THE WHEREFORE EXPLAINED

Have you ever sat down in a quiet place, and, in deep and somewhat unconscious contemplation, wondered what is the actual meaning of the common and yet obscure term "education?" I have done just that, but I have followed up my curiosity and have found the answer contained in the most edifying book I ever read.

Here is a book which provides enlightenment on the topic of education, not only for those pursuing it but also for the teachers and directors of education. It is necessary for the student to know the meaning of education so that he may undertake the proper functions of a student and also necessary that the teacher have the same knowledge

so that he may fulfill his obligations. The question, "To what degree does the moral formulation of the student depend upon the character of the educator?" would be of special interest to the teacher. Also, the question, "Is your conception of success that of professional success or success as a man?" would arouse the curiosity of the student.

This book cannot boast of a lively story, a crafty plot, an exciting climax or an excellent portrayal of characters. Yet it has one characteristic which surpasses all these in greatness—truth. This characteristic is especially suited to the book as the author points out that "Fitting the mind for the reception of truth, rather than filling it with knowledge, is the proper object of education."

The author of this book is Dr. Edward Leen, C.S. Sp., past-president of Blackrock College, Ireland. With this book as a medium, he conveys to us solutions to the problems existing in our system of education. The truthfulness of his statements is easily recognized when they are compared with those of our modern "educationalists." For example, he explains what influence the erroneous characteristic of materialism in our modern society has upon education. Of what do his explanations consist? The answer to this is adequately given in this book.

Yes, if anyone lacks information regarding questions of education and art, personality, religious instruction, and philosophy of life respectively, I do not hesitate to advise him to read the book, **What Is Education?** Furthermore, if anyone has the excellent idea of obtaining this book for his own personal library, he may do so by contacting **Sheed and Ward, Inc., New York.**

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BOYS WILL BE BOYS

"There is no such thing as a bad boy." This may sound ridiculous to you but, nevertheless, true. Such was the attitude taken by Father Flanagan and it was upon this belief that he performed his greatest work. Everybody knows what Father Flanagan's outstanding work was but, not everyone knows the thrilling story behind it; how he was banished from Rome, forced to return home as a failure and suffer the ridicule of his fellow citizens. But Father Flanagan soon overcame this failure. How could God spare one destined by Him for such great work?