

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.**

—ROBERT CROKEN '53

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?

The story of Father Flanagan is the narrative of the deeply interesting life about the man who had a vision and lived up to it. It is a most delicate recording of Father Flanagan's spiritual approach to children, and the deep sacrifices he was ready to make in their behalf. It is a story with humor and kindness, pathos and grief, hopelessness and hope-fulfilled—a story of human being humanly told. Here you will find the story of the boys who made Boys Town—the destitute starvelings who came without a friend in the world, the puzzled and distrustful youths who had never known a kind word or a soft bed. Here you will see the same boys emerge as responsible citizens, some with a trade, others ready for college or professional courses.

The story about Father Flanagan recently told by Fulton and Will Oursler is an outstanding work of art and is indeed a tribute that two renowned men have tendered such a valuable service by recording this untiring aid to the youth of our nation in this manner. The Ourslers have done a superb job of giving new life on earth, in print, to a unique humanitarian. This account contains such inspiring and fascinating reading that it should be a part of every students' library. In these discouraging times everyone should read this epic tale which holds such a lesson in faith, hope and charity.

Do you know the name of this book? No doubt most of you do but, just in case someone does not, it is entitled, **Father Flanagan of Boys Town**. I assure you that you will find this book very pleasing and highly interesting besides being very educational. It is very simply told and quite easy to understand and I am sure you will agree that the authors deserve much credit. I do not hesitate in recommending this book to you and I only hope you will find it as interesting as I have. You may obtain it from **Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, N. Y.**

St. Clair Coyle '53

In doing what we ought we deserve no praise, because it is our duty.—St. Augustine.

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Education is the apprenticeship of life.—Wilmot.