

ON TEACHING

It often seems as if a few more days
Of helping little minds to see the light
Are past endurance—yet the teacher stays,
Knowing, to help them is a treasured right.
She calms their quickened tempers with a glance,
Explains some problem which has baffled all,
Describes, perhaps, the iron mines of France,
A theorem, phrases, Latin, where was Gaul.
And so each day, filled with a varied lot
Of many different things, makes up the year;
And as school closes, 'tis a pleasant thought:
"Now surely each has learned a little here."
Thus teaching, with its tears, and smiles, and cares,
Can help one get to Heaven, unawares.

—MILDRED MacISAAC '49

WHAT ABOUT STRIKES?

All America fears strikes, which have caused great material loss in goods and services, and have generated clouds of ill will and suspicion between employees and employers. The number of strikes in our day has increased so rapidly, and some of them have produced such evil effects, that a great number of people are seriously questioning whether strikes can be defended at all, or if they can be defended in particular instances; or whether they should not, on account of their general tendency to occasion of continual disturbance of industrial relations, be condemned as constituting a real menace to society. Some would go even so far as to say that strikes constitute such a serious menace to society that they call for prohibitory legislation by the state, if not on the score of their intrinsic immorality, at least because, under the present circumstances, they constitute a grave menace to the common welfare of the state. If a strike can be condemned on the grounds that it is intrinsically immoral, then there is no further necessity of entering into a detailed consideration of the various elements that are involved in a particular strike. However, I shall endeavour to point out that the strike is not intrinsically immoral, and so cannot be condemned of that point; and also that most strikes are morally justifiable and so cannot be condemned. In a word, it will be my endeavour in this essay to defend the just strike, and the laborer's right to participate in such a strike.

Strikes are nowhere declared to be intrinsically immoral, either in the encyclical "Rerum Novarum" of Pope Leo XIII,—which may be called an official formulation of the Church's teaching on the moral issues involved in the labor problem, or in the writings