

encouraged children to make their First Communion at as early an age as possible.

As Bishop of Bishops it was his duty to look not only to the spiritual needs of the Roman people but to see that the faithful throughout the world were thoroughly instructed in the fundamentals of their faith. It was for this reason he pointed out how necessary it was for the faithful to attend regularly the weekly instructions and for the clergy to teach with zeal, constancy, and perseverance, because Christian doctrine is the foundation of the sacerdotal ministry.

The last days of Pius X were saddened by the anxiety of the First World War. The once, strong, smiling and happy Pope, was now a weak old man, weighed down by anxiety and bitter worry—a man broken by the evil of the world. The war had broken his heart. "Pius X; poor and rich; meek and humble of heart; strong defender of the rights of the church; labouring to restore all things in Christ, died piously on August 20th, 1914.

On June 3rd, 1951, Pius X was raised to the honor of the altar and on May 29, 1954 he was canonized a saint of the church.

We give thanks to Pius X who strove so mightily to restore all things in Christ—Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life. We give thanks also that he who preached and lived a life of heroic sanctity has been raised to our altars, an inspiration to the faithful for centuries to come.

—M. P. M. '55.

### THE INSEPARABLE COUPLE

"Everytime you come near me you just burn me up," says Basil. Practically every occasion when Basil meets Henrietta this is what we hear.

Basil is always embarrassing Henrietta in public, especially in the kitchen where they are most often found. Basil is sometimes seen to lean against the wall and is even sometimes pushed behind the door while Henrietta is rudely shoved in a box. However, even though the red spot shines on Henrietta's face when Basil comes out with such remarks as above, they are an inseparable couple. One is absolutely useless to anyone unless accompanied by the other.

Henrietta is not so prone to talk as Basil but unlike so many of her sex, she may be turned off if the occasion requires it.

Unlike other married couples, the symbol of their union is not a gold ring but a rubber coated cord. Yesterday a lady came in and put a skirt on Basil, and he said he was never so embarrassed in all his life. When another lady was walking by and tripped over his legs, Henrietta got so made she almost blew a fuse.

Strange to say in all my meetings with Basil, I have never yet encountered him dressed like a gentleman. He always wears the same suit usually tied or pinned about him. His knees bend very well but are not stable enough to hold him long enough to pray.

Henrietta hates to be left alone to use up all her energy, because after getting hot under the collar she is pretty dangerous. Some people change their clothing to suit the season but Henrietta changes in seconds from wool to cotton and doesn't mind what the temperature is.

Basil is always very silent and meek; when put in his place he never answers back. He is not very intelligent because he never moves when people trip over him or never tightens up his garments.

Henrietta is also very quiet and resigned when put in her place, but soon refuses to do extra work unless she has a very strong attachment through her wedding band.

Henrietta is our 115 volt, 100 watt, deluxe, feather-weight, automatic iron and Basil is our beautiful, wooden folding ironing board.

—LUCETTA McDONALD, '57.

#### THE MODERN FAMILY — THE MODEL FAMILY?

A student in sociology will, in studying the basic social institutions, come upon the family as a social institution. This means that it is a cornerstone on which may depend the development and progress or the destruction and ruin of society. The trouble today is that many fail to realize the importance of the family and look upon it as little more than a form of group organization.

When we examine the family as a social institution, we find that it has certain fundamental duties and obligations to fulfill as a part of society. We see that the procreation of children, their spiritual care and general development are entrusted to the family and more particularly to the parents. This general development includes the mental advancement through education and the building of moral principles. Finally another function of the family is to provide for all the members a medium for the expression of the qualities of mutual dependence, love and affection.