

Religious Bulletin.
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Truant Officer.

Mr. Stanley ("Gove.") Walsh has applied for the post of Truant Officer for the correspondence School. The appointment will be held up three days pending protests. The post must be filled without delay, as some of the Short Course men have been kicking over the traces.

The Perils of the Hick Town.

Attention was called the other day to the harm done by old ladies and evil companions. They are the bane of the hick town. The city boy is less troubled by them. He can find good or bad companions as he chooses; and the street-car conductor in the cities have taught the old ladies to mind their own business.

What the Survey shows.

Last year's religious survey revealed the fact that the students from the city parished attend the Sacraments during the summer with much greater regularity than the boys from the towns. Forty percent. of the students from cities found better companions at school than at home, while 53% of the boys from town and country found worse choice companions here.

What Ails Main Street.

The apartment house of the city has outdone the possibilities of home entertainment and driven people to seek amusement in public dance halls and cabarets. Asinine imitation of artificial city life has made the hicks neglect the home, which should be their refuge from temptation. The circle of the elect is small in Main Street, and despised acquaintances become companions.

The Ear-Marks of the Hick.

The product of the hick environment is readily noted by the following Characteristics:

1. He helps the conductor run the street car;
2. He is noisy with childish indecencies of speech;
3. He nicknames priests and professors;
4. He boasts airily of hearts he has broken;
5. He goes to town Saturday night to work up a collegiate jag.

Taking the Country out of the Hick.

Country of city, the hick is the same. He can be cured by two fundamental virtues: Christian courage and Christian humility. Both are learned in the basement chapel.

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