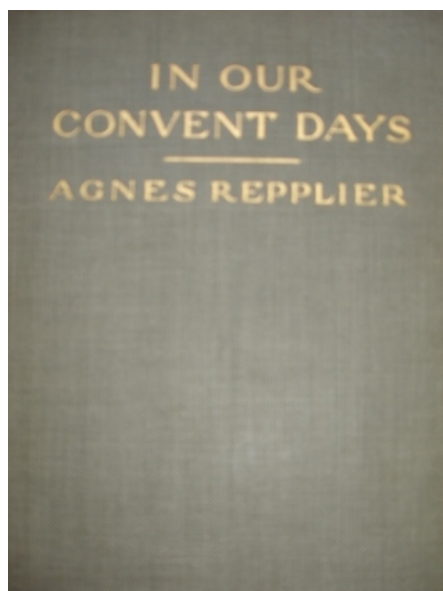




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This is a delightful memoir. The story of what it is like to be a small child at a convent boarding school. Agnes Repplier narrates the tale with a keen and witty remembrance of her school days spent with about half a dozen close friends. They get into scrapes together and have crushes on the older girls. When you are ten the girls of seventeen seem grown up and far too superior to even notice someone of your age. The girls make up their own marvellous games to entertain themselves. They write plays and perform them with great ardour. One of the most exciting events is when the school is given a day as a holiday. A very special day, maybe a saint's day that has particular significance to the convent or perhaps a day given by a visitor such as the archbishop. The girls would wait with baited breath to see if it was to awarded before the visitor left. Oh such excitement! There would be so much planning, the girls would spend some of their meagre allowance on sweets and cakes. Of course there would have to be a new play written and performed and outdoor games. It was the general rule of the convent that during meals, only French was to be spoken thus making conversation a little stilted. On holidays the girls could speak in English and chaos reigned.

I was surprised that whilst reading the book, I did not have any thought about the time setting for the story being in the mid 1800's. Agnes Repplier was born in either 1855 or 1858 and died in 1950! Only at one time, when it was mentioned that someone was leaving in their carriage, was I reminded that I was not reading a modern story.

I could quite easily have been reading about my own school days during the 1950's and 1960's.

This is a very simple school story, with echos of Malory Towers, no stress, no violence or bad language, back to childhood.

Although it was reprinted in 2010 the 'physical' book is still a little expensive so I was really pleased to find the site Questia online library. It is a site that you subscribe to but does have some free book and In Our Convent Days is one of them. Thank you Questia.
