

The Children's Page

OUR LADY OF THE BOYS.

In snow-white marble Mary stands Gold-crowned as Empress and as Queen.

Of all the heavens and all the lands That angel eyes have ever seen;

She is the Lady of their heart, They wear her favors day and night.

She marks each truant for her own, O'er the wanderer she keeps Lone vigil through the night hours.

She is the Mistress of their sport, Their Teacher in sweet Wisdom's chair.

Their Pleader in the great High Court, Their Guide unto the Golden Stair.

A NEW YEAR EPISODE.

(By Hope Willis.)

It was New Year's morning, The elevator boy in the Westcott building was in bad humor.

As he stood waiting for passengers, his nose pressed against the grating of "the cage," a scowl upon his forehead.

The dog hesitated. Evidently he was not accustomed to elevators.

"Come, Nig! Don't be afraid," said his master, extending his hand.

"Get in or get out, either one; and mighty quick, too!" growled the boy.

There were three elevators in the large building. After he had left the janitor, he went to one of the others.

gentleman with indifference, making no effort to start the elevator.

"Anything wrong?" asked the old gentleman.

"Nothin' as I know of," answered the boy, carelessly, still regarding the pages of the magazine.

"Why don't you start, then?" "Don't have to. Rule is wait till box is full.

"I don't think that rule applies to office buildings."

"Well, I ain't a-goin' to be runnin' this here elevator up and down every minute New Year's Day, when I'm imposed on like this."

"I can't see that yours is any less that kind of job than mine was, Jim. You're waiting on people in a different way."

A HANDSOME GIFT

Bishop Colton, of Buffalo, says the Catholic News, went to Lockport on New Year's Day to hold special services in St. Patrick's church and dedicate the handsome new parochial school, a gift of the Right Rev. Monsignor Cannon, the pastor, to the parish.

The school has been completed and was opened to the public for the first time last Sunday.

The school is of stone, two and one-half stories high, 100 feet long and 50 feet wide.

It is located adjacent to St. Patrick's church and St. Joseph's Convent. It will seat 500 pupils, with room for many more.

On the second floor a large lecture hall will accommodate 300 people seated.

The building is modernly heated and ventilated. For the first time in the history of the parish the boys and girls will be taught in the same classes.

Sisters of St. Mary's will have charge. The school will be under the Regents' supervision.

Monsignor Cannon stated that he had planned the school for thirty years past.

The building is valued at \$20,000. Monsignor Cannon also has sent three purses aggregating \$25,000 to the Propaganda at Rome for the education of young men from the diocese of Buffalo to the priesthood.

A SLIP OF THE TONGUE.

A farmer living five miles from town telephoned the village doctor to come and see his wife, who was very ill.

"All right," answered the M.D. "I have another patient in your neighborhood, so can kill two birds with one stone." -Chicago News.

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