

"ALMOST ANYTHING."

If not a singular fact it is at least significant one, that so many of the young people who find it difficult to get employment, are the ones who when asked as to what they can do, reply, "Oh, I'm willing to try almost anything." The young man who drops into a lawyer's office some morning, looking for a situation, very possibly has visited half the merchants in the vicinity on the same errand, has applied for a position as teacher in the public schools, has thought of taking up canvassing, and has been down to the livery stable to see if a hack driver was needed there. And the girls and young women who are under the necessity of supporting themselves, show a versatility equally surprising.

While we may admire the spirit which makes one ready to do "almost anything" for the sake of being independent, is it not true that many young people feel this way because they are not prepared for any especial work? We honour the young man who, because he is unable to find employment along the line of his tastes and preparation, takes up hard and inferior work, but that is quite different from being ready to "try your hand" at everything in general, because you are not trained for anything in particular.

While the world stands, there will always be people looking for employment who are ready to do "almost anything," for the simple reason that employers are not looking for that kind. Their need is for helpers who are definitely fitted for a certain kind of work, and so much interested in it that they prefer it to any other. When we reflect on our limited capacity we must see, readily enough, that we shall succeed better by fitting ourselves to meet some definite want than by being ready to attempt to fill any vacancy in all lines of industry.

DO YOU READ

What people are saying about Hood's Sarsaparilla? It is curing the worst cases of scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism and all forms of blood disease, eruptions, sores, boils and pimples. It is giving strength to weak and tired women. Why should you hesitate to take it when it is doing so much for others?

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reliable, sure.

LITTLE THINGS OF LIFE.

Why is it that we so easily forget that the little things of life are what make it easy or hard? A few pleasant words, a warm hand-clasp, a cordial letter, are simple things, but they are mighty in their influence on the lives of those about us, adding a ray of hope to many disconsolate hearts, giving a bit of courage to disappointed weary ones, and helping to make our own lives sweeter at the same time. Few people realize how much the little attentions of everyday life mean to their associates in the home, the church, the business place. It is generally a lack of consideration which makes one forget the tiny pleasantries, but lack of consideration is really one form of selfishness, and selfishness is not considered a desirable quality. Remember that the little things in life, whether good or bad, count for more with those who love than we ever know, and we should be watchful of our actions and our words.

LOVE WORKS OUTWARD.

Love cannot begin with self alone. It never starts except toward another. It takes at least two to make love a possibility. Love works outward. If it cannot work that way, it cannot work at all. What is called self-love is not love; it is simply a perversion, or an inversion, toward self, of those qualities of the soul which ought to find exercise in loving others. One who indulges in what is called love of self grows smaller and smaller, and is less and less able to love at all, while a love of others enlarges self and a man's power of loving. He who loves outward grows toward God. He who turns inward those qualities of his being which might make him a loving creature, shrivels his soul toward nothingness.

NEVER HELPS.

John and his brother Alec, who had been playing with a little neighbour, were walking home together one noon when Alec said:

"We won't go to Percy's house again, will we? I don't like playing with him, he's so cross and he always wants his own way. Why didn't you call him a selfish thing, John, when he snatched the reins away from you and wouldn't let you drive? That is what he was."

"If I had called Percy names I should have been mean too, and we might have had a quarrel. And then what could we say to mother when we reach home and she asks us if we were good boys?" John answered gravely. "It's always best to keep from saying unkind things, you know, Alec."

Was not John's way a very wise one? To say unkind things to cross folks never helps to smooth their ruffled tempers, but it does help to make them worse.

WHAT "SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE" MEANS.

You all know this rhyme, but have you ever heard what it really means?

The four-and-twenty blackbirds represent the twenty-four hours. The bottom of the pie is the world, while the top crust is the sky that over-arches it. The opening of the pie is the day dawn, when the birds begin to sing, and surely such a sight is fit for a King.

The King, who is represented sitting in his parlor counting out his money, is the sun, while the gold pieces that slip through his fingers, as he counts them, are the golden sunbeams.

The Queen who sits in the dark kitchen, is the moon, and the honey with which she regales herself is the moonlight.

The industrious maid, who is in the garden at work before her King—the sun—has risen, is the day-dawn, and the clothes she hangs out are the clouds. The bird who, so

To the Visiting Clergymen and Others attending the

SYNOD

We extend a cordial invitation to inspect our large stock of Books—Theological, Devotional, Evangelical, Sunday School Supplies, Hymn Books, Bibles, Bagster and Oxford.

AT 154 YONGE STREET.

Divine Immanence

An Essay on the Spiritual Significance of Matter. By J. R. Illingworth, M.A., Author of "Personality, Human and Divine." Cloth, \$1.50.

The Doctrine of the Prophets

The Warburtonian Lectures for 1886-1890. By A. F. Kirkpatrick, D.D., Cambridge. Cloth, \$1.75.

Some Lessons of the Revised Version of the New Testament

By the Rt. Rev. Brooke Foss Westcott, D.D., D.C.L., Bishop of Durham. Cloth, \$1.50.

Romans

By W. Sanday, D.D., LL.D., Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, and Canon of Christ Church, Oxford; and Rev. A. C. Headlam, B.D., Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. Price, net, \$3.00. Of Sanday's "Romans," Principal F. H. Chase, D.D., Cambridge, says: "We welcome it as an epoch-making contribution to the study of St. Paul."

Ephesians and Colossians

By T. K. Abbott, D. Litt., Trinity College, Dublin. Price, net, \$2.50. Of Abbott's "Ephesians," The Expository Times says: "There is no work in all the 'International' series that is more faithful or more felicitous." Dr. Abbott understands these Epistles—we had almost said as if he had written them.

Christian Institutions.

By A. V. G. Allen, D.D., Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Mass. Crown 8vo, pp. 565. Net \$2.50. This is a summary of the Church's history from the point of view of its institutions. Under the term "Christian Institutions" Dr. Allen includes the prominent features of the Church, its rules of procedure, habits of action, or those related facts regulating its conduct in the attainment of its end.

FLEMING H. REVELL COMPANY

154 Yonge Street, TORONTO

NEW YORK

CHICAGO

Kay's—For Fine Goods—Kay's

Specials in Season

A brief word or two about lines that are put to the summer season—many of them that you find in no other store. A way of this store—noted for its exclusive specials, as well as known for its reasonable charges.

Reed and Bead Portieres, specially suited for verandahs and summer cottages, at special prices of \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$4.

Some of the handsomest lines in Bead Portieres ever shown in Toronto, light colors, beautiful for interior decorations, special, each \$7.50.

We have made up an unusually large assortment of Summer Cushions, covered with real India and Java Cotton, and filled with real down, special \$2.00.

The Mikado Mat, everyone wants them, special, 3 for 25c.

JAPANESE MATTINGS

Extra Heavy White Japanese Matting, special at 25c. and 30c.

Very fine Inlaid Okayama Matting, 37 inches wide, in blue, brown and reds, per yard 40c., or piece of 40 yards, \$13.50.

Extra Fine Okayama White Matting, per yard, 35c.; per piece of 40 yards, \$12.50.

Double-dyed Bingo Matting, per yard, 15c.; per piece of 40 yards, \$5.25.

You'll be curious to see our Bungalow Verandah Screens, a summer novelty made of matting.

JOHN KAY, SON & CO.

34 King St. West, Toronto

tragically, ends the song by "nipping off her nose" is the sunset. So we have the whole day, if not in a nutshell, in a pie.

—No other preparation has ever done so many people so much good as Hood's Sarsaparilla, America's Greatest Medicine.

—As a father in a garden stoops down to kiss a child the shadow of his body falls upon it. So many of the dark misfortunes of our life are not God going away from us, but our heavenly Father stooping down to give us the kiss of his infinite and everlasting love.

—To take up the Cross of Christ is no great action done once for all; it consists in the continual practice of small duties which are distasteful to sin.

It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people.

—If we walk with God, we will not "walk in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in the seat of the scornful."

—To judge human character rightly a man may sometimes have very small experience, provided he has a very large heart.