

MARCH 19, 1904.

THE NEW BOY.

AN AUSTRALIAN STORY.

"You had better eat meat, you know, Rodgers," said Monks.

"Monks! I'm a Catholic," whistled another; "you had better eat meat."

"But you'll have to," continued Monks. "I shan't," was the quiet answer.

"See here," said Monks, "if you don't I'll make you. We shall stand none of your bigotry here."

Monks reflected, made a mental estimation of the newcomer's fighting power, and seemed to hesitate, then stamped: "Well, I would, only I don't like to hurt you."

He was a new-comer at Seaforth's Boarding School, and he was one of the Seaforths' schools in the colony.

It was a Presbyterian school, but professed to be perfectly impartial in matters of religion. To this academy Willie Rodgers was sent by a father who was ambitious that his son should carve his name on the future history of Australia.

Mrs. Rodgers ventured to Australia. She had been so careful of her son's training from the cradle that she looked with some anxiety to the prospect of his living in such a Catholic atmosphere as a Presbyterian boarding school. Her husband was inflexible.

"Go it, Rodgers, or 'twill be worse for you," said Monks. "Hardy shouted up from the end of the table. Some whispered in friendly tones: 'Just take a little on your plate; it will do no harm.'"

He passed on the soup untouched to his neighbor. Monks looked angry. Hardy said something ungentlemanly. Some thought it was "checking the school," others only laughed, but from that moment the newcomer was more popular than ever.

There was trouble yet in store for him. He found next day that many of his friends looked coldly at him; some even refused to let him join in the games, alleging that they wanted no bigots there.

He found a few, indeed—and in every school such a few will be found—who showed him some kindness and defended him from the worst of his enemies, though they persisted in advising him to give in.

But what grieved him above all else was that he had to suffer most from his fellow-Catholics. They persecuted him most unrelentingly, and tried to make his life as miserable as they could.

They little knew the strong character they had to do with. Rodgers weathered this storm. He had many qualities that endeared him to the schoolboy heart.

Sharp and quick of intellect in class, in the playground he promised to become a champion. He was overflowing, too, with good nature, which no amount of annoyance could stamp out.

Before many days had passed he was popular among an ever-widening circle of friends. Friday came, however, bringing with it a fresh load of troubles.

There was some excitement in the refectory as all eyes were fixed on the newcomer to see if he would stick to his colors. The soup was passed to him.

"Go it, Rodgers, or 'twill be worse for you," said Monks. "Don't be an ass, Rodgers," Hardy shouted up from the end of the table.

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TWO BIG LIARS.

From an Ex-saboteur.

An old soldier of the Mulvaney type appeared one morning in the orderly room with a petition for a week's furlough, on the ground that his wife had been taken ill at some distant spot and required his attendance.

"Well, my man," remarked the colonel, "it's a curious thing, but I had a letter from your wife this morning, and she said you would be sure to want to come bothering around here, and if you asked for leave I wasn't to give it to you, as she was getting on all right, and you would only be in the way."

"She said that, did she, sir?" "Yes." "Am' yo won't be givin' me my furlough, sir?" "In the circumstances—no."

Pat was marching out, when he turned round and said, "May I speak a word, sir?"

"Well, sir, all I've got to say is there's two mighty big liars in this room, and I'm wan of them, sir. For I never had a wife!"

Turn to God. As soon as any misfortune or accident happens to you, go to Our Lord and with reverence and humility lay all your griefs at His feet.

Good blood makes the lungs strong and expels disease. The time to cure consumption is not after the lungs are hopelessly involved and the doctor has given you up.

Consumption curable. Strength is the only measure of safety. Do not let the blood become thin and watery. That is an open invitation to disease to take possession of your system.

Such cases as these prove the power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They make new, rich, red blood, and in this way cure all diseases due to bad blood and weak nerves.

Nothing looks more ugly than to see a person whose hands are covered over with warts. Why have these disfigurements on your person, when a cure, remover of all warts, corns, etc., can be found in Holloway's Corn Cure?

The world is full of pains. The aches and pains that afflict humanity are many and constant, arising from a multitude of indistinguishable causes, but in this connection in taking care of his health, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil has been known to afford speedy relief.

There are cases of consumption so far advanced that Bickel's Anti-Consumptive Syrup will not cure, but none so bad that it will not give relief for coughs, colds and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest.

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34TH ANNUAL REPORT

Presented to the Annual Meeting of Policyholders, Thursday, March 3, 1904.

GENTLEMEN: Your Directors respectfully submit for your consideration their report of the business for the year ended December 31st, 1903, with the Financial Statement duly audited.

We are pleased to inform you that, in all branches, the business was of a most gratifying character, and that the new business was largely in excess of that of any other year in the history of the Company.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS.—The applications received for new business were 3,518 for \$5,173,112, of which 47 for \$72,500 were declined. The Policies issued were 3,333 for \$5,011,300, and the amount of insurance now in force is, \$37,587,551.58, under 25,730 policies, being an increase in amount of \$3,118,631.

PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS.—The payments to Policyholders were: Death Claims \$253,586.95; Endowments \$122,587.00; Annuities \$8,274.90; Total \$371,448.85; Surplus \$77,300.28; Total Disbursements \$776,449.74.

During the year the demand for money was active, and the funds were fully invested, at a somewhat better rate of interest, and in a class of securities entirely outside anything of a hazardous or speculative character.

LEADER ASSETS—Dec. 31st, 1902. \$6,098,333.54. INCOME: Premiums (net) \$1,254,986.47; Interest and rents 306,007.48; Profit and Loss 76.68; Total \$1,561,070.63.

LEADER ASSETS: Debentures and Bonds, Account Value \$2,643,334.07; Mortgages 3,531,019.12; Loans on Policies 792,833.08; Loans on Loan Company Stocks 10,000.00; Liens on Policies 45,504.85; Real Estate 21,632.61; All other items, including Cash in Banks and at H. O. 5,242.68; Total \$6,882,953.83.

LIABILITIES: Reserve on Policies in force 47, 3 1/2 and 3% \$6,617,714.89; All other Liabilities 58,509.30; Total \$6,676,224.19.

The various reports having been adopted, the retiring directors were unanimously re-elected. After a number of able and thoughtful addresses had been made by members of the Board, prominent Policyholders, the agents and others, the meeting adjourned.

REV. DR. GILCHRIST BEJOMES A CATHOLIC.

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