

efforts, the little fellow had learned to serve his Mass, was touching to behold.

But I soon became aware that a thread of humiliation and pain was to mingle even with this silver tissue of angelic sweetness. With all his bright intelligence and loving little heart, when it came to any learning which required memory of a technical kind his dullness was insurmountable. Many and many an anxious discussion did I have with Father Lindsay as to the best means of helping him over these insuperable difficulties, and the only grief my boy's happy child-heart ever knew was the perpetual failure in what was expected of him in the way of learning.

I was so uneasy about it that I took him once to a specialist in Edinburgh, tolling of the peculiarly powerful character of his father's mind, and the natural quickness and retentiveness of my own memory, facts which made my son's want of it the more remarkable. The doctor took a great fancy to the boy, who asked him with earnest simplicity to give him some medicine which would enable him to learn Latin grammar. "Your boy will make a grand man, and he has a splendid heart," Doctor Quin said to me when we were alone; "but you must resign all hope of his being a scholar: he has no scientific memory."

As we went back to the hotel I thought Christopher looked sad and disappointed, "What are you thinking of, my child?" I asked, feeling my own heart very heavy. "I'm thinking that perhaps I am the ass's colt the Lord had need of," he answered. "I shan't urge Our Lady any longer to make me clever; I shall just ask her to let me be a priest, though I am a dunce."

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