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Our Rogs and Girls. darling one at home who is ill a whose life is slowly ebbing away.

OUR BRAVE FIREMEN. - People nowadays crave for heroes, on the battlefied; on the high sees; in faraway savage countries, and in fiction. But what of our brave firemen? Who ever extols their noble deeds, their daring acts of heroism. Alas! their works remain in obscurity. Day after day, night after night, they go to their duty, at the call of the bell; never flinching from the dreadful dangers, which constantly beset them on all sides.

The pen cannot describe the awful tortures of body and mind, that a fireman has to undergo during a fire; nor one can never imagine what sorrows and sufferings are incidental in the lives of those courageous men.

I shall try to draw a pen picture of a fireman and his daily duties. I on a cold winter night, the firemen are resting after a fire that had oc-looking for a "good job."- He has curred that day. The horses are bustle and confusion, the fire-engines sitting chatting gaily. Time passes The bookkeeper who gives up a party and the hour of midnight comes. A solemn stillness prevails; nothing can be heard save the occasional stamp of horses hoofs; when suddenclang! clang! the great alarm bell strikes and its notes steal upon the dreams of the firemen, calling them away perhaps to their death.

darling one at home who is ill and He is now preparing to descend when suddenly the rope breaks, and he is hurled to the pavement below They picked him up and laid him away just as the building falls with a great roar carrying with it several more gallant men into the sea of fire.

Such is the daily life of a fireman hose deeds are never known in this world, and I am perfectly sure that whatever misdeeds they may have committed will be effaced by the angel of mercy, when the great day of udgment comes.-L. C., Montreal.

IN A HURRY TO GO .- The "boy impatience if he were watching a football game, tied 6to 6, and "three them. desk than he would exhibit signs of

minutes to play." cess, don't begin to prepare for leav-ing twenty minutes beforehand. I Do you wonder that little Her-

cuffs and tie, and brush his hair, so Alas. Hermann's strong desire to that he could leave promptly at 12 study seemed about to be thwarted! had more than a dozen. He knew quired the art of keeping them. Don't or an evening social, in order to try and complete a balance sheet. does and costly articles. not escape his employer's notice. He

your amends by trying to correct mitted to remain in school but a him like St. Joseph in his great de-

would sit on the rocks and the grass and talk about this good boy. He was not always a boy, he grew up to manhood just as you are grow- asked our Lady compassionately. ing, and I would not be surprised to "Sweet Lady, they are worn ou learn that he was just as anxious to and poor father cannot find work and become a man-a large man-as you

His father and mother were poor, and perhaps your fathers and mothers are not millionaires. His parents were good people; they were most anxious that their boy should be good, and the mother would often say to the father :--"Perhaps Hermann will one day

be a pricet." "That's like a mother," the fa

ther would say. "Would you like to ee him a bishop?" "Whatever God wills," the mother would reply. "I know a Mother who

will be good to him and take him to heaven. What mother do you think she

neant?

Little Hermann lived on the bank of the Rhine, one of the most beautiful rivers in the world. The boy, also, was remarkable for his beauty Often he would look at the waters of the Rhine and wonder if in heav en there was anything so fair.

He did not mean that God, the saints and the angels were not more beautiful; but the "pearly streets" and the "many mansions, about which he had heard the past or talk, were they as charming as his own dear Rhine?

His mother taught him to love ou Blessed Lady, and rapidly and well he learned the sweet lesson. One of his greatest pleasures was to visit the grand cathedral and sit or kneel before a lovely picture of the Blessed Mother holding the Infant Jesus in her arms. He was in the habit of making those visits before school, and there he would look up at Mary's picture and ask the dear Mo-

ther in Heaven to assist him in learning his lessons that day. When school closed in the afternoon, he would again visit the church and thank Mary for the help she had given him.

He was happy when he could procure some fruit or flowers for the Holy Child. In his innocence and simplicity he would tell in words of who wins" will no more show that the dear, dear Mother and the holy he is in a hurry to leave his office Babe in her arms, and how earnestly.

football game, tied 6to 6, and "three Once when he was pouring out his When luncheon or closing time is little heart, as he knelt before the approaching, says President Hill, of the Great Northern Railway, in Suc-upon him, and the Child Jesus spoke

o'clock, for luncheon, and at 5.30 His parents, although industrious see before me now the fire station p.m., when the store closed. It was and saving, kept growing poorer and poorer, and it seemed impossible for them to send their little son to school any longer. The winter comfortably placed after all the how to get them, but he never ac-very severe; his clothing was threadcleaned and polished, and all their be afraid of trying to do more than badly torn that he could no longer they prayed, that is, they used apparatus are in position for the is expected of you. This has been keep them on his poor little frost-formula of prayer, but their heart next call. A group of firemen are the cause of many a man's failure. bitten feet. He needed new hooks,

> has shown willingness and has given ents so earnestly to permit him to ating closely the Divine Model o the "boss" good evidence that he re- go on with his studies that they youth, he became daily wiser and gards his interest before his own consented, rather unwillingly, it better. His love for our Lady seem-pleasure. You may make mistakes; must be confessed. They could see ed to increase. His companions call but, if you do, say so, and make no way by which he could be per- ed him Joseph because they thought

SAINT HERMANN JOSEPH .- The and offering the Divine Child a rosy boys will like the saint about whom cheeked apple, given him by a friend I am going to tell you. I wish we who pitied his sad condition, began were all in a large room, or better his prayers as contantedly as if he still, if we were out on a hillside, we were furnished with all necessary food and clothing. "Hermann, my little one, thou art very cold. Where are thy shoes ?"

has no money to buy me a new pair But I do not mind this little cold; it will soon be over

"Nay, nay, my child, thou shalt have shoes and a warm coat. Will it be done, my Son?" She seemed to caress the beautiful head with the aureole of shining ringlets resting on her breast. "Look yonder, little Hermann,' and the baby hand pointed to

large stone. "Raise it, my child, and thou wilt find what thou needest for clothing and books," said our Lady graciously. The boy obeyed, and, lo! there

were three bright gold coins, as he afterwards found, exactly enough for the needed clothing and books. The boy rushed back to express his

gratitude, but our Queen Immaculate, with all the tenderness of a mother, bade him hasten home and procure the necessary clothing, adding that as often as he needed assistance he should return, and if he continued faithful, he should never be

denied. Hermann's companions soon observed with surprise that the little boy was no longer in want of books or clothing, and that as often as the master ordered his pupils to purchase a new book, he was always among the first to procure it. True

he never had any extra money; never spent even a farthing for luxuries. He was too conscientious The money given him by his holy Patroness was used strictly according to her directions.

The students could not explain how the boy came by the money, for it was generally known in what poor circumstances his parents were. At last one of their number, whose curiosity got the better of his good manners, asked Hermann about the matter.

"Ah! It is very true, Ruprecht, we have no money in our house; but, you see, whenever I need things very much-for it would not be proper to ask if I did not need them ever so much-I go to the chapel, and, kneeling before our Lady's altar, I say my prayers, and then tell her what I need. She bids me look under the stone to the right of the altar and there is always exactly enough money for me to buy what I must

have.' "You're making that up now, Her-

"O no, I am telling the truth, Ru precht, I would not deceive you." Indeed, it would have been hard to believe that the grave, innocent boy with the look of heaven in his frank blue eyes could deceive any one.

The strange news spread like wild fire throughout the school. The students thought they had to all in tents and purposes found a gold mine. No more want of money now They, too, would pray their very best at the altar of the gracious Ma donna and then receive their reward in gold. They flocked to the chapel formula of prayer, but their hearts were not in their devotions for they

Hermann entered the monastery the Premonstratensian Fathers

on with delight, when the little, fair haired acolyte knelt at the alta erving Mass. His innocent face was aglow with love and reverence. H was untiring in this holy office. To serve at the altar from dawn.of day until near the noon-tide he esteemed

as the greatest privilege. In prayer and study the years rolled by, each marked with the shining record of good deeds. At an early age he was elevated to the priesthood He was a very holy and zeal ous priest, and gained, by the aid of his blessed Patroness, Mary, our Queen, many souls for Christ. His ojourn here below, however, was short. In his thirty-sixth year the Master called him to receive his reward, which was assuredly exceed ingly great.-M. B., Sister of St. Francis, in the Sunday Companion.

One thing only is necessary - the committal of the soul to God. Look that thou thyself art in order and leave to God the task of unravelling the skein of the world and of destiny.

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Catholic reading public to of their perusal. That wh from Lourdes, on 22nd A contains some most attr scriptions of the shrine; readers are already famil ly with the appearance an ings of Lourdes, but also history of the shrine, we reproduce the entire letter is a section of it in wh

Lynch tells of a recent perfectly authenticated or feel that we cannot allow count to pass unnoticed. ing of the event, Mgr. Ly "On April 7 the Cathol celebrated the Feast of th ation, which, as you will was transferred this year coincided also with the of the sixteenth and the apparitions of Our Lady

At about half-past 3 in ing, and while Mgr. Scho op of Tarbes, was present voto banner offered by th of Chang-Hai, Our Blessed ed still another to the cou digies with which she has her favorite shrine. Moth was brought in a carriage Grotto by two Lady Help Residence of Lourdes, and sing sister who had come from Florence. It was h After a few moments spen er at the spot where Our appeared, the patient was the pools and immersed in culous water, while her si ligion repeated the prayer be recited on such occasio ed be the Holy and Imma ception of the Blessed Vir Mother of God! Our Lad des, pray for us! Mother, Our Lady of Lou us for the love and glory Blessed Trinity! Our Lad des. heal us for the con sinners! "This invocation had he pronounced, when the inv denly became as pale as One of her companions 'She is going to die!' But only a moment, and the i were resumed : 'Help of pray for us! Help of the for us! O Mary conceived sin, pray for us who hav to thee!' "Mother Louise was ta the water. She asked to to dress herself, but the tending her insisted on he When finished, all present to the grating of the Gro ouise knelt down, to th of the Rev. Mother Superi des, who exclaimed : 'Why doing something extraord think I am cured,' replie

nann. That can't be.'

know a young man who stopped work regularly at 11.40 a.m., and at 5.10 p.m., in order to have plenty of time to "wash up," arranging his her with your whole heart.

bare, his last pair of shoes were so and, in those days, almost seven all left the charel empty-handed.

hundred years ago, books were rare Hermann Joseph begged his par- the early age of twelve years. Imit

Instantly there is a rush to their apparatus, their well trained horses them. Never lie about a mistake, for few days longer. have taken their places by this such a course adds cowardice to an Our little stude time. The harnesses are dropped on already unpleasant condition.

their backs, and the men move to their positions. With a bound, they are out into the night, and madly to the scene. Onward they go, breaking the stillness of the deserted streets, while we are peacefully slumbering all unconscious of th heroes who are protecting us while asleep

The steeds are nearing the goal. tall building can be seen now with fierce flames shooting from the roof. its forked tongues leaping high into the air, and lighting the place as by The men are now fighting the day. The shrieks and groans of the fire. inmates who cannot escape, chill the blood of the onlookers.

See, a child appears at a window loudly calling for help. The multitudes stand appalled at the sight that meets their gaze. A daring fire man is climbing to the rescue of the child. see his swaying form, as he passes the window, where the flames threatens to burn the rope which holds him suspended between heaver and earth. He reaches the window and lowers the child to the men be low. He does not see his danger his one thought is of the child. Perhays he is also thinking of his own

we days longer. Votion to the Blessed Virgin Mary Our little student, trembling with It was a beautiful sight, and one the cold, proceeded to the Church, that the angels must have looked up -* SUBSCRIBE NOW -•<u>}</u> SUBSCRIPTION ORDER The True Witness P. & P. Co.'y, Limited P. O. BOX 1138, MONTREAL, P.Q. I hereby authorize you to send me THE TRUE WITNESS for which I agree to pay to your order at the rate of One Dollar per year. Signed..... Address Subscription Rates, Strictly in Advance Canada, Newfoundland and United States, \$1.00 per year City and Foreign, \$1.50 per year.

