OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Father Helving's Swan

The holidays were over, and the boys had come back to St Oswald's to face with more or less cheer ul aess the long . est and hardest part of the school year.

The day was col i, and a knot of the students were standing just on one foot, and then on the other, discussing with no small disgust a new boy who had arrived during their absence.

No one knew whence he had come those who speat bolidays at school. All that could be learned was that he was there -a self-evident fact -poor, dull, and unsociable.

He was a ptoched lad, his clothes were unmistakably cast off by another, incoherently.

He was a mystery, and one of the the look it bore. lads were none too well pleased to have added to their numbers and they treated him with the careless unintentional cruelty that well fed, healthy boys

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had leaked out, and Jim Davis knew it; hence the group standing in the it; hence the group standing in the did could cry unseen cold in the play ground gathered to could cry unseen.

The song ended, a murmur of ap hear the tale with all the eagerness a

" Way, he's a perfect dumb skull," Dick Hobson was saying with infinite "When I asked him if he wanted to have a catch in the corridor, he said: 'Can't play, sir!' Great Scott! Can't play boll, and says sir! What's the use of Father Helving telling us to be kind, and play with him if the fellow can't play?'

"It's my belief said Ed. Willis. belief he can't read either,' You see he's not in any classes, and I asked him if he wanted one of my books, and he got as red as fire, and just shook his head, and kind of slunk off

On, he's Dutch!" said Jim Regan with a note of scorn in his voice which the mention of a toreigner often calls forth in youngsters born on American soil. "Maybe he can't read English

letters " "Well, I'd like to know where Asher Helving picked up factor of the picked gate most starved and frezen, had not enough clothes to call clothes. And Father Helving took him in, and now he's going to keep him because the fellow has not anyone belonging to him, and Father Helving's going to try to make something of him, but I guess be'll have a lively time doing it, for he is the stupidest thing I ever saw, and if the story's true, he's nothing but

a beggar. Well, I don's mind that," said Dick Hobson easily, "because he's got a good chance to be president when he

stons begging." "I don't know how you make that out," said Jim Regan, "seems to me it takes a lot of begging to get an office." "No, it don't ; it takes a lot of dick

ering," said Ed. "You take my money, and I'll take your office, that's what the deal is, and beggars are not

knows. But this ktd—Hans—he's so liquor is the curse which wrecks mor dumb and seared he is not worth his lives than all the horrors of the world. the and if Father Helving wants to take a boy for charity I wish he'd take one with something in him, who'd be a credit to St. Oswald's

Hans stayed, and went about the school business man will always employ the with the same frightened dullness as at well dressed, attractive locking boy with the same frightened dullness as at first. He shrunk from contact with his fellows, who tried to treat him kindly, as obedience and charity de The boy who is particular in regard kindly, as obedience and charity demanded, but the effort was not success. ful, the boys are not good at concealing their feelings, and, as Dick said,

But Father Helving saw promise in the delicate face and dreamy blue eyes, and hoped for the good effect of food and kindness in removing what vation and cruelty. So persistently he trusted to making something of poor Hans, that one of the older boys remarking that Father Helving was looking for his ugly duckling to turn a swan any day, Hans was henceforth called by the school on the sly, 'Father

St. Oswald's was to give a Twelfth night concert, and great excitement every boy seeking work. prevailed, for a large audience was promised, and the proceeds were to refurnish the school hall.

If there was one thing the St. Oswald voice was famous in the neighboring pressive remarks in an address to the city, and who was to sing the solos in a difficult Cantata which was to be given on the night of the concert, and for which the boys had been trained by Herr Baumeister, the music teacher, for weeks before the holidays, and every day since their return. What was their horror to learn two days before the concert that Will Tord was down with tonsilitis, and all chance of his sluging in the Cantata was out of state of the times signal genius to declare itself, when ordinary minds when truth, honor, integrity, capacity city, and who was to sing the solos in

to which he was listening.

When the messenger announcing Will's illness had delivered his tidings, Herr Baumeister struck a false chord with his left band, and his right clusched his hair tragically. no use, no use," he exclaimed. "On,

The boys sat in speechless horror, taking in the fact that their entertain-ment was ruined. No one observed Hans creeping towards the piano, his head erect, his cheeks crimson, "I can,

"You can, you can what?" asked the big German in his bruming bass. "Sing Will's part. I heard you play it," replied Hans

The boys laughed, in spite of their despair, but the professor frowned. 'Vere haf you dis music face hidded?' and larger boy, and when he was "Vere haf you dis music face hidded?" spoken to, he shrank, and trembled he asked, raising his hand for silence spoken to, he shrank, and trembled he asked, raising his hand for silence being rapidly overcrowded and more alike a frightened animal, answering and surveying with experienced eye than passing intelligence frequently the boy's altered visage, recognizing

"You can sing? Goot! Bagin," and he struck the opening chords of Will's first solo.

A little timidly, but gaining courage sometimes show to one who is dull, and as he went on in the delight of the unable to join in their sports.

a he went on in the delight of the melody Hans began Such a voice! There was a rumor afloat in the school that the secret of his appearance ity quite indescribable, but which had leaked out, and Jim Davis knew made even the boys who were not musical wish they were where they

plause arose, and the boys remarked ment of to-day to be that our lives, our that Will Tord was not in it with this reputations and our fortunes are as

peard, and taking Hans in his arms he kissed him on both cheeks, breaking into enthusiastic praise in German, English not only being too cold, but quite unattainable in the excitement of the moment.

And so Hans sang at the concert, and everyone found words inadequate for praise of his marvelous voice. There was one thing the waif could do, and do well, with something very like genius, for in his slender frame had been lodged the divine gift of music.

erack oarsman, although one could send in such curves, and the other could pull a stroke that could not be

And Father Helving was well pleased that his charity had been so well disposed, and smiled with satis-faction over Hans' appropriate nickname, "Father Helving's swan."

MARION AMES TAGGART.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The world needs true men, it needs Christian men, it needs the manhood which religion alone can develop. The supernatural life is necessary to true manliness which has its best expression in Christian virtue. - Mgr. | as when we fall in them." Conaty.

Liquor is a Curse. The Hon John Sherman, in a letter "Oh, bother politics!" broke in Dick.
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"Don't be so smart, fellows. What I say about it is that it is nobody's fault say about a say about it is that it is nobody's fault say about it is that it is nobody's fault say about it is that it is nobody's fault say about it is that it is nobody's fault say about it is that it is nobody's fault say about it is that it is nobody's fault say about it is that it is nobody's fault say about it is that it is nobody is fault say about it is say about it is say about it is say about it is nobody is fault say about it is say about it is say about it is nobody is say about it is say a to be poor, and some of our fathers other good things: "Abandon liquor came over here poor enough, goodness as you would abandon a pestilence, for liquor is the curse which wrecks more

Of Interest to Our Boys.

A neat attire is not always an index credit to St. Oswald's " to good character and ability, but the In spite of this expression of opinion factremains that of two applicants the to the details of his dress will be care ful in his work, and thus command the

respect and confidence of his employer.

To be well dressed is not to have expended a great deal of money on your clothes , on the contrary, if your gar ments are nest in appearance, and whele; if your collar is clean, and was evidently to him the result of star | necktie neatly fastened; if your shoes are polished and trousers carefully pressed, the care and thought dis played in these small matters will more truly reflect character than the richness of the material of your clothes.

Muddy shoes can reflect nothing. Neatness and cleanliness, as well as a little style, are important recommend ations, and are within the reach of

Opportunities of the Young.

What is opportunity? What oppor tunities has a young man? Consider boys glorified in more than another it ing these questions, Dr. John H. Barry, was their soprano, Will Tord, whose of Long Island City, made these imstudents of a college:

the question.

The news came while they were at rehearsal, during which no one noticed that Hans "the swan," was present, his cheeks flushed, and eye bright, his called career, this is Dame the question.

When truth, honor, integrity, capacity become the inexorable standards by which our fitness is to be measured. This is what is called epportunity, this is called

the impetus given to ambitions for army and navy life by the surprising anteclimax of the century just closed - experience and observations are all these, and more, create new fields cerned fasting after the old fashion is one Sixth of all Deaths Due to Conof untilled soil obsolete. and reveal areas of untilled soil abounding in fertility and resource. So that, although the professions are rewarded, at least for a time, by scarce ly more than a pittance, it is not at all unlikely that more failures result from misdirected judgment or ill-selected

vocation than from lack of opportunity. And as for the young, they are doubly fortunate in this age of ours. The activity and energy of youth, the progressiveness of thought and teaching have done much to arm the young in dissipating the prejudices which, until recently had obtained against the beardless doctor and the youthful advocate. So that we find the senti reputations and our fortunes are as who was not merely turning out a youth as in those of his colleagues of much riper years. Not that I am bereft of reverence for gray hairs, nor

vanced teachings and progress, it is fairly easy to see that youth has a chauce, and a fair one, in the struggle so serene, a power of description so

Granted, my dear young men, that you have a chance as against age, what and genuine, and a pathos so tender are the elements of permanent and and profound? Even to those who lasting success?

you must have heads to know and hearts to feel and mouths to speak what those heads must know and those what those heads must know and those hearts do feel. You must have a pious of us will recall on our own deathbeds devotion and a rigorous adherence to lofty, religious ideals. "Let all the ends thou aimset at be: Thy God's, toy the subtlety of their language or the Country's and Truth's.

uncuitivat d, though charitable and kindly disposed to them as we should

quently registered by the boys of cour-of it. Alas! alas! for those who die age, of determination, of eagerness for without fulfilling their mission." port and outdoor exercise, of a reck | American Herald. ess disregard for a black eye or worse, so long as they were not compelled to back water," and their honor remained unsailled, rather than by those thought of their own mean selves in their incessant worming into book lore. He Church:

they got into a fight.

CENTENARY OF CARDINAL

Portland, Me , says that so far as his

NEWMAN. The Christian world will celebrate this month the centenary of the birth of the great Cardinal Newman. His claims on the affectionate remembrance of al. Catholics cannot be over estimated He was a great ecclesiastical leader, foremost in the pulpit and the press He was the leader of that great move ment which had left its mark upon many departments of thought and of life. He was a great writer, whose historical works made a profound impression, and whose eloquence kept the English language in a state of purity, of grace, and of softness. Newman was the Christian poet whose hymns were sung in every quarter of the ugly duckling of Father Helving's, secure in the hands of the brainy British world, and by members of every religious community. Outside much riper years. Not that I am the ecclesiastical leader, he was a great As to Herr Baumeister, being a German, and not ashamed of emotion, and a musician who must necessarily feel it, the tears rau down into his big it, the tears rau down into his big it. tained to only after many besetting vicissitudes and hard knocks. But I had passed to be the day the day to be the day believe the spirit of the age to be that a model of what a priest's life should

believe the spirit of the age to be that everything comes to him who hustles, not to him who waits.

If we add to this the disposition to grow careless after early successes, the oczing out of ambition as life grows the tendency of age to slowly the English language. Where can we have a deliapace, the tendency of age to slowly the English language. Where can we accept, if not even to repudiate, ad find an irony so keen and yet so deliserene, a power of description so full of atmospheric brilliancy, an earn estness so persuasive, because so simple differ widely from his creed, his twelve of course, you must be educated, for volumes of sermons, his exquisite story of a martry dom of the third century success in life;" you must possess in his vivid description of one side of Ox

Dream of Gerontius," which so many "To thine own self be true, and it style. But when we think of what must follow, as the right the day, thou Cardinal Newman has taught us-that canst not then be false to any man."
You must ever be the dignified, rewith every act of fidelity, and shows it fined, polished gentleman, possessing self in that sort of candor which brings no comradeship with the ignorant and the most opposite creeds into the closest possible relations with each other, so that misunderstanding is almost more difficult than the frank avowal of un Further than this; You must be reasoning prejudice—we think we may plucky, persevering and patient. The emptiness of all things from politics to pastimes, is never so striking titles to pastimes, is never so striking. as when we fall in them."

Magnanimity to a vanquished foe is a most commendable trait of character and can always be relied upon as a most valuable aid to success. There are enough inevitable turns of fortune which force us to believe that our gain the respect the faith of Catholics which force us to believe that our gain the success that is long life of winning austerity, the tender glow of his piety six pounds. Several years have since passed, and in that time not a symp town of my former trouble has made itself apparent, so that I think I am any one who really knows his writings of in saying that my cure is per are enough inevitable turns of fortune which force us to believe that our gain.

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This last might well be considered the a conscience, it is that we may obey it; if we have the pros enrich the blood from the first dose to A healthy, vigorous system is a pre-requisite to sustained intellectual effort. It is a most significant fact that the successes in life have been most free that we may save ourselves by means the discourse of the same of the same

Catholic Church.

Dr. James Martineau, a voluminous goody goody, pseudo saintly fellows author and by universal consent one of who test aguilty blush for being forced to smile and forgot even the selfish physicians of his time, who died re cently in London, wrote of the Catho-

"Long and far was this Church the Ouce become a prey to that fashion-able American disease, "nerve pros-sels vehicle of Christianity, that bore able American disease, "nerve prostration," and you will find its effects incalculable: You will find it compromitses achievement and stifles energy and ambition even in the very zenith of their hopes.

The rough players among boys are often the rough ridersamong men, and the clash of nations and the rough ridersamong men, and the rough ri when you look up the records of the successively cut of utter barbarism. men who went up San Juan hill, you It stood by the desert fountain, from will not find many who played tiddle which all modern history flows, and de winks when they were boys, but dropped into it the sweetening branch you will find plenty of the football and of Caristian truth and peace. It prepoin poin pullaway fellows who never sided at the birth of art, and liberally felt they were tired when playing and never knew they were whipped when hands of color and design. Traces of its labors and of its versatile power

Fasting Obsolete in Protestant Churches
From the Church Economist.

throughout the globe. It has conse crated the memories of the lost cities of Happening to be in Hartford, the capital of Connecticut, recently, the editor of the Church Economist sought to ascertain if fasting was actually its Vespers miagling with the cry of to ascertain if fasting was actually practiced by any communions of Christians or by any individuals in the State. Professor Merriam, of the Hartford Theological Seminary, said he knew of no persons who practiced physical fasting. In answer to an incompression, the seminary of the convention of the

whole face transfigured by the music Fortune's trumpet blast which, passed the discontinuance of it the observance in its disciples. To the poor peasant the discontinuance of it the observance of it was not spiritually impressive.

Strangely enough, despite this age in former times in New England fast of carnest competition, despite the ever ing was a practiced custom among all increasing difficulty of attaining to devoted Christians. There may be trasted with only several years ago, there are still many fields of endeavor bristling with opportunity and fraught transition from ancient to with rosy promise for the vone. with rosy promise for the young.

The limitless resources of our young country, this age of essential progress, in the potentialities of electrical force, the new standards by which journalism and literature are being judged, The pastor of the State street church,

THE WHITE PLAGUE.

sumption.

ITS RAVAGES SPARE NO CLASS - RICH AND POOR ALIKE FALL ITS VICTIMS HOW THIS DREAD TROUBLE MAY BE PREVENTED

Consumption has been well named the great white plague. One sixth of all the deaths occurring in Canada annusly are due to the ravages of this terrible disease—Its victims are found nong all classes; rich and poor alike secoumb to its insidious advance. Only a few years ago the victim of consumption was regarded as incurable, and horror - stricken friends watched the loved one day by day fade away until death came as a merciful release. Now, however, it is known that taken in its earlier stages consumption is curable, and that by proper care of the blood-keeping it rich, red and pure-those who are pre disposed to the disease escape its ravages. Consumption is now classes among the preventible diseases, and and those who are pale, easily tired, emaciated, or show any of the numercus symptoms of general debility should at once fortify the system by enriching and purifying the blood-thus strengthening not only the lungs,

but all parts of the body.

A noog those who have escaped a threatened death from consumption s Mrs Robert McCracken, of Marsh ville, Oat. Mrs. M. Cracken gives he experience that it may be of benefit to

ome other sufferer. She says:
"A few years ago I began to ex perience a general weakness. Mappetite was poor; I was very pale was troubled with shortness of breath and a smothering feeling in my ches Besides these symptoms I became very nervous, at times dizzy and faint, and my hands and feet would get as cold as As the trouble progressed I be gan to lose flash rapidly, and in a short time was only a shadow of my former self. I had good medical treat ment, but did not get relief, and as a harsh cough set in I began to fear that

ption had fastened itself upon

This was strengthened by knowledge that several of my ances-tors had died of this terrible disease. In this rather deplorable condition I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pirk I at once procured a suppl and had not taken them long when noted a change for the better. By the time I had taken six or eight boxes I was able to move around the house again and felt better and stronger in every way. I continued the use of the pills until I had taken a dozen boxes, vigor had returned, and I was as well Pilis saved my life, and I strongly advise ailing women to give them a

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