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"Remember too, 'Tis always morning somewhere, and above The awakening continents from shore to shore Somewhere the birds are singing evermore."

—LONGFELLOW

W. T. Stead of the Review of Reviews and other things, to give him his due, has always something to say, and has also his own way of saying it. His review of the "Life of Cardinal Vaughan," by J. G. Snead-Cox, is interesting as showing us how Catholic practices and Catholic ideals are seen by Protestant eyes. In many of his deductions and conclusions he is hopelessly astray—indeed it looks as if he were more at home discoursing with spooks more than judging and estimating the life of a Prince of the Catholic Church. Cardinal Vaughan's life is interesting reading, he tells us, especially for Protestants. For Catholics it will not have the same charm. Catholics are accustomed to the kind of piety which is here revealed to the world. Protestants are not. It is with a feeling of amazement, not to say of absolute horror, that the average man in the street learns that the stately Cardinal, whose pride was ever his besetting sin, was in the habit of keeping his body under by methods which take us back to the time of Thomas a'Becket. Herbert of Westminster was too modern to wear the hair shirt tenanted by vermin, but he followed Thomas of Canterbury afar off. Catholics, he says, will not wonder at this; but to pious Protestants, and to men who are not pious, these pages will afford glimpses of an unknown world, a world so old that it almost seems new; a world dominated by ideas almost inconceivable to most of us.

It is certainly not inconceivable to most of us that Protestants should fail to understand the gospel of self-renunciation and self-denial as practiced by Catholics. The religion which laughs at restraint of whatever kind, naturally ends by defying self. And when the lust of the flesh and the pride of self is mastered there is no room for the "take up thy cross and follow Me," of the Galilean Prophet. To us Catholics this is indeed an old world. "I chastise my body," says St. Paul, and so has said every true follower of the Crucified King since the first Preacher pointed out the Narrow Way.

"What interests us the most in this biography is the information it gives as to the way in which the Cardinal kept up his spiritual life," continues Stead. He held that he belonged to the Virgin Mary, but that in some mysterious way St. Joseph belonged to him. St. Joseph was to come for him at death. St. Joseph helped to fill his collection boxes. He died with "Jesus, Mary and Joseph" upon his lips. They appear to have been his last Trinity. God the Father and God the Holy Ghost appear to have played but small part in his meditations. And the writer of stuff like this poses as having solved the mysteries of that kind "from whose bourne no traveller returns." Poor old world and poor old Stead. Stead of the Spooks revising Cardinal Vaughan's theology! What need of "Punch" after this!

It were idle to quote further—indeed it were idle to quote at all if it were not that it affords interesting evidence of how little our faith and its practices is understood by those who hold up their hands in pious horror at the errors and superstitions of Rome. One more choice morsel of Stead's moralizing and we are done: "Every night he spent an hour and a half in communion with the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph and St. Peter. These saints seem to have been to him what their guides are to spiritualists mediums (sic). But whereas the spiritualist guides speak back even if it only be by raps on the table, there is no information given in this book as to whether the Cardinal ever received any audible or written response from his saints. In that case his prayers must have been somewhat wearyish monologues. What puzzles me is how any man can keep up such a monologue hour after hour, night after night. If the other side would answer back it would be different. "It is like talking into a telephone from which the receiving instrument has been taken away." What fools these people be, and how easily duped the world is! Again we sympathize with Stead.

Bishop Fallon of London spoke strongly of the goddess system of education in vogue in our schools to the Knights Convention at Quebec. And at the other end of the earth we find Cardinal Logue, of Armagh striking a similar note. Those who would exclude religion from the schools claims that it interferes with secular studies. Yet in the recent examinations we find the Catholic schools right at the top. We have before us an instance of a country continuation class in Ennismore, Ont., passing as many candidates as the palatial High School of Peterboro, with its money, its pupils and its staff. Some lies die hard surely.

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our model, our support, and our consolation, will we look for strength and help—Charles Santley.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

HOW TO TAKE DRUDGERY OUT OF FARMING

No matter how humble your work may seem, do it in the spirit of an artist, of a master. In this way you lift it out of commonness and rob it of what would otherwise be drudgery.

You will find that learning to thoroughly respect everything you do, and not to let it go out of your hands until it has the stamp of your approval upon it as a trade mark will have a wonderful effect upon your whole character.

The quality of your work will have a great deal to do with the quality of your life. If your work quality is down, your character will be down, your standards down, your ideals down.

The habit of insisting upon the best of which you are capable, and of always demanding of yourself the highest, never accepting the lowest, will make all the difference between mediocrity, or failure, and a successful career.

If you bring to your work the spirit of an artist, instead of an artisan—if you bring a burning zeal, an all-absorbing enthusiasm—if you determine to put the best there is in you in everything you do, no matter what it is, you will not long be troubled with a sense of drudgery. Everything depends on the spirit we bring to the task. The right spirit makes an artist in the humblest task, while the wrong spirit makes an artisan in any calling, no matter how high that calling may be.

There is a dignity, an indescribable quality of superiority, in everything we do which we thoroughly and honestly respect. There is nothing belittling or menial which has to be done for the welfare of the race. You cannot afford to give the mere drags, the mere leavings of your energies, to your work. The best in you is none too good for it.

INSIST ON YOUR BEST

It is only when we do our best, when we put joy, energy, enthusiasm and zeal into our work, that we really grow; and this is the only way we can keep our highest self-respect.

We cannot think much of ourselves when we are not honest in our work—when we are not doing our level best. There is nothing which will compensate you for a loss of faith in yourself, for the knowledge of your capacity for doing bungling, dishonest work.

You have something infinitely higher in you to satisfy than to make a mere living, to get through your day's work as easily as possible. That is, your sense of the right, the demand in you to do your level best to call out the best thing in you, to be a man, to do the square thing; this should speak so loudly in you that the mere bread-and-butter question, the money-making question, should be absolutely insignificant in comparison.

Start out with the tacit understanding with yourself that you will be a man at all hazards; that your work shall express the highest and the best things in you, and that you cannot afford to debase or demoralize yourself, by appealing to the lowest, the most despicable, mean side of yourself by deteriorating, by botching your work.

How often we see people working along without purpose, half committed to their aim, only intending to pursue their vocation until they strike snag. They intend to keep at it as long as it is tolerable, or until they find something they like better. This is a cowardly way to face a life work which determines our destiny.

A man ought to approach his life task, however humble, with the high ideals that characterize a great master as he approaches the canvas, upon which he is going to put his masterpiece—with a resolution to make no false moves that will mar the model that lives in his ideal.—O. S. M. in Success.

A desire for knowledge is worth more than a college course. Wisdom is for him who wants it. Persons who cannot attend a university are not therefore shut out from learning if they will take pains to acquire it by their own earnest endeavor. It is easier to accomplish this in the present age of cheap books

and public libraries than it was at any time in the past.

THE CASE OF ELIHU BURRITT

The Boston Transcript, writing of Elihu Burritt, the learned blacksmith, who was born in 1810 and died in 1879, remarks that "a passion for knowledge is a better guarantee of its acquisition than access to schools and universities," and tells how Burritt, who became celebrated as a linguist, carried a Greek grammar in his hat and in his hours of labor often held it before his eyes with one hand while he worked the bellows with the other. Illustrating the minuteness and accuracy of Burritt's learning the Transcript relates an interesting anecdote:

A will drawn in Danish was sent from the Danish West Indies to this country to be deciphered. Some Rufus Choate of that land had evidently done his worst with it in the way of chirography. It went the rounds of several colleges without a translation and finally fell into the hands of young Burritt. After working upon it for two weeks he solved the puzzle, and upon the strength of his solution the will was allowed.

To show the manner in which Burritt toiled upon the slope which leads to fame the Transcript quotes from his diary:

June 18. Headache. Forty pages Cuvier's "Theory of the Earth." Sixty-four pages French. Eleven hours forging.

June 19. Sixty lines Hebrew; thirty pages French; ten pages Cuvier's "Theory of the Earth; eight lines Syriac; ten lines Danish; ten ditto Bohemian; ten ditto Polish; ten hours forging.

The Transcript comments: This simply indicated his fidelity to the scheme of life which he afterward formulated as follows: "If I was ever actuated by ambition, my highest and warmest aspiration was to set before the young men of my country an example in employing those invaluable fragments of time called odd moments."

Burritt acquired a working knowledge of forty languages, including almost all those of Europe, besides Hebrew, Chaldaic, Ethiopic and others. His knowledge of languages enabled him to become "one of the most powerful evangelists of the gospel of peace and human brotherhood that ever took the field." Long in advance of Carnegie and without Carnegie's ready resource of money to enlist assistance in his work, he made in many countries a long and important propaganda for the abolition of war. It was he who organized the first international Peace Congress, which was held at Brussels in 1848, and he was a prominent figure in connection with others that followed it at Paris, at Frankfurt, at London, at Manchester and at Birmingham in subsequent years. He did much for the abolition of slavery, and he wrote thirty books, on various subjects, besides innumerable tracts, essays and addresses. His style was serious, dignified and virile. Longfellow said he never wrote anything that was not wholesome and good.

Burritt adored the field, as much as Longfellow admired Burritt. He declared that if Longfellow had written only his "Psalm of Life" that alone would have made him immortal. It is in the "Psalm of Life" that Longfellow says:

Lives of great men all remind us We can make our lives sublime.—Catholic Columbian.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A COUPLE OF EXAMPLES ON COURTESY

In 1882, I was in the office of a leading hardware merchant of this city, a man who was the personification of courtesy and one of the most prominent Irish-Catholic gentlemen of Montreal. While I was there a young man came in and handed that gentleman a letter of introduction. The young man, who was most elegantly dressed and apparently one who was brought up in good society, took a seat and began to fumble with some papers on a side table, while the letter was being read. The merchant asked him a couple of questions and then told him that he would send a reply by letter in a day or two. When the young man had gone away the merchant informed me that the young man had come with a letter of introduction from a very prominent citizen and that he was applying for a situation. "I watched the young man's movements and I have concluded to make inquiry regarding his general conduct," said the merchant. Then he continued thus: "Did you notice that he did not even take off his hat on coming in, and that he was ill-bred enough to spend his time examining my papers—which might have been private for aught he knew—while I was reading the letter? Had it not been for these two signs of discourtesy I would have given him the place at once. Now, all depends on his other qualities, and they will have to be exceptional to counterbalance such defects in breeding." I passed no remark, as I was not supposed to do so, but I noted the facts in my own mind, and I subsequently learned that the young man did not get the place. Another experience I had, it was in 1888, in Quebec, comes to my mind as an illustration of all that I have been saying so far on this general subject of courtesy. There was a newsboy on the street. He was about ten or eleven years of age, and every day he used to go up to the Parliament buildings with his papers. He became a great favorite on account of his punctuality, and especially his delightful and unaffected politeness. In 1810, I was one day going into the Parliament buildings in Ottawa, and was surprised to see the same lad, dressed in a neat black suit, with white tie, and darning around the place among the pages. "I stopped him and asked how he came to be there. He told me that one of the present Federal Ministers (the late Sir Adolphe Chapleau) had been so pleased with the Quebec newsboy that he got him a place of page at Ottawa, for the session. In 1898 I had occasion again to visit Ottawa, and was surprised and pleased (how years fly) to find the same boy, then a fine young man about twenty-one years of age. He was occupying a first class position in connection with the Great North Western Telegraph Company. He was their representative during the session. In 1903 I learned that the same young

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man had become a very prominent citizen, and likely to be a city alderman in the near future. That is the story of the Quebec newsboy, and his advancement was entirely due to his great courtesy and politeness. I merely give these two examples to illustrate my thoughts on this subject.

**GIRLS WHO HAVE FACULTY**  
We need more girls to-day who have what they used to call "faculty" in the early days of our country. It was a compliment to a girl to say of her that she had "faculty." What was meant by that was that she was skilled in all the domestic arts and was competent to look after the ways of the household when she should have one. She could use her needle with the utmost skill, and could go into the kitchen and get up any kind of a meal. She was intelligent in every department of domestic work. No matter what a girl's position in life may be she should have this information.

So it is that we want more girls who have "faculty." It is of more importance that a knowledge of many other things on which girls are spending their time. A girl may have the advantage of the highest culture and at the same time be well versed in all the domestic arts.

The happiness of a home often depends more on domestic than on any other kind of art. Now and then we hear of girls who have "finished their education," when the fact is they do not know the A B C of a good many things imperatively necessary to the complete education of a girl. A diploma from the kitchen and the sewing room would be a good one to hang beside a diploma from the college.

**TO HOLD SUCCESS**  
Thirty years ago in a poor school house in a black district a boy at the foot of the class unexpectedly spelled a word that had passed down the entire class.  
"Go up ahead," said the master, "and see that you stay there. You can if you work hard."  
The boy hung his head, but the next day he did not miss a word in spelling. The brighter scholars knew every word in the lesson, hoping there might be a chance to get ahead; but there was not a single one. Dave stayed at the head. He had been an indifferent speller before, but now he knew every word.  
"Dave, how do you get your lesson so well now?" said the master.  
"I learn every word in the lesson, and get my mother to hear me at night, then I go over them in the morning before I come to school; and I go over them at my seat before the class is called up."  
"Good boy, Dave!" said the master.  
"That's the way to have success; always work that way and you'll do."  
Dave is to-day the manager of a big lumber company, and he attributes his start to these words:  
"Go ahead and see that you stay there. You can if you work hard."—New World.

**The Way to Float**  
This is the advice of an old swimmer to those who cannot swim: "Any human being who will have the presence of mind to clasp the hands behind his back and turn the face toward the zenith may float at ease and in perfect safety in tolerably still water."  
"When you first find yourself in deep water, you have only to consider yourself an empty pithcr. Let your mouth and your nose and not the top of your heavy head be the highest part of you, and you are safe. But thrust up one of your body hands and down you go, turning up the handle tips over the pithcr." There are reason and logic in this.

**Extravagance and Discontent**  
Concluding that needless expenditure causes much unhappiness in the home, the Pittsburgh Catholic has a word of censure for "the husband with a limited income who finds fault with his wife that she does not economize in the household expenditures, that are immediately under her supervision. He does not take into account his own little extravagances, inordinate consumption of tobacco and in treating his friends at the social bar. Were he thrifty here, the good wife would have something over and above to allay his irritability when he comes to pay the weekly accounts."

**Napoleon and Daily Masses**  
One day, Napoleon I. visited the boarding school of Ecouen, directed by Mme. Campan. Desiring to make some reforms, he asked about its regulations. Being told that the young girls heard Mass on Sundays and Thursdays, the Emperor called for a pen, and wrote on the margin of the rules: Every day.

Napoleon had, indeed, serious faults of his own, but no one can deny his genius. Little scrupulous as to his own conduct, he wanted in his Empire a virtuous society, good families, and he believed that daily Mass is for the young girl a security, a safeguard, and a means of education. This is true. Nothing strengthens a soul like assistance at Holy Mass, frequently, if not daily.—New York Freeman's Journal.



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