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A masterful railroad-man, Edward H. A masterior Amasterior Amasterior Herriman, died the other day. He simed to grasp the transportation facilities of the whole American continent. was called away in the midst of his He was canted away in the intest of his ambitions. His successor is not as yet a well-known man. But he has qualities that give ground for the expectation that he will prove a clever manager. Here is a hasty sketch of his life:

Robert Scott Lovett.

The man who succeeds E. H. Harri-man began life in even humbler circumman began in the first stances than did his predecessor. He was born in 1860, in San Jacinto, Tex., the son of a poor miller. He had to work hard for his meager high school education, and be is now a lawyer grown the railroad business.

into the railroad business.

Mr. Lovett began his railroad career, in a literal sense, right at the ground. In fact, his first employment away from home was with a railroad that was being built when he was fourteen. He was a way when he was fourteen. wanted some money to finish his educa-tion and joined the contruction crew of the Houston, East and West digging stumps from the right of way. He stuck to it, and soon was running a scraper. Mr. Grasse, the contractor, liked the youngster's grit and put him liked the youngsters grit and put him in charge of a small store in the new town of Shepherd. While there he studied nights, and in a few months went to Houston to school. When his savings gave out he returned to Shepherd and worked a year in the store of Example Smith.

Then came his return to the railroad siness, when, through the influence of brother-in-law, Charles Uden, he was placed in charge of the new Shep-herd station of the Houston, East and herd station of the Houston, base and West Texas. With more savings he went back to the Houston school again, working after hours in the railroad's freight department. After a year of this he went into a law office, where he worked and studied law daytimes and attended night school. He was admit-ted to the bar in 1882, and at once formed a partnership with J. V. Lea. He renewed his railroad affiliations again when the Houston, East and West Texas went into receivers' hands, and he was called to look after the road's in-

ne was carried to look arter the beads interests at Nacogdoches.

Mr. Lovett was counsel for this road from 1884 to 1889. Then he became assistant general attorney of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company at Dallas. In 1891 he became general attorney of the road. He is a member of the law firm of Baker, Botts, Baker & Lovett, and has been counsel for all the South-ern Pacific lines in Texas since 1904. In 1906 he went to New York and be-

In 1906 he went to New York and became the personal counsel and confidential adviser of Mr. Harriman.

Practically, he awakes to find himself famous. Yesterday, krown in a limited way in American financial and business circles, he is now known wherever interest centers in American enterprise and actionatal development. His niceand continental development. His picture takes a place in the gallery of celebrities. The manner of man he is and all about him must be told with some elaboration. What does he look like? What are his characteristics? What may be expected of him in his promotion and with his enlarged oppor-

It is the oft-repeated American story. At the start, poverty and ambition. A small place well filled at a small salary. Study at night. A modest beginning at Study at night. A modest beginning at the bar. Diligence and success there in small things. Faithful over small things, he is called to administer big things, and now sits with the mighty. things, and now sits with the mighty.

And he is just turning fifty—still a

young man.

There are Lovetts in our politics, in our manufacturing world, in all the professions, in the banking world, and in the pulpit. Turn in any direction and you find the value of industry and purpose and staying qualities in this country when united to strong native intelligence.

There are still great opportunities for he competent. There is yet room at

The Difference One Man Made.

In 1841 a lad of nineteen came up to small and insignificant that the London | breeder retail merchant to whom he applied for a place at first refused to take him, but finally gave him a trial. There were in us love and admiration, by what of the hundred and forty salesmen and assistants in the business. Most of them, in English fashion, slept on the premises. The work hours were long, the conditions demoralizing. The young newcomer received little more than half a dollar a day for twelve hour's work. He did not seem to be of manners and the absence of design in the total properties. But this is what little more than half a dollar a day for twelve hour's work. He did not seem to be of manners and the absence of design in its undertakings; it is this quality that any importance. But this is what happened because he came. When he entered the house it was almost imposter any young man to be a Chrisian here; and in three years afterwards than there; and in three years afterwards it was said to be almost impossible to be anything else. That was the difference George Williams made. How did he make it? For one thing, he was a devoted young Christian coming from a neighborhood where evil was rife, and knowing what temptation was, and how to fight it. For another thing, he loved companionship and being cheerful and sincerely interested in other people, sincerely interested in other people, was very attractive to his fellowworkers. For a third thing, he proved his Christianity by both generosity and self-denial, each in its turn. He persuaded young men to go to church with him, prayed for and with them, and understood their temptations. For a fourth thing, he was so capable in his work that his employer, though not a Christian, encouraged him in influencing the others. In a little while longer the employer, too, became a Christian

It changed conditions for young men so tremendously in London that it spread to other cities. Now it is an internato other cities. Now it is an international institution. In 1906 this association founded by this one young man numbered nearly three quarters of a million members in forty-five countries. What difference does one young man make? Some unthinking persons ask this question. Here is the difference one young man have a wards. Excessed.

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Young Inventors. When the wireless telegraphy was developed hundreds of American boys began to experiment in this new science and house roofs were decorated with amateur antennae on which messages were successfully received and from some of which signals were sent.

The same thing had been true at a prior period of the X. ray. Roentgen's discovery of the function of this mysterious vibration caused all the amateur physicists studying in technical schools to experiment with Crooke's tubes.

Now the inventive lads are experimenting with air ships and flying

machines.
All such enterprising youths should be encouraged. It is always safe to regard them as potential inventors. No one can tell who will be the Stevenson or the Marconi or the Roentgen or the Wright or the Parsons of the future. All these men, who have contributed so richly to the world's mechanical equip ment and to the solution of practical problems, had their boyhood dreams and aspirations, stimulated doubtless by reading of inventors of past generations. Some of them worked against adversity and in the face of discouragement, and

their success was the sweeter for the handicap under which they labored. Some of the boys of to-day, reading of past successes, will be inspired to invent as wonderful contrivances as any that now minister to human comfort and delight.

A Fair Share For Everybody. Under the seeming injustice of lite and its attendant circumstances, there is more of equalization than we often think. "Nature keeps books with the individual," and if we would oftener do a little auditing of the books on our own account we should find that many of the supposed inequalities do not exist. We envy the treasure of prosperity our neighbor appears to have, but we do not know how heavily it is mortgaged by sorrow, disappointment and pain. We with fewer possessions, may be receiving a far larger percentage of happiness. We magnify our griefs and forget to count our joys and successes, and so complain of wrong and injustice. Much

Let The Other Fellow Do It.

A friend in speaking of a wealthy and successful business man of Chicago, one as widely known in the sphere of Christian usefulness as in the commercial world, said of him in connection with the countless things he did and aided, "I don't think I ever heard him suggest that the other fellow should do it." That is a brief but satisfactory bit of character-drawing.

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Even in this age of the world there are some people whose joy has no present tense. Their sky is always cloudy. They never have a good, bright day, and if one should come they do not enjoy it, for they say it is a "weather they say it is a "weather and will be followed by the unfavorable kind.

We are educated by what calls forth in us love and admiration, by what creates the exalted mood and the stead-

character of youth as simplicity of manners and the absence of design in its undertakings; it is this quality that makes it lovable and attractive.

Whatever you may hope to gain, Keep your self-respect; Whatever losses you sustain, Keep your self-respect. Not peerless ransom of a king, Can any compensation bring, For loss of this one priceless thing; So keep your self-respect.

No matter what the world may say,
Keep your self-respect;
Tho' darkness cloud life's prosperous day,
Keep your self-respect;
Then with an honest, fearless eye,
You'll face your soul and raise the cry,
"Adversity I can defy,
I've kept my self-respect."
—Susan W. Clune.

Opportunity comes to a man once in a lifetime, but there is no limit to the number of visits a man can make to

opportunity. "The world will never understand," aid Athelstan, "that there are men born outside common rules—born to scramble through life, like lizards, work that his employer, though not a Christian, encouraged him in influencing the others. In a little while longer the employer, too, became a Christian through his efforts.

He went on to make a still greater difference in London itself. He started the Young Men's Christian Association. It changed conditions for young men so tremmoderate.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Rear Admiral Franklin and His Commander-in-Chief.

Uncle Jack, of the Sacred Heart Uncle Jack, of the Sacred Heart Review, wonders how many of his boys know anything about the late Rear-Admiral Franklin, U. S. N., who was a convert to the Catholic Church. The Hartford Transcript has a fine notice of this distinguished officer, and Uncle Jack quotes it for you, not because he wants you to rush off and become mid-shipmen, but because of the fine example shipmen, but because of the fine example it gives us of loyalty to our great Commander-in-Chief, Jesus Christ.

All you Little Defenders are pledged to honor the Holy Name, and Uncle Jack warts to see you fearless and con stant and outspoken in your devotion to our Master. Each of you have your opportunity, whether at home, at school, on the playground, in church, to stand up manfully for Our Lord and never to e ashamed to show Him honor. Don't forget!

It is not the boy who goes to army, or navy, or fire department, or life-saving corps, that is the hero, simply on that account alone; but the boy who any-where and everywhere does his duty, on land or sea. The boy who never misses land or sea. The boy who never misses Mass and who goes regularly to the Sacraments, the boy who obeys his parents, the boy who is not afraid never to swear or lie or pilfer, no matter who entices him, the boy who is true and pure and brive, and joyful with a real innocent gladness, that is the boy who is Christ's soldier and servant, yes, anywhere and everywhere. anywhere and everywhere.

And now here is the story of Rear Admiral Franklin:

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"During the life of the General, his in life. no less distinguished brother was a frequent visitor at his home on Washington Street, Hartford. And while in the city he was a regular and devout attendant at St. Peter's Church of the Immaculate Conception on Park street, invariably assisting at the High Mass, accompanied by his wife, who was also a Catholic, and occupying a pew well up towards the front. The people of that neighborhood can not have forgotten that tall, handsome, dignified figure, whose personal appearance was striking. Straight as a ramrod, his erect form, light step and graceful carriage almost belied the years that had blanched his abundant hair, and they also unmistak-ably proclaimed the soldier and officer accustomed to command. Distinction was written on his strong clean-cut features. The first impression of a forceful character, used to authority, was soon, with The first impression of a forceful character, used to authority, was soon, with agreeable surprise, tempered by a charm of simplicity and frankness of speech and manner which blended happily with his stern military bearing. He was a

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"He seems never to have lost the first fervor of his conversion and his religion was the greatest thing in the world to him, the pearl of great price, for the possession of which he would have parted with all else. A near relative of the late Admiral relates this story: A young lady, meeting him in the vesti-bule of St. Matthew's Church in Washington, whither he had gone for his regular visit to the Blessed Sacrament remarked: 'Why, Admiral, I did not know you came here too! 'Certainly, Miss—,' was his reply. 'I have to report every day to my Commander-inchief, you know.

"It is indeed remarkable that two brothers, the one a soldier, the other a sailor should, each in his chosen calling, have 'trod the ways of glory and sounded all the depths and shoals of honor. Both lived to a ripe old age after long and most valuable and dis-tinguished service to their country;

voices. They were discussing ideals—what they would rather have, do, and be

Namette wanted plenty of carriages and servants at her bidding — dear, pretty Namette, whose curly head was already full of gay doings which, in her limited vocabulary, spelled "Life," Ruth was not so particular about money, but was planning to be an artist and paint pictures that would rival

modern artists.

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writer would be spoiled.

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