

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

LOVE OF DRESS AND LUXURY. says Rev. Father Wetzel in his excellent little book entitled "A Guide For Girls," and the passion for enjoyment and pleasure are daily on the increase; a girl is quite unhappy if she cannot go everywhere and take part in everything. She accuses her parents of grudging her pleasure, and seems entirely to forget that simplicity and modesty, contentment and humility are not only a girl's best adornment, but are likewise the foundation of a contented and happy life. People must have the courage to oppose a strong and decided "No" to the thousand enticements and allurements of the world. And if by this means one is able to save something, how glad one is later on, and how thankful would many poor parents be if they had a good daughter, who could help them with her savings.

An excellent but poorly circumstanced peasant-couple had one daughter, named Elizabeth, who made a firm resolution at the age of 14, that she would relieve her parents of part of their household cares, and from that time forth would make her own way in the world. Accordingly she went into service, and although for the first year she was paid no wages, and only got an occasional "tip," she managed to put aside five shillings. On her 15th birthday she sent the money to her poor parents with the following letter:

"Dear Father and Mother,—For 14 years you fed and clothed me, took care of me and watched over me, and brought me up in the fear and love of God. How am I to thank you today my birthday? I send you five shillings, which I have saved out of the tips I have had from my master and mistress. They are very kind to me. I hope on my next birthday to have rather more for you. Take care of yourselves and keep well.

Your loving and dutiful daughter,
ELIZABETH.

A CARDINAL'S LETTER.—His Eminence Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, was requested to write a letter to some Catholic boys and girls in England. He did so. Here is his letter. Read the part in it about the torchlight parade:—

Dear boys and girls, readers of the "Catholic Fireside."

I have been asked to say a word to you, and you will each accept what I have to say to you as if spoken to yourself individually and for yourself alone.

First of all, never forget what you are. Always remember with joy and thankfulness that you are a Catholic. The name of Catholic is the most glorious of all titles, and the Catholic faith is the most splendid heritage which a man can possess. It is not merely that in belonging to the Catholic Church, "the Church of all Nations," you are a member of the greatest, the most ancient, the most numerous, the most widespread religious body in the Christian world. In being a Catholic, you are a child of the one, true and only Church, or "Kingdom," which Our Savior Christ founded here upon earth. In it, you are united to Christ, as a living member of His Mystical Body. In your baptism you were consecrated to Him. In your confirmation you were sealed to Him, and solemnly enlisted as His soldier. Because you have the Holy Faith, and believe the truths which He taught, you are united to the mind of Christ, and are, as the Apostle said, "of one mind" with Him. You are united to the Heart of Christ when you love Him and seek to do His will and to keep His commandments. You are made a sharer in the life of Christ when you receive His grace in the Holy Sacraments, and, above all, when you receive Him in Holy Communion.

See then how very close and how very complete is your union with Jesus Christ, and how truly you belong to Him. Now for that reason, you must strive above all things to be "worthy of your calling." Your Mother, the Church, wishes to see you grow up worthy children of Christ, and good, fervent, and faithful Catholics. She wishes you in your daily life and conduct—now especially in the time when your character is being formed—to aim at being all that is beautiful, noble, manly, honorable, pure, upright, gentle, humble, loving, loyal, generous and zealous. A body is known by its members. Remember that to all who see you and know you—now and in the future—you will represent, in your measure, the Catholic Church. Be all that the honor of Christ and of His Church would require of you. Be so, not merely by profession or appearance, but honestly and from the heart outwards. If inwardly you are united with the Heart of Our Lord, your outward action and in-

fluence will of itself make itself felt upon all around you.

In a torchlight procession, each one holds his torch and contributes his share in shedding light upon the path which has to be trod. The Catholic Church is a great torchlight procession ever passing on its way through this world of sin and darkness, and every Catholic carries within him the gift of the faith as a shining torch, and by its profession and practice, does his part to shed the light of Christ around him. See that you hold your torch firmly. Do not allow it to be taken from you, and do not suffer it to burn low and flicker feebly and dimly. When Christ was teaching this lesson of the torch, He spoke of it under the figure of a "lamp," in order to impress upon us that our light is one which requires to be not only shielded from without, but nourished from within. The lamp has to be fed with oil, and if the oil be exhausted, the light speedily fades and goes out. The only oil which will keep your lamp alight is the grace of the Holy Spirit, given you through prayer and the sacraments. If you are to have the light of Christ burning within you, you must say your prayers well, and go regularly to confession and communion. It is from Our Lord within you that all good will go out from you. According to the inflow of Christ into your heart will be the outflow of the good that you can do to others.

May He, as the years of your life go on, make you more than ever His own. May the intercession of the ever-blessed Mother of God draw you more and more closely to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

HERBERT CARDINAL VAUGHAN.

DO BIRDS TALK?—One day recently an elderly lady of charitable disposition observed a blue jay sitting in the snow near her door. Being a lover of the feathered tribe, the kind-hearted lady proceeded to furnish some food for her new-found friend. Fastening an ear of corn to a stick, she went out and quietly placed the stick in the snow where the jay could easily see it. Very soon after her return to the house the bird flew to the stick and began eating the corn. Presently another bird of the same kind flew to the stick, but was repeatedly driven away by bird No. 1, who seemed to claim possession by right of priority. After eating his fill he flew to a small cedar swamp about forty rods distant, and in less than five minutes returned, followed by seven others. Upon arriving at the corn bird No. 2 was rudely driven away, when the family of eight eagerly devoured the corn, though not without something of contention. The birds were evidently very hungry and have frequently been fed by the friendly hand, but how did the seven that followed bird No. 1 from the swamp know there was food awaiting them?—Belfast (Me.) Republican Journal.

Nature "makes all things beautiful in their time." Every one of life's seasons, when life moves on Nature's lines, has its own charm and beauty. Many women dread that period when they must experience change of life. They fear that face and form may suffer by the change, and that they may fail to please those whom they love. The value of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription in this crisis of woman's life lies in the fact that it assists nature. Its use preserves the balance and buoyancy of the mind and sustains the physical powers. Many women have expressed their gratitude for the help and comfort given by "Favorite Prescription" in this trying period. Its benefits are not passing but permanent and conduce to mental happiness as well as physical strength.

A PECULIAR CASE.

William MacDonald, a young California bawso, who has been singing with the Bostonians for two seasons, is seriously ill in San Francisco, suffering from what physicians say is paralysis of the jaw.

MacDonald contracted a cold and it settled in a back tooth. He consulted a dentist here who advised ex-

traction. The dentist used some drag to deaden the pain, which paralyzed the nerves of the throat and soon after the tooth was drawn, MacDonald's mouth closed, and he has not been able to open it since, even enough to admit a spoon. The doctors fear gangrene.

NOTES FROM ROME.

One of the most sad and most important events that have marked the Holy year, in Rome, is the death of Cardinal Jacobini. Owing to the exalted position occupied by His Eminence, in the Catholic world, we quote the graphic sketch of his career, from the pen of an important correspondent. Thus writes one who is in a position to tell exactly what occurs in the Eternal City:—

"All over Rome there has been mourning for the loss of the beloved Roman Cardinal and Vicar-General—the father and friend of the workmen, and the zealous promoter of every Catholic work. His Eminence has not been in good health for years, but until last December he was as active as ever, always to the fore in Catholic undertakings of every sort. Scarcely had he been appointed to the office of Cardinal-Vicar when he was attacked by a serious illness, from which, however, His Eminence partially recovered, only to be prostrated again two weeks ago when meningitis set in, and between a complication of maladies all hopes of his recovery vanished. Every human endeavour was made to preserve the precious life, and prayers were offered incessantly, but, after lingering between life and death from Saturday to Thursday, Cardinal Jacobini breathed his last on Thursday morning at 9.40 a.m. at the age of 63 years. It will be difficult to estimate the gravity of Cardinal Jacobini's loss at this time, and his place as Cardinal-Vicar is hard to fill, as well as the many other important offices in which His Eminence's vigorous mind and action were the mainspring and foundation. He was President of the International Committee of Homeage to the Saviour in the Holy Year, and his noble and spirited appeal to the Catholic world to join in this act of universal homage will not soon be forgotten. To his exertions perhaps more than to any other are to be attributed the imposing celebrations of the century, one of his last public acts being the presentation of the workmen's Jubilee gift to the Holy Father. The vigorous development in the Catholic field of action during the last twenty years in Rome is largely due to Cardinal Jacobini's initiative, and to this congenial work he gave the best years of his life with unselfish devotion—a devotion rewarded by encouraging success. His Eminence was not only co-founder, benefactor, and patron to the Primary Roman Society for Catholic Interests, the St. Peter's Club, the Catholic Artisans and Workmen's Society, the Federation of Catholic Societies, but also a zealous worker in their behalf. On Thursday the Cardinal's body, clad in the cardinalial violet robes, lay in the room in which he died at the Palazzo Lepri, and throngs of people visited the mortuary chamber all day long. An altar was erected there, where Masses were constantly said, until on the afternoon of Friday the remains were placed in three caskets, and exposed in the throne-room of the residence, where the people's pilgrimage still continued, to kiss the ring and look their last on the face of the beloved Cardinal. The funeral procession took place on Sunday afternoon at 3.30, when, accompanied by an almost interminable file of all Rome's Catholic associations and societies, the coffin, in a simple hearse, without flowers or music, was carried to the Church of the Holy Apostles, where a solemn Requiem Mass was sung on Monday morning. The names of Cardinal Salotti, Cardinal Cassetta, and even Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, are spoken of as probable successors to Cardinal Jacobini, but of the three Cardinal Cassetta is the most likely candidate, for his administrative capabilities render His Eminence singularly fitted for the duties of the vicariate, added to which Cardinal Cassetta, before his elevation to the purple, held the important post of Vicar-General of Rome, which embraces many of the minor duties and responsibilities of the vicariate."

M. BRUNETIERE IN ROME.—M. Brunetiere, the well-known French journalist and editor of the "Revue des Deux Mondes," drew a crowded and distinguished audience to the Aula Massima of the Cancellaria Palace last week. All that was best in ecclesiastical, diplomatic, and literary Rome was present to hear one of the most distinguished of modern journalists eulogize, in language of flowing eloquence, his great countryman, Bossuet. Cardinals Rampolla, Parocchi, Cretoni, Ferrata, Di Pietro, Serafino Vannutelli, Vincenzo Vannutelli, Segna, Salotti, Mathieu, and Casale del Dongo were present, also many of the Ambassadors to the Holy See, prelates, and members of the

Roman patriciate. His Eminence Cardinal Parocchi, Vice-Chancellor of the Church, presented the lecturer to the audience in a few well-chosen words, and M. Brunetiere was also supported by Cardinal Mathieu, whose guest he is in Rome, and who accompanied the journalist to his audience with the Holy Father on the same day. The interview with the Pope was long and cordial, and His Holiness warmly congratulated M. Brunetiere on his lecture.

Our readers will remember the social and literary ripple created last year in Montreal by the passage of Mr. Brunetiere through our city. His eloquent and learned lectures have left an impression that will not be readily forgotten in Canada.

MGR. VAUGHAN IN ROME.—The Right Rev. Mgr. John S. Vaughan and the Rev. Henry J. Grosch (of Homerton), arrived in Rome on Thursday of last week. Mgr. Vaughan gave a Triduum at the convent of the Religious of the Cenacle, where prayers were recited each day for the conversion of England. On the 8th inst. the Rev. gentleman preached a charity sermon in the Church of St. Andrea della Fratte, on behalf of the ladies' conference of St. Vincent de Paul attached to the Institute of the Sisters of Charity. It is hoped that Mgr. Vaughan's eloquence, which is already known and appreciated in Rome, will realize a large sum for this most deserving work of charity, which does much good in one of the poorest quarters of Rome—the Prati di Castello. Father Grosch is preaching a series of sermons in the Church of San Silvestro in Capite.

GENERAL NOTES.

In receiving the Piedmont pilgrimage, numbering 3,150, the Holy Father looked remarkably well, and spoke some time to the leaders of the pilgrimage, who were presented to him.

A large American pilgrimage is expected in Rome about the middle of March. This is the one now being organized in New York.

The Right Rev. Arthur Riddle, Bishop of Northampton, was received by the Holy Father, in private audience last week, on the same day His Holiness accorded a special audience to the Most Rev. John Lancaster Spalding, Archbishop of Peoria, in the United States.

Pale and Languid.

THE CONDITION OF VERY MANY YOUNG GIRLS IN CANADA.

They are Subject to Headaches, Heart Trouble, and an Indisposition to Exertion—Parents Should Act Promptly in Such Cases.

Miss Alma Gauthier, daughter of Mr. Adelard Gauthier, proprietor of a well known hotel at Three Rivers, Que., enjoys a wide popularity among her young friends, and they have recently had occasion to rejoice at her restoration to health after a serious illness. When a reporter called to ascertain the facts of the case Miss Gauthier was out of the city on a visit, but her father very gladly consented to give the story of her cure. He said:—"I believe that had it not been for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills my daughter Alma might now have been in her grave, and I would be ungrateful indeed if I did not at all times say a kind word in favor of the medicine that restored her to health. My daughter's health first began to give way several years ago. At first the trouble did not appear to be serious, and we thought she would soon regain her accustomed health. As time went on, however, this proved not to be the case. She grew weaker, was troubled with headaches, poor appetite, dizziness and a feeling of almost constant languor. She was treated by a good doctor, but still there was no improvement. She seemed to be gradually fading away. If she walked up stairs she would have to stop several times to rest on the way. She lost all her color and her face was as white almost as chalk. Her trouble was clearly that which afflicts so many young women entering womanhood, and we feared it would develop into consumption. One day a friend of the family urged her to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and she consented, and procured a couple of boxes. Before they were quite gone there was a slight improvement in her appetite and we looked upon this as a hopeful sign. Another half dozen boxes were procured, and under their use she day by day acquired new strength and new interest in life. She is now as healthy a girl as there is in Three Rivers, with every trace of her pallor and languor gone. This is entirely due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I am rejoiced to be able to say so publicly."

The case of Miss Gauthier certainly carries with it a lesson to other parents, whose daughters may be pale, languid, easily tired, or subject to headaches, or the other distressing symptoms that mark the onward progress of anaemia. In cases of this kind Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will give more certain and speedy results than any other medicine. They act promptly and directly, making new, rich red blood, and strengthening the nerves, and correct all the irregularities incident to this critical period.

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26 2-piece Costumes in different styles and materials; they sold originally at from \$8.50 to \$12; special price, to clear, \$4.95.

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