## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. A VOLUNTARY VICTIM OF EXPIA-TION.

Pierre Lafont was born in Paris in 1876. At an early age his parents sent him to the college known as the Petit Seminaire de Notre Dame des Champs, mostly attended by students for the priesthood.

Pierre was always a privileged child of the Blessed Virgin. Of a mild disposition, he showed himself, from his earliest years, unalterably kind and amiable toward every one. His countenance, frank and open, was the personification of innocence.

One day, when he was only four years old, his mother wished to take him for a walk, but he replied: "O, mamma; pray let me stay and play with Jesus." The mother, though greatly astonished at such a request from one so young, granted his demand. On her return she was still more surprised to find him making genuflexions before a crucifix which he had placed on a small altar between two candles. It was his delight to adorn the altar, and he would preach in his baby language with

extraordinary seriousness.

His first Communion was like that of an angel. From the day of its reception a remarkable change was noticeable in him. He became more grave, more reserved, and a useless or frivol-

ous word never passed his lips.

During his vacations in the country
he spent long hours of adoration in the
little chapel where the Blessed Sacrament was kept. Those who saw him there were struck with the respect and crucifix. recollection manifested in his prayers.
One day he accompanied his family
on a long walk. But soon his parents
perceived that he was no longer with

On returning he was found in a

why did you leave us?" "O mamma," responded Pierre, "I

to her, "I have never entertained any desire other than to consecrate myself to God, and my wish was always to be a Benedictine. I wish to be a religious in order that I may always pray, always pray and thank God.' On one day of each week the pupils of the Petit Seminaire were given a holi-day. On these occasions Pierre's father

first visit the church of the Sacred Heart, at Montmartre, Notre Dame des ictoires, and the Jesuit church.

Pierre would say, in embracing his happiness; he seemed to be at rest. have passed; papa has had the goodness to take me to visit Jesus in the Blessed Holy Eucharist."

Sacrament."

In 1893 his mother took him to assist in the beautiful ceremony of the departure of missionaries. He was profoundly impressed, and expressed a A NEW SCIENCE ively thirst for the salvation of souls, and such an ardent love of God that he fervently aspired to a missionary

During Holy Week the pupils of the Notre Dame to venerate the holy relies. The sacrilegous theft of a chalice filled the morning that this visit was made. Pierre was horrified. This terrible pro-Pierre was horrified. This terrifie parameter is fanation filled his heart with unhappiness, and he offered himself to God as a victim of expiation. The offering was victim of expiation. The offering was victim of expiation. The offering was victim of expiation of God, and was a victim of expiation. accepted.

Week the thought of the sacrilege who ever in Pierre's mind. He spoke of it to his mother and his professor in terms

as necessary in the Sunday-school as the trained teacher in the school-room, or the trained nurse at the bedside. As much more necessary as spiritual ning with love for his

anguish, but perfect resignation: "Mamma, it is God's will."

said afterwards: He never uttered a word of complaint; his only consolation was to drink some water of Lourdes. 'It is the Blessed Virgin who will cure me, he clature of our subject. What then? would say. Tuesday night he said to me: 'People die at all ages; see how many of my schoolmates have already goes before his class proposed the content of the class proposed the content of the content of the class proposed the content of the cont many of my schoolmates have already died, and what edifying deaths!' His ather sang for him his hymn of first Catholic World Magazine.

Wednesday he slept a good deal, and, as he was not any worse, I left him for a little while. In the even-Kneel down, and let us ng he said: have a prayer in common.' As he still wanted to say his Rosary, I would not permit him, telling him to be satisfied to offer his sufferings. He asked me to take the sign of the cross on his forehead. He did not sleep during the night, notwithstanding his effort to do that I might have the chance of me standing near him, but he could not keep his eyes for a moment from resting Gury, S. J.

on me. He had moments of fright; he thought the night intolerably long, and compared it to purgatory. He spoke of a martyrdom of three hours, and often said: 'It is 2 o'clock?'' (He died at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.)

Looking at the holy face of Our Lord, which was near him, he said to me: 'The Saviour must have suffered me: 'The Saviour must have suffered much to be so disfigured.' A little later I heard him say, in a low voice; 'My God, let Your will be done, and

After that he sung in a low voice, then he said; 'Mamma, did you hear those beautiful hymns? But how strange; I composed them myself in

Latin; how beautiful they are!'
"Later he said: "Oh, mamma!
what a beautiful Communion God gave to me during Holy Week! It was that of St. Louis of Gonzaga; just like it, three days of preparation, and three days of thanksgiving.' He continually offered his sufferings for persons in whom he felt an interest, for his father,

for myself, and for other intentions.
"The next morning his fever creased. I began to grow uneasy, and waited for the physician with anxiety. When he came he was alarmed at the progress of the disease; he could not hide his anxiety from Pierre, and left at once to tell my mother-in-law that he could not live over the night and to send for his confessor. A priest was at once sent for. Pierre, without betraying the least emotion, went to confession, after having made the sign of the cross, and received Extreme Unction, giving himself the responses in Latin in a loud and clear voice. The priest had him to gain Plenary Indulgences of the

I then came close to him. ' Dear child, I said to him, 'if God wants you for the salvation of souls, be ready to obey His will; then Our Lady of Lourdes will cure you; I promise to take you to Lourdes. But if His will is chapel, praying fervently.

"My dear child," said his mother, to call you to Himself, make the sacrifice

He bowed twice, saying : 'Yes.' An instant later, I asked him if he felt 'O mamma, responded traits, and thought that Jesus would be alone, and I returned to keep Him company."

At the age of fifteen years he confided to his mother a desire to embrace a religious life. "All my life," he said smile, answered: 'Mamma, I am cured.' These were his last words. Placing his head on my shoulder, he raised himself, and put his arms in the form of a cross on his breast. He soon became delirious, for a violent attack of brain fever had begun, and for a half hour he had a terrible agony. His sisters were holding him in their arms His we were reciting the prayers for the dy-ing and after we had invoked St. day. On these occasions rierro and to came to conduct him to his home to spend the day. It was their custom to spend the day. It was their custom to meet him, he drew his last breath, hold-meet him his hand. His ing a blessed candle in his hand. His would say, in embracing its
'Oh, what a happy day I
d; papa has had the goodness
Tarcisius, like him a martyr of the

Thus died on March 29, 1894, this

There is a new science commanding the attention of the Catholic people and a martyr's crown. Some time later he confided this desire to his siste.

God willed that his pious desires should be realized sooner than he exhauld be realized by the exhauld ruary, of the methods of this new science in an article entitled "The Suc-Petit Seminaire were conducted, as usual, (as was the custom each year) to Notre Dame to venerate the holy relics. she has devoted a great deal of her time with consecrated Hosts had occurred on to the formulation of methods of imparting instructions in the schools, and

the remaining days of Holy as necessary in the Sunday-school as the trained teacher in the school-room, As much more necessary as spiritual than mate

sire to know more in order to behave better. 'It is not so much that chil-What follows is an exact reproduction dren should know what they do not of what the mother of the dear young know, as that they should behave as they do not behave.

"The knowledge, of course, is nec-

# Patience To-Day.

Patience to-day, my soul; to-morrow will bring whatever God wills; mean-while let us do the will of the Lord. Yesterday is past, and nothing more remains of its sufferings. To-day is only one day, and doesn't signify much. My God! can I do less than offer Thee the troubles, the sufferings, the fatigues of a single day? May those of this day be all for Thy love; I offer them to Thee for the Heart of Jesus, and in thanks-

# CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

If we do not work for bread with our hands, we are bound under penalty of becoming criminal, to labor with brain heart, to strengthen, purify enrich human life. There enrich human life. There be work of hand that men may live, and there must be work of brain and heart that they may live worthily and nobly.—Bishop Spalding.

Employed by Electricity. T. C. Martin, an authority upon the ubject, finds that 100,000 employed in telegraphy, 26,000 by Bell telephone companies, 150,000 in electric fighting plants, 10,000 on street rail-ways operated by electricity, and 150,-000 in electrical factories.

Having a Hobby, Happy is the man who has a hobby— who wishes to arrange the specimens of natural history or geology which he has acquired during his summer rambles, or is able to use the lathe, the fret-saw, the telescope or microscope. An hour or so spent on this will divert the nervous energy into an altogether new compartment of the brain, and this is the true secret of getting as much as possible out of one's time. It is a mis-take to think we rest best by doing nothing. The most intense rest comes by striking other chords than the one or two which show signs of being wear-

ied to breaking.

Happier still is he who has a taste for music and who has mastered the initial difficulties of the violin, the piano, the organ or the cornet! Nothing is so refreshing as to be able to soothe oneself with music, or to turn to the rough sketches we have made in summer excursions with a view to completing them. An hour spent in perfecting oneself in any branch of art is well employed, and the winter evenings afford opportunities of becoming really pro-ficient in some pursuit, which brings one in contact with the beauties of the world and quickens the imagination. In your young life you may lay foundations of great excellence in regard to some study or accomplishments, which will stand you in good stead in later

# Cuitivate Practicability.

It is well known that many great scholars have been almost helpless when thrown amid the practical affairs of life. The genius of Addison made him Secretary of State, and he had ample chance to fit himself for his position: but he was found absolutely inetent, and was compelled to retire

on a small pension.

Napoleon made Laplace Secretary of the Interior, because of his great scholarship, but he proved utterly incapable of filling the great office to which he had been appointed. Napoleon said he was "always searching for subtleties," and aimed to conduct the Government on the principles of the differential and the provided the pr integral calculus. Bacon had one of profoundest intellects of his own or any other age, yet he did many foolish things in practical life. The process of searching for deeper knowledge somehow carries one away from the trend of events, and puts him at variance with the ordinary affairs of everyday life.

It is said that Adam Smith, the great writer on political economy, could not manage the affairs of his own home. Beethoven did not even know how to cut the coupons from a bond, and sold the whole instrument when he wanted to raise a little money. Johnson said of Goldsmith, that exquisite genius in his line,—" No man was wiser when he had a pen in his hand, or more foolish when e had none.'

This is no disparagement of educacation: but these examples may serve

Saviour.

The evening before Easter his mother found him in a state of eestacy. "What a beautiful day," he said to her, and how I regret to see Holy Week gone. Oh! The beautiful week! How many of the laws of success. He told his audience that success lies in working at the thing in which you wish to succeed. It lies in never tiring of doing, in repeating and line. a beautiful day," he said to her, and how I regret to see Holy Week gone. Oh! The beautiful week! How many graces I have received!"

On Monday he came home holding in his hand a small picture of St. Tarcisius, the little martyr of the Holy Eucharist, which he kissed incessantly, all the morning. What intercourse must he not have had within himself with the young saint whose generous sacrifice he envied and hoped for!

the demands of our age and time.

"The child to-day must go out fortinged with a living, loving, intellectual fith. He is not facing persecution, never tiring of doing, in repeating and in never ceasing to repeat; in toiling, in waiting, in bearing, and in observing; in watching and experimenting, in falling back on oneself by reflection, turning the thought over and over, round and about, the mind and vision acting again and again upon it—this is the law of growth. The secret is to do onow; not to look away at all. That is the great illusion and delusion: oung saint whose generous sacrifice ne oung saint whose day he called upon a poor man, and paid several visits to the Blessed Sacrament. At night, being tired, he retired before his usual hour.

The next day he had to remain the whole day in bed, keeping silent, but bearing his sufferings with admirable bearing his sufferings with admirable bearing his sufferings with admirable searched the successful catechist whose children carry from the Sunday-school the germs of knowledge that have reached the suffering to the conscience as well as the suffering to the conscience as well as the suffering born into this world from human being born into this world from human be

the beginning until now, or that shall be born until the end, and that is success in making himself a man, in making himself God-like, in making himself honest, sincere, truthful, just, be-nevolent, kind, polite, human. There are no compensations for whoever fails in this. A man may have millions of money, and if he has failed in making elf a man, he has failed hopelessly. Body tion the lesson into the child's mind and then to question it out again."—

But he who has built up his character is kingly, is akin to his Maker and his

> What is it that you want to succeed in doing? You all want to make money or get an office; that is the American ideal of success. It is to make money or get an office. We will outgrow that some day. Money is good; it is the greatest of material powers in the world to-day. It is a mighty power. How are you going to make money? Just as I told you that you were to learn language, -by working, working. I am talking of the law. There may be an exception; sometimes an accident may happen, so that a man gets rich without labor; but right here is one of the great causes of failure; that each the great causes of failure; that each the great causes of failure is the great causes of failure in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great causes of catarrh action, and radically cause in the great ca

### man looks upon himself as an exception. I tell you that this is the law :

that you have got to labor, if you want to get money, if you want to suceeed.

The aim of having pleasure is the aim

of a lower race, and of those who are destined to become a scorn and a mock-ery. There is no possible pleasure for se who make pleasure an aim. Pleas-is good only when we have earned by our labor; it refreshes us after

Now, if you wish to be good men. have some aim that approves itself to a rational man, to a reasonable being. I have noticed that men who have character are nearly all men who have been successful. Take the professions. The nen of the finest character are nearly men who lead in their profession Idleness is sure to lead us to degeneracy consequently, those men who try to succeed, and whom no failure discourages, and who go on rising on failures s stepping stones, are the mer who realize what a noble thing it is to be a living force in God's world. They have influence; they have power, and the respect of their fellows. They are pointed to with pride. At least, they signify something; there is meaning in their life; they have not lived in vain; they have accomplished something.

They are the men who stand out from

their fellows, become leaders, great beacons, throwing their light acr perilous sea. These are the men who are free, who become a part of the life of their people, maybe a part of the life of their race. The aim, then, is so to inspire youthful minds and hearts that they shall seek these fountainheads of right living, these fountainheads of strength, of resolves, of perseverance of ceaseless action. For the law of success is persistent action in the direc tion in which you wish to go. It is nature's law. All life is built up of ceaseless repetition of a cell, of a microscopic cell, eternally building. All forms of animality are subject to this law—infinite repetition, ceaseless repetition—and when it breaks down in any part then to go to work and build it up by this same process, tireless, cease-ess; so the universe has been filled

-labor for these things, to incorporate these principles in your lives; make the Eternal Spirit, who is born of God, in medicine or sent postpaid at and ever since the world of truth and Brockville, Ont.

Says our esteemed contemporary, the Congregationalist, writing on "Inter-

essory Prayer ":
"The instinct of intercession must wakened in every mother's heart when she first look upon the helplessness of her child. It is the friend's resort in absence. It is the Christian's oppor-tunity. It was the utterance of Christ's It sums up human brotherhood love. and divine co-operation. God will not be alone in His beneficence. He invites us to make requests, to share His thoughts of need and danger, to con-sider His problems of redemption and

"The province of intercession far transcends the boundary of personal relations. Its field is the world. Just so far as knowledge grows and love of Christ constrains, the lives of others come within the circle of our prayers. If the father's heart in Abraham melts

ponent of Protestantism allows the gracious office of intercessor to friends on earth, he must deny it to friends in Heaven. We believe that the blessed in Heaven enjoy a greater influence with God because of their confirmed holiness, and if we ask the prayers of devout friends still in their place of probation, still more confidently do we ask those of our friends in Heaven. The saints are surely our friends, but, as the Congregationalist says, "The province of intercession transcends the boundary of personal relations."—Bos-

and be made to understand what it means, and if they grow up with this habit formed it will make their lives truly that of children of God. Learn them to do good for the love of the Sacred Heart, and it will prove far more effective and lasting than the thoughts of punishment. Have a picture of the sacred Heart, and it will prove far more effective and lasting than the thoughts of punishment. Have a picture of the sacred Heart in the living. thoughts of punishment. Have a picture of the Sacred Heart in the living thoughts of punishment, ture of the Sacred Heart in the living rooms, and explain to them often what the picture means. Tell them of the promises our Lord has made to those who have a devotion to the Sacred Heart, and let them each month ask the prayers of the League for all the favors they wish for, either spiritual or temporal. In a word, make the love of the Sacred Heart a part of their of the Sacred Heart a part of their of the Sacred Heart a part of their of the Sacred Heart and the love of the sacred Heart and the lo Heart, will be the means of obtaining all graces necessary for their salvation

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## FEVER'S VICTIMS.

The After Effects Often Worse Than the Disease Itself

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The after effects of some troubles, such as fevers, la grippe, etc., are frequently more serious in their results than the original illness, and the patient is left an almost physical wreck. In such cases as those what is needed is a tonic medicine, to enrich the blood, strengthen the nerves, and put the system right, Mr. L. Barnhardt, a prosperous young farmer living near Welland, Ont., offers proof of the truth of these statements. Mr. Barnhardt, of these statements. Mr. Barnhardt, says: "Some years ago, while living in the United States, I was attacked by typhoid fever, the after effects of which proved more disastrous to my consti-tntion than the fever itself, and fo months I was an almost total wreck. I had no appetite, was haggard and emaciated, and apparently bloodless. I had violent and distressing headaches, and my whole appearance was suggestive of a rapid decline. I tried no less than three doctors, but they failed to benefit me. At this juncture a friend of wine mentioned my case to another physician, and he suggested that I should take a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I took this advice and found it most satisfactory. Almost from the outset the pills helped me, and I continued their use until I had taken about a dozen boxes, when I felt myself fully restored to my former health, and my weight increased to 165 pounds. I have enjoyed the best of health ever since, and I will always give Dr. since, and I will always give Williams' Pink Pills the praise they

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