

discussed them I must have added that, after twenty years' experience and consideration, I would do it again ; and do it a thousand times if it were necessary, even if all the blessings and prosperity which I have had were turned into misfortunes and afflictions."

The courage of this noble statesman was splendidly rewarded in the event ; for Sir John Thompson not only reached the most honorable office in Canada, but he won as well the respect of the people irrespective of race or religion. Yet Catholics may learn from this episode that a very special charity, both social and material, should be exercised toward converts who have to meet and conquer such appalling temptations.

" *Ave Maria.*"

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## DREAMY WILLIE.

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(FOR CHILDREN.)

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**W**ILLIE REARDON was a very good boy. I think I hear somebody say, Well I won't read about him then, for all very good boys are tiresome.

But although Willie was an upright boy, he was not of the goodie-goodie order which are rarely found outside of Sunday school books.

In fact he had one great fault. He was a dreamer, and his dreaming got him into innumerable scrapes.

(The before-mentioned somebody now interposes with, Dreaming is not a fault ; ) Excuse me, master critic, but when dreaming springs from self-indulgence and vanity, now then are these not faults ? When Willie was fourteen, his mother who was a widow, thought it time for him to leave school and in boy's parlance " look for a job." Good brother Remegius, who taught Willie's class, spoke to him before leaving about his besetting sin, and cautioned him " to keep his mind on his work, during business hours. And if you do so " the brother added " you will enjoy your leisure."

Willie was very fond of the Brother and his words certainly made an impression on him.

About this time he joined the league of the Sacred