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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A Tender-Hearted Engineer. One never knows the value of an amiable deed, says The Youth's Companion, till he knows all its conseuences ; and the merit of it is in not nowing them all beforehand.

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An engineer of a passenger train on Mississippi railroad was driving through a snow storm, eagerly scanning the track as far as he could see when, half way through a deep cut, something appeared, lying on the rails. It was a sheep with her two little

His first thought was that he could rush on without damage to his train but the sight of the innocent family cowering in the storm touched him and he pulled the air break and sent his fireman ahead.

In a few minutes the fireman came back with a terrified face. There had been a landslide, and just beyond the cut the track was covered with rocks. It seemed certain that if the train had gone on at full speed, in the blinding snow, it would have been impossible to stop in time to escape disaster.

In the absolute sense the incident was providential; but circumstantialpassengers on that railway train owed their safety, if not their lives, to an engineer whe was too tender-hearted to kill a sheep and her lambs.

A Bright Boy.

More than a century ago there was a terrible storm in the West Indies. was one of those dreadful gales such as Captain Marryat has so well described -a hurricane that wasted the rich man's plantation and drove the poor man's little boat upon the rocks. Soon after the hurricane an account of it appeared in one of the newspapers. account was said to be almost perfect ; everything was described with clearness, with carefulness, with such accuracy that people wondered who its writer could be. In a little while it was known that the writer was a boy gate. in a Bermuda store. He had left school before he was twelve, and his employer would sometimes leave everything in his charge for a fortnight or even a whenever he was out late. longer period. If he had been taken from school early, he had done much to educate himself. Important corespondence was intrusted to him, and he learned to write able letters-a talent which he carried with him to his grave. which he carried with him to me grads When his employer was away, his leisure time was spent in reading or leisure time was spent in reading or for him. He could not turn back; he leisure time was spent in reacing of in the practice of composition. Every-body who knew him reckoned him a body who knew him reckoned him a house, and although he shut it softly, hurricane amazed his best friends. Belatives and neighbors made up their minds that a boy who could write such a paper ought to be helped. They raised funds and sent him to New York, where he found more books and better teachers than he could find at home. He made his mark at college, and when the Revolution broke out proved himself a good soldier. Here, too, his talent for writing made him of great use. As Washington's secretary he had a great deal of important correspondence placed in his charge, and many a letter, both in French and English passed through his hands. In after years his bitterest enemy, man who fired the shot that killed him. said : "The man who puts himself on paper with Hamilton is lost." A remarkable career began when Alex. ander Hamilton wrote the account of

A Light in the Window. Several years ago a boy who had given his mother years of anxiety by his wiifulness and later by his way-wardness ran away from his home in Jersey City and became a tramp, and worse. For a time things went merrily, and he was popular with his wild companions; but at length his money was gone, his health was break ing and he was far from home. "I found," said he, "that when a bac man's money is gone he can put all

his friends into his pocketbook and still leave it empty." After a period of sullen remorse which he tried to conquer by such ex-cesses as were still possible to his con dition of poverty and broken health,

he turned homeward. He stole his way to Chicago, riding sometimes on freight trains and some times on the trucks of passenger cars and from Chicago eastward he rode in an empty stock car to Binghamton whence he walked most of the way to Jersey City, the latter part of it in great feeblaness. He nerved himsel to his utmost by the hope that he might reach his mother's door in time to ask her forgiveness before he died.

He came near his own city at midday. but had not the courage to go through the familiar streets by daylight. All the afternoon and until late in the evening he lay in a corn field.

Then came doubts that almost per-suaded him to turn back. Would he

be welcome ? Could he dare to look in his mother's face? To return to die, and perhaps by his return bring to the knowledge of the neighbors the story of these last bitter years, and with the story fresh sorrow to his mother, already bent beneath the load of afflic-tion he had brought upon her? He could not, he would not do it! He would turn back and die alone !

So he said to himself ; but the desire was strong upon him to see his mother's house again, and he resolved to go into the city, look at the house and then turn back. Almost too weak to walk, he made his way at last to his mother's gate. The streets were dark and silent, but a light burned in the same

In the five years that he had been gone it had burned every night the whole night through. And his mother had never sat down at her lonely table without laying a plate and setting a chair where his place had been. He saw the light and knew full well that she heard the gate click and met him at the door.

For weeks he lay with typhoid fever, and his mother nursed him back to health. When his recovery began he faced the question of his future. "You have come back to your mother," said she to him. "Come back to you Heavenly Father and be His son."

And so his life began anew. "I should have doubted God's willingness to take me back," he said afterward, "but I could not forget the light in my mother's window, and I crept back into the love of my Father."-Youth's Companion.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Are we doing the best we can ? This is a question which we should ask ourselves frequently, and not be satisfied until we have answered it correctly.

Willing Wor

in presentable condition. Before long the clerk had drifted into habits of lazy indifference, while the book-keeper became indispensable to the growing business. A second clerk was engaged who took his place next to the book keeper, but this was a matter of indifference to the first, who only looked forward to having an eas-

ier time. Other clerks and salesmen were em ployed. The book keeper withdrew more and more from the general cares of the office, devoting his whole time to his specialty, and the first clerk had been almost forgotten when he made a

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demand for more wages and promotion. It was then remembered how useless he had been during the period when the business was expanding. Promotion was refused him and he left the office. Years passed, during which he drifted from one place to another, carrying to each his bad habits. He used to protest that he was capable of doing better work than was assigned to him, but

would not do that for which he was en gaged because it was beneath him. And so, one employer after another dispensed with his services, and at this day he occupies a position very similar to that in which he started.

He is still a junior clerk obliged to wait on men young enough to be his sons. His office being in a great city building he does not have to build fires or do the cleaning, but in other re spects his position has not bettered. The book keeper who worked willingly in the interest of his employer, doing any service that came to his hand, has

a very different history. As the basi-ness expanded he was obliged to take upon himself the mangement of the finances, engaging other young men o keep the books under his direction His duties became of such a confiden tial nature that he was admitted to the firm and became wealthy, so wealthy that he is the chief stock-holder in the great corporation which now employs his old time clerk and companion.

is of a kindly disposition and has endeavored time and again to help his former associate, but is always thwarted because the boy who was an unwilling worker has developed into a man of

the same disposition. The moral of this story is obvious. The willing worker may in some cases be overlooked and receive no reward for his labors except the consciousnes of duty done, but as a general rule his value will be recognized, and he will entrench himself in office by his willingness and usefulness. On the other hand, promotion will never come to the unwilling worker except as a matter of favor. To the man who makes use of his talents and opportunities more are generally given ; from

those who neglect them are taken away those they have had. The world has no time to discuss with young workers what they might do if given a chance ; measures them by what they have done in the humblest callings. No young man who hopes to succeed should neglect this lesson. The avenue to preferment is always open to those who faithfuily discharge present duties.

> IMITATION OF CHRIST. The Thoughts of Death.

Trust not in thy friends and kins

folk, and put off not the welfare of thy soul to hereafter ; for men will sooner forget thee than thou imaginest.

on which to live forever.

Learr now to die to the world, that

Chastise thy body now by penance,

Ah ! fool, why dost thy think to live

How many, thinking to live long,

How often hast thou heard it related.

long, when thou art not sure of one

rejoice than fear.

The

ouring the Saints of God and imitating their actions, that when thou shalt fail in this life they may receive thee into everlasting dwellings. Keep thyself as a pilgrim and a stranger upon earth, to whom the af

fairs of this world do not in the least belong. Keep thy heart free and raised up wards to God, because thou hast not

here a lasting city. Send thither thy daily prayers with sighs and tears, that after death thy spirit may be worthy to pass happily to our Lord. Amen

THOUGHTS ON THE SACRED HEART.

In temptation, O my soul, hasten to take refuge in the amiable Heart of Jesus, then place before thine eyes Its goodness and Its love, and consider thy unworthy sentiments, thy malice, thy infidelity, thy arrogance.-St. Peter Canisius

My side was pierced to reveal to men the secret of My Heart, and to make them understand that My love is al ways greater than of the exterior token which I give thereof, for My sufferings had an end, but My love has none .-Our Lord to St. Catherine of Sienna.

Forget yourself and the Heart of Jesus will show you that it is no less amiable in the bitterness of Calvary than in the joys of Thabor.-Bi. Mar garet Mary.

"Lord, may the remembrance o Thee who art so full of sweetness, be my refuge and my repose amidst the storms of my exile "-St. Anselm of Canterbury. " Vouchsafe O Jesus ! during the

whole course of my life and especially at the awful moment of my death, to open for me a secure asy wound of Thy Sacred Heart."-St.

OUR OBLIGATION TO THE PRO-PAGATION OF THE FAITH.

The man who really loves his religion and is devoted to his Church will naturally take a deep interest in pro moting its welfare. The man who has any realizing sense of the importance of salvation and the danger of being lost, will inevitably be willing and even bound to labor and make sacrifices to extend the blessings of the Gospel to the heathen. The subject of mis sions is always in order-always in. teresting to every Christian whose heart is in his religion. It appeals power-fully to the heart and conscience of every loyal Catholic. We have recently been looking over

the Annals of the Propagation of the Faith for May and June, 1900, called the Report Number, and we find it an extremely interesting and even stimulating number. It contains, among other things, a list of the diocese which contributed to the funds of the society for the year 1899 throughout the whole world. It is interesting to compare the contributions of the vari dioceses, especially those in United States. Members of

the Archdiocese of Boston have reason to congratulate themselves on the fine showing of the archdiocese. The figures \$17 000 stand out conspicuously in the list of contributors, especially when viewed in connection with the other large cenforget thee than thou imaginest. It is better now to provide in time and send some good before thee, than to trust to others helping thee after thy to trust to others helping thee after thy

thinking of returning to home - life in Europe."

Oar missionary papers are full of the most impressive and touching appeals of our missionaries, in various fields, who are laboring under the most discouraging circumstances for want of means ; and, what is particularly aggravating, oftentimes, in competi-tion with Protestant missionaries who have abundant means and facilities for their work.

Another powerful motive, and one which ought to have great weight with us, is that, as the Annals shows, "from 1822 to 1897 the Association gave to the Church in the United States more than five and a half million dollars. Twenty-three of the Archdioceses dioceses and vicariates in this country have received grants of money from it and at the present time (1898) fourteen participate in its distributions." 1884 Cardinal Gibbons wrote to the Association :

Sociation : If the grain of mustard-seed, sown in the virginal soil of America, has struck deep root and has grown into a mighty tree, whose branches spread from the borders of the Atlantic Ocean even to the shores of the Pacific, it is, gentlemen, owing chiefly to the co operation of your admirable work that we are indebted for this happy result."

Gratitude, then, to say nothing of the imperative obligation to do all in our power for the spread of the Gospe in heathen lands, should prompt us to contribute more generously to the funds of this great and important association. We trust that the repor which we hope to publish next week will show, by a greatly increased con tribution, that we have appreciated our indebtedness and determined to discharge it in a liberal manner .-Sacred Heart Review.

OUR WORDS AND WORKS.

A Spiritual Stock Taking of the Last Year's Merits and Demerits.

We put the question to our readers asked by the Home Journal and News : "What did your religion cost you during the past year? Were you simply hot-house Catholics, those Cath clics who go to Mass on Sunday when it is fine, but on rainy days remain away ? Were you of those who failed to go to Mass on holy days, because it required the getting up a little earlier? Half - past 5 is early and 5:30 means the loss of one or perhaps two, hours eleep. Did that little penance, that little mortification, keep you from going to Mass on holy days? Ah, then, your religion has not cost you much and you love it but little. Have you kept the fasts and abstinence is it true that you are continually looking for pretexts in order to do away with this or that penance and law of the Church ? If you have, your

religion has cost you little and you love it proportionately little. We might take up the vices, one after the other, and examining ourselves, find if the love for our religion had held us in restraint or not. And we can judge infallibility of our stand ing to day in the sight of God. at the close of this blessed year, as we would be able to answer the question honest ly : Have I made a sacrifice for the love of religion. or have my pro sions been as the politician's p rofessions of patriotism, idle boastings? Have I gone to Mass through routine Have I said my prayers, because I have been accustomed to say them for years? Have I denied myself noth-

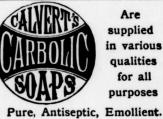


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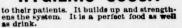
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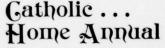
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Thoughtf

A nickle was a regular Captain Kidd treasure to Mary and Lizzie. They never had hoped to have so much money all at one time in their lives. So that when Mary found it on the pavement she and her sister straight way formed a committee of two on ways and means, and went into executive session as how to dispose of it to the best advantage. No millionaire building his first yacht covered the ground of expenditure so carefully. Finally they wended their way to a candy store, and there hovered over the wares to discover what was " most fillin' for the least money." The pur chase made and placed in a tiny cornu copia of white paper, two happy youngsters bounded out on the street. Mary opened the precious bag and Lizzie looked into itsdelicious contents to see what she would choose.

Then a sudden thought struck Mary and she gazed apprehensiveness at her telephone has reduced errand running

"Hadn't we orter take some to Jennie?" she said. "Maybe they don't give her nuthin' good at the bospital." ventences nave tended to touce the employes, but the general conditions Lizzie looked at the sweets longing.

"Maybe we had orter," she said dating back a quarter of a century. after a minute. Mary closed the bag slowly, and

with it clutched in one grimy then, paw, the two youngsters trudged down the street to the hospital. They went along in unbroken silence, only Liz zie hoped once "They'd find another nickel." The high white steps and the silence inside awed them. Perhaps it was this that brought the tremble to Mary's voice as she said :

"Wont you please give that to Jen-le? She was the one that was took in the amblance this morning." "My poor little girls, Jennie--"

Then he thought better of it and reached over and took the candy.

Success does not always come to If thou art not now careful for thy. those who are willing workers, but, on the other hand, few succeed who do not work cheerfully. This fact should be deeply impressed upon the minds of young people about to begin their life's work, for if they start in the wrong self, who will be careful for thee here after ? The present time is very precious Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (2, Cor. vi, 2) But it is greatly to be lamented that way they will have great difficulty in establishing such good reputation as leads to promotion. Boys who have had some little advantages over their thou dost not spend this time more pro-fitably, wherein thou mayest acquire a stock fellows in the matter of education are time will come when thou wilt wish for especially liable to make a wrong start. They have an exalted idea of one day or hour to amend ; and I know not whether thou wilt obtain it. Oh, my dearly beloved, from how their abilities and their importance and hence are unwilling to do the great a danger mayest thou deliver drudgery that usually fails to the lot of a new employe, no matter what his abilities may be. At present, stores and offices are generally heated by ap thyself, from how great a fear mayest thou be freed, if thou wouldst only be always fearful, and looking for death ! Strive now so to live that in the hour of thy death thou mayest rather

paratus requiring the attention of a special fireman who also does much of the cleaning that in the olden times fell to the lot of the office boy : the

then thou mayest begin to live with Christ. to a minimum and all kinds of con Learn now to despise all things, that

veniences have tended to reduce the then thou mayest freely go to Christ. that thou mayest then have an assured remain the same and may be illustrated confidence. by a story taken from real life, though

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day ? At that time a modest fittle office was opened for wholesale trade which required only two employes, one to act as book keeper, the other as clark and office boy. The book keeper was a hard headed fellow who, though very have been deceived, and have been unexpectedly snatched away ! that such a one was slain by the sword, poor, had by thrift and economy suc ceeded in graduating from a business college, paying his own tuition fees. The clerk, beside being younger, had led an easy life, his parents having sent him to the high school of his native city, where he had obtained, be some by robbers.

sides an imperfect education, an exalted idea of his own importance. The

office was heated by a stove, and it was

59 ; Buffalo \$1 169 80 ; Nawark, \$2. it was more convenient to me to prac-625 60; St Louis \$1 899 45; San tice virtue than to practice vice If Francisco \$846 95; St. Paul \$1 029 00 this has been the condition of affairs

The unusually fine showing of Boston is to be attributed to the fact that in during the past year we have to answer to the question put : What has

this Archdiocese a regular plan for raising funds has been adopted, and its execution put into the hands of Rev. Dr. Joseph V. Tracy, who, though occupied as professor in the Theologi-"Not those who say to me, Lord, Lord, occupied as professor in the Theologi-cal Seminary at Brighton, yet finds time to visit the various parishes of shall be saved, but those who do the will of my Father, who is in heaven." Not those Catholics, therefore, that make profession of being Catholics, the Archdiocese, principally on Sundays. His plan is a simple one, modeled, we believe, after that of the but those who practice it, no matter Propagation Society, and recommended what the cost, they will be saved. Not those who would have men be by the Archbishops. The members of the parish are divided into bands of lieve that they are fervent, not those who would parade different little ten or more, and volunteer promot ers are appointed to collect the funds virtues that they have, as the Phari-sees did of old, but those who really which are transmitted, monthly, to headquarters. One of the priests of and sincerely believe and profess the doctrines the Church teaches and practhe parish takes charge of the society, and looks alter its interests. The re-

tice the morals that the Church inculsuits of the plan may be seen, from week to week, in that page of the re cates with every personal incon-venience and sacrifice, those only can be called Catholics. view which is devoted to this import-ant subject, and which we flatter our-

We Christians carrying on the busiselves has had no little influence in ness of saving our souls, will weigh, promoting the good work. Do we need a motive for taking an measure and add up and find if we

stand debtor or creditor in the matter interest in, and contributing to, this blessed work? We have it first in whether we have gained or lost in the past year, whether we stand in God's favor or disfavor, whether we gained what the missionaries are accomplish ing under the most discouraging cir-

ing under the most discouraging the cumstances for lack of means. Take infallibly how we stand by answering the following testimony of a Protestant honestly the question: Has my re-ligion cost me during the past year ligion cost me during the past year anything, and how much? If it has

How often has the near it feated, and here all is and here and of all; and here when they are some by robbers.
Thus death is the end of all; and man's life passes suddenly like a shadow.
Who will remember thee when thou art dead, and who will pray for thee?
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shaded street. "Jennie'll know we a'in't forgot the errands, as well as assist the book-weeper, in clored duttes. From the the errands, as well as assist the book-keeper, in clored duttes. From the the onsidering them beneath him. The patient book keeper was extremaly how we pinched it." And the candy lay on the clerk's desk till the office was sweep: and then it was togsed away. And the candy lay on the clerk's desk till the office was sweep: and then it was togsed away.

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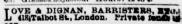
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