

JANUARY 5, 1907.

GS WITH YOUNG MEN.

A New Year's Talk. At the end of one year and the beginning of another one, is a good time to take stock.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A Parable. Rev. H. J. Hughes, in the Freeman's Journal. The Young New Year as a child, stood looking over the edge of the world.

PURGATORY CONSIDERED HISTORICALLY.

The Catholic doctrine on purgatory is clearly set forth in the Old Testament. (II Maccabees, xlii xlii 43.)

But the moral standards of the Catholic, especially in literature and the drama, are different from those of the pagan world, and must be remembered in amusements.

Advertisement for Surprise Soap, featuring an illustration of a woman washing clothes and the text 'Makes Child's Play of Wash Day'.

Colonel Sanderson. Colonel Sanderson, Orangemen's solitary boast as regards intellect or ability, is no more.

PROFESSIONAL. HELLAMUTH & IVY, IVY & DROMGOLD. Barristers, Office Bank of Commerce, London, Ont.

TURNS HER PALACE INTO A CONVENT.

RAHROD MAGNATE'S WIDOW, A CONVENT, WILL LIVE WITH NUNS. Having decided that her life was a disappointment, says a press despatch from Springfield, Mo., Mrs. Alice O'Day, wealthy widow of a former president of the Frisco Railway systems, has turned her elegant mansion into a convent.

WINDMILLS

POWER AND PUMPING. The "IMPERIAL" won the championship of the world in a two months trial held by the Royal Agricultural Society in England.

HOBBS MFG. CO.

ART MEMORIAL AND DECORATIVE WINDOWS. LONDON, CANADA. THE HOME BANK OF CANADA. Head Office and Toronto Branch: 8 King St. West.

BREVARIARIES

The Pocket Edition. No. 22-48 mo.; very clear and bold type, few references, 74 vols., 4224 pages.

D. A. STEWART

Successor to John T. Stephenson. General Inspector and Embalmer. Charges moderate. Open day and night. Residence on premises. 104 Dundas St. Phone 459.

MEMORIAL WINDOWS ART GLASS

H. E. ST. GEORGE. London, Canada. MONUMENTS GRANITE & MARBLE. Artistic Design. Prices Reasonable.

TELEGRAPHY

TAUGHT QUICKLY. Demand for Railway Operators exceeds supply. Railway business—both telegraphing and accounting—efficiently taught. Write for catalogue. J. CLANCY, Brantford Telegraph School, Cor. Colborne and Queen Sts.

O'KEEFE'S

Liquid Extract of Malt. Is made from the best Canadian Barley Malt and English Hops; and is put up in 16 ounce bottles to retail at 25c per bottle, while others of the same price contain only 13 and 11 ounces.

FARM LABORERS

Farmers desiring help for the coming season, should apply at once to the GOVERNMENT FREE FARM LABOR BUREAU. Write for Application Form to THOS. SOUTHWORTH, Director of Colonization, TORONTO, Ont.

Indeed there should be in your life some progress in spirituality, some growth in holiness, some advance in the practice of virtue. By Confirmation you were made a soldier of the Holy Ghost and given a fortitude, you ought to be a veteran now, a skillful fighter against the tempter, strong to suffer, firm to resist, mighty to conquer with grace.

Then the welfare of your body should be considered. Are you treating it right? Are you taking care of your health? Do you take exercise and bathe every day? Do you avoid the excessive use of tobacco, liquor, foul air?

Such, my dear friend, is my advice. If you follow it, you will cling to the good principles which you drank in at the school of your youth, and which, by shielding your morals and strengthening your character, will enable you to escape the perils of the liberty upon which you are about to enter.

Always Absorb Knowledge. I know young people who have acquired a better education, a finer culture, through the habit of observation, or of carrying a book or article in the pocket to read at odd moments, or by taking courses in the correspondence schools than many who have gone through college.

Very few people ever learn how to use their eyes. They go through the world with a superficial glance at things; their eye pictures are so faint and so dim that details are lost, and no strong impression is made on the mind.

After attending to the interests of your soul, you must consider the needs of your mind. What are you reading? A course of history, a series of biographies, the poets of America, or what? What are you studying? Socialism, the money question, electricity, the issue of railroad rates, or what?

And what about enlarging the number of your desirable acquaintances, increasing your bank account, taking shares in a building and loan society, buying a home? Be a good son to your parents, a good brother to your brothers and sisters, a good lover to your sweet-heart, never staining her with sin; be a good friend to your friends, a good member of some good Catholic society, and a good business man at your work.

Now and then I hear a boy say: "If I could only be my own boss, then I would be happy." Did you ever know anyone that amounted to much who was his own boss? The only one I ever read about was Robinson Crusoe, and he was glad to quit.

There is, however, one way of becoming your own boss. Let me tell you. It is to stay right where you are, and begin by ruling yourself. That is the first step. Then begin to help other people, and after a while you will find them willing to do anything for you.

The position of an altar boy is one of honor and of special privilege, which are not fully appreciated by some. The altar boy should understand that he is in the august presence of the great God, and should at all times comport himself accordingly, and not giggle and laugh, turn around and run a race up and down the altar steps to see who can take hold of the dalmatic first or ring the bell.

When we descend into the catacombs of Rome we seem to see the struggling Church in dens and caves of the earth, whence it went forth conquering. In these caves we find inscriptions of the first, second and third centuries, asking for prayers for the dead. Now, G. Rawlinson, M.A., a Protestant scholar, in his lecture on "Historical Evidence," delivered in Oxford universities, and published in Boston, 1896, p. 217, says: "It is at length admitted universally, alike by the Protestant and Catholic, that the inscriptions found in the catacombs are genuine remains of primitive Christianity, and exhibit to us the belief of the Church of Christ in the first ages."

Melancthon, one of the heads of the Reformation, in his Apolog. Cont. Aug., xli: 94, states that the ancients prayed for the dead, and that the Lutherans find no fault with it. The complete rupture of King Henry VIII. with Rome took place in 1531. Soon after, at a general convocation of ecclesiastics, a set of new decrees was agreed upon. One of them read thus: "It is good and charitable to pray for the dead, which was said to have continued in the Church from the beginning."

A number of books have been quite recently published in London, under the auspices of the English Church, and all explain the existence of purgatory and the duty of praying for the souls detained therein. Through the Jews are dispersed over the whole earth, yet they have never forgotten their old law and tradition to pray for the dead. For proofs we refer to Buxtorf, in his book "Jewish School," page 552, and Haneburg, in his "Antiquities," page 506; and a Jewish prayer book recently published in Philadelphia.—B. C. Orphan Friend.

ARCHBISHOP O'CONNELL EXPLAINS THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. Archbishop O'Connell of Boston, addressing a meeting of Children of Mary recently, dwelt on the responsibility of the Catholic woman in the world, and the importance of the right standards of conduct. Who shall she follow? Not the frivolous woman who from morning until night thinks only of pleasing her own shallow self. Even the pagan world looks down on such a one and demands of the woman who would stand for some intellectual interests and even philanthropy. There is little fear that Catholic women will be influenced by the mere butterfly of fashion. There is more danger that they take color from the social leader who manages to combine with her pleasures a certain devotion to things of the mind and works of charity. Her life looks not only agreeable but, in a measure, meritorious. Intellectual and charitable works, however, draw their merit from the supernatural motive behind them. If Catholic women mingle too much with a world in which the supernatural is ignored, if they find their standards there, it is not well with them. The dust of worldliness will spoil their days.

How shall the Catholic lady whose position secures for her a certain self-sure, guard herself against the blight of worldliness? By deepening her spiritual life; by requesting her prayers for many Masses; this is practicable for many who do not avail themselves of the supreme privilege—by visits to the Blessed Sacrament, by spiritual reading. Without this last, one cannot have the necessary strong hold on the truths of our religion. The Archbishop would not deny to the devout Catholic the accessories of her position nor reasonable recreations.

FATHER KOENIG'S NERVE TONIC

For over six months I could hardly sleep and had a burning sensation in my feet, that would go through my whole system. I took Father Koenig's Nerve Tonic and I can say well, I will never be able to praise this remedy enough for what it did for me. W. L. HOLZ, Druggist, FERTH, Ont.

A BURNING SENSATION.

I take great pleasure in informing you that I am having a good sale of Father Koenig's Nerve Tonic with good result in every case. I further beg to say that your name has been mentioned, and is getting a great name in this locality. Ship me another lot of it. W. L. HOLZ, Druggist, FERTH, Ont.

A WORD TO WOMEN.

ARCHBISHOP O'CONNELL EXPLAINS THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. Archbishop O'Connell of Boston, addressing a meeting of Children of Mary recently, dwelt on the responsibility of the Catholic woman in the world, and the importance of the right standards of conduct.

FREE

A Valuable Book on Nervous Diseases. Four patients also get the medicine free. Prepared by the Rev. FATHER KOENIG, Fort Wayne, Ind., since 1876, and now by the KOENIG MED. CO., CHICAGO, ILL.

4 Cent allowed on special deposits in Savings Bank. 4 1/2 Cent allowed on security of 1st-class debentures. London Loan and Savings Company, London, Canada.

THE HOME BANK OF CANADA

Head Office and Toronto Branch: 8 King St. West. Toronto City Branches: 78 Church Street, Queen Street West, Cor. Bathurst.

CANADIAN BRANCHES

Alliston, Brownsville, Fernie, B. C. Lawrence, St. Thomas, Sheddin, Walkerville, Winnipeg. Original Charter 1854.

TWO NEW BOOKS

In Treaty with Honor—A Romance of Old Quebec, by Mary Catherine Crowley, author of a Daughter of New France. The Heroine of the Street, \$1.50 post-paid. A Little Girl's Tushes, by Amanda M. Douglas, \$1.00 post-paid. CATHOLIC RECORD, L. 17th Canada.

Fabiola

A Tale of the Catacombs. By Cardinal Wiseman. Paper, 30c.; Cloth, 60c., post-paid.

Calligraphic

A Sketch of the Third Century. By Cardinal Newman. Paper, 75c., post-paid.

History of the Reformation in England and Ireland

(In a series of letters) By William Cobbett. Price, 85c., post-paid. Catholic Record, LONDON CANADA.