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two generations than any other American character. A great many young people look upon him as a marvelous being, raised up for a divine purpose; and yet, if we analyze his character, we find it made up of the humblest virtues, the most ordinary qualities; just those possessed by the poorest boys, who look upon him as a demigod.

The strongest thing about Lincoln look upon him as a demigod.

The strongest thing about Lincoln was his manliness, his straightforward, downright hocesty. You could depend upon him. His ambition was simply to make the most of himself. He wanted to know something, to be somebody, to lift his head up from his humble environment and be of some account in the

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for him to take him as his model.

The youthful mind throws a halo
around the successful character, or
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vine attributes which ordinary, every-

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Probably Lincoln has been the hero

of more American boys during the last two generations than any other Ameri-

He had a divine hunger for growth, a passion for a larger and completer life, but there is no evidence in his life of any great genius, any marvelous or un-usual powers of mind. He was a simple

man, never straining after effect.

In fact, his simplicity was his chief charm. Everybody who knew him felt that he was every inch a man, a large-hearted, generous friend, always ready to help everybody out of their troubles, whether it was a poor widow in distress, whether it was a poor widow in distress or a farmer who needed advice. He had an open, frank, transparent mind. He never covered up anything, never had servets. He always left the door of his best wide coop, so that one or his heart wide open, so that any one could read his inmost thoughts. There is no virtue nor quality of integrity or perseverance that distinguished Lincoln that any boy, no matter how poor or humble, can not possess. Yet every little while I get letters from youths who say, if they were positively sure that they could be a Lincoln in statesmanship, or a Webster in law, they would devote all their contributions. energies to study, fling their whole lives into their work; or if they could be an Edison in invention, or a great leader in medicine, or a merchant prince like Wanamaker or Marshall Field, they could work with tremendous zeal and power and concentration. They would be willing to make any sacrifice, to undergo any hardship, in order to achieve what these men have achieved. schieve what these means the do not feel that they have the marvelous ability, the great genius, the tremendous talent exhibited by those leaders, and so they do not think it worth while to make

great exertion.

They do not realize that success is not necessarily measured by the accomplishment of some great thing; that it does not consist alone in being wealthy, fameus, or powerful; but that it is the crown of all who just honestly, earnestly do their best and live the everyday simple life. It is by the exercise of the simple life. It is by the exercise of the common, homely virtues; it is by trying to do everything one attempts to a complete finish; it is by trying to be serupulously honest in every transaction; it is by always ringing true in our friendships, by holding a helpful, accommodating attitude toward those about us; by trying to be the best possible citizer, a good, accommodating, helpful neighbor, a kind, encouraging father, that we bor, a kind, encouraging father, that we make successful lives.

There is no great secret about success.

to do something great and wonderful, we miss the little successes, the sum of which would make our lives sublime; and often, after all this straining and strug-gling for the larger, for the grander things, we discover to our horror what we have missed on the way up—what sweetness, what beauty, what loveliness

we have lost in the struggle.

Great scientists tell us that the reason why the secrets of nature have been hidden from the world so long is because we are not simple enough in our methods of reasoning; that investigators are looking for unusual phenomena, for something complicated; that the prinoiples of nature's secrets are so extremely simple that men overlook them.

It is most unfortunate that so many young people get the impression that success consists in doing some marvelous thing, that there must be some genius born in the man who achieves it; that otherwise he could not do any re-

markable thing.
The study, therefore, of the life of man like Lincoln is of inestimable advantage, because it dispels the fatal illusion that, in order to succeed, one must be a genius or must have great

The ability to do hard work, and to stick to it, is the right hand of genius and the best substitute for it—in fact, that is, in a way, genius. If young people were to represent Lincoln's total cess by one hundred, they would probably expect to find some faculty which would rank at least fifty per cent, oi the total. But I think that the verdict of history has given his honesty of purpose, his purity and unselfishness of motive as his highest attributes, and certainly these qualities are within the

reach of the poorest boy in America. Suppose we rank his honesty, hi integrity twenty per cent, of the total, his dogged persistence, his ability for hard work ten per cent., his passion for wholeness, for completeness, for doing everything to a finish ten more, his aspiration, his longing for growth, his

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The youthful mind throws a halo

yearning for fulness of life ten more. The reader can see that it would be easy to make up the hundred per cent. without finding any one quality which could be called genius; that the total of his character would be made up of the sum of the commonest qualities, the most ordinary virtues, those within the reach of the poorest youth in the land. There is no one quality in his entire make-up so overpowering, so commanding, that it could be ranked as genius.

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What an inestimable blessing to the world, what an encouragement, an inspiration to ambitious boys that Lincoln's great achievements can be accounted for by the triumph in his character of those qualities which are beyond the reach of money, of family, of influence, but that are within the reach

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. PRAYER.

Christian maiden, you, too, will find it necessary to converse with your God and Saviour, if you love Him. If you truly love Him, then it will not be necessary to urge you to pray. Your love of God will prompt and force you to do so. Your first action in the morning will be to greet your God and Saviour, and your last thought before retiring will be of Him alone. Often during the day you will converse with that faith. day you will converse with that faithful Friend, Who is ever with you. You will praise Him: again and again you will offer Him up your works and your troubles. You will call upon Him for His assistance when temptations assail you, or trials discourage you. Only love God truly and perseveringly, and you will pray without effort, because prayer is the natural expression and

language of our love of God.

Prayer is also necessary for you,
Christian maiden, for another reason. It is a powerful means of grace, a rich fountain of supernatural treasures. To many worldly people prayer seems ar insignificant practice, an almost useless pious pastime. They have no understanding of the great value of prayer to the soul and to the human nature in general.

There in you field, behold the tree, which a year ago was laden with green leaves, beautiful blossoms and delicious fruits. A foolish man comes and peels off the bark. He allows the root, the trunk and the branches to remain untouched. He removes only the outside bark, because to him it seems so rough and unsightly. And what happens?
Spring comes, the warmer rays of the sun call forth everywhere new life and beauty. Nevertheless, our tree deprived of its bark will not thrive. No blossoms and fruits will shoot forth, al-though the roots and the trunk are there, and the branches are stretched out as in former years. The removing of the rough bark, which was thought to be there for no purpose, has robbed the tree of all its life and growth. It alone possesses those channels through

Some Christians act in the same manner. They despise prayer, and think it a waste of time; they, therefore, omit those beautiful practises of devotion, which their pious mothers taught them. They do not pray either in the morning or in the evening; and if occasionally they do recite a prayer, it is done so mechanically or thought-leady their it will not benefit them, and

of vice. The devil does not dare to approach a soul, which is protected by prayer, because he fears the fortitude and firmness which prayer has given to it. Prayer strengthens the soul more than food the body, and St. Augustine calls prayer the key, by which we can than food the body, and St. Augustine calls prayer the key, by which we can unlock the treasury of heaven. Therefore, Christian maiden, love prayer and practice it faithfully; and you may expect to spend your youth as worthy children of God, God will take you under His special care. Never omit and the special care of the special care. your morning and evening prayers. In the morning do not omit to forsee what the day will bring, and to prepare

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ourself accordingly; and most especialyourself accordingly; and most especially resolve to watch over your particular weakness and determine to conquer yourself. Ask your divine Saviour humbly for His assistance, that you may keep your resolutions. Offer up to our Lord everything that you will be called upon to suffer during the day in union with His own sufferings and death.

This good resolution is of great importwith His own sufferings and death. This good resolution is of great importance for a Christian. Renew it often during the day, particularly when you get impatient, or when a vain intention strives to creep into your actions.

In the evening thank God for all the graces and blessings He bestowed upon you during the day. Examine your conscence carefully. Make an act of perfect contrition, uniting with it a firm resolution that you will be more watchful on the day coming. Finally

watchful on the day coming. Finally recommend yourself, body and soul, to the infinite mercy of God, to your heavenly Mother Mary, and to your guardian angel. In a few minutes you can get through with a good morning and evening prayer. Of course, to do so, you must not allow your mind during that time to be occupied with idle fancies, but you must earnestly strive to do your duty. Another advice which I wish to give you is this: Perform your morning and evening prayer in a kneelmorning and evening prayer in a kneed-ing posture. Your prayer will be more powerful, because it is said with greater humility and self denial. It is becom-ing to us sinful creatures that we should kneel when we come before the infinite majesty of God with our peti-tions. Try it for some time and you will doubtless find that you will say your prayers better, more devoutly, and also with more satisfaction and spiritual relish. Every time a Christian maiden kneels in humility before her God, great things are passing in her soul.— The Christian Maiden.

DR. LAMBERT COMPLETES FIFTY YEARS AS PRIEST.

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olic Church of America.

As the author of "Notes on Ingersoll," the most powerful defense of Christianity against infidelism that has appeared in this generation.
Father Lambert is known throughout
the English-speaking world. In the
Catholic Church he is known as one of
the strongest champions of the doctrine of liberalism, as expounded by Sartolli which the sap passes which gives to the tree its life and fruitfulness.

Some Christians act in the same Illinois regiment to the front in the Illinois regiment to the front in the Civil War. As the veteran editor-in-chief of the Freeman's Journal, the leading newspaper of the Catholic faith in this country, his fame is imperish-

straining, by the natural exercise of the commonest, most everyday qualities.

We have seen people in the country in the summertime trampling down the daises, the beautiful violets, and other lovely wild flowers, in their efforts to get a branch of showy flowers off a large tree, which, perhaps, would not compare in beauty and delicacy and loveliness to the things they trampled under their feet in trying to procure it.

In straining for effect, in the struggle to do something great and wonderful, we miss the little successor the country which is not protected by the attack of the enemy, so the soul which is not protected by the priesthood in the diocese of Alton, they priesthood in the diocese of Alton, they priesthood in the diocese of Alton, they can weaker and weaker; God withdraws His presence from them, whilst sin, and, with it, spiritual death, take up their abode.

St. John Chrysostom is justified in saying that just as a city, which is not fortified with a strong solid wall, is easily taken, because it cannot resist the attack of the enemy, so the soul which is not protected by which is not fortified with a strong solid wall, is easily taken, because it cannot resist the attack of the enemy, so the soul which is not protected by which is not protected by the priesthood in the diocese of Alton, they priesthood in the diocese of Alton, thus, they close the fountain through which so many graces flow. Their country which is on any graces flow. Their country which is on any graces flow. Their country which is one priesthood in the diocese of Alton, thus, they close the fountain through which so many graces flow. Their country they close the fountain through which so many graces flow. Their country they close the fountain through which so many graces flow. Their country that they close the fountain through thus they close the fountain through thus

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Father Lambert's fame with the general public rests mainly on his re-plies to Ingersoll. His first editorial work was on the Catholic Times which work was on the Catholic Times which he founded when at Waterloo. This paper was finally transferred to Buffalo and became merged with the Catholic Union, thereafter known as the Catholic Union and Times. A short time later he became editor of the Philadelphia Catholic Standard and Times, but at the end of two years he resigned. but at the erd of two years he resigned Some fifteen years ago he began his editorial work on the Freeman's Journal the widest circulated Catholic newspaper in the United States, with which he is still associated. Father Lambert's atest book was his attack on Christian

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Thousands of good souls yearn for the truth and religious peace and as Father Richard Clarke, the Jesuit remarks: "If those outside the Church knew that "If those outside the Church knew that on every Catholic altar God Himself dwells in the Blessed Sacrament, how they would come in crowds to make their humble submission to Him."

A recent evidence of this longing was given by Rev. Dr. Forbush of Detroit, a Protestant minister who in a lecture on the Papacy, which was highly

Christian a sense of spiritual loneliness. The forces that are opposed to righteousness seem so strong and so united. The forces of goodness are so separated and divided. Then there comes some thing of relief in standing under the mighty dome of St. Peter's and looking about on those twenty seven confession als where the children of men of every tongue come and forsake their sins. Then there comes a feelingof strength and unity and one looks up and reads the motto which runs in gigantic letters around the foot of that dome: art Peter and on this rock I will build My Church,' and one adds in silence the rest of the sentence: 'The gates of heli shall not prevail against it.'

"Then there is a wistfulness to creep under the shelter of one who is a true holy father, in the fulfillment of the Master's prophecy that there shall be one fold as there is one Shepherd. And the man of faith hesitates not to say that, in some way, a fast uniting Pro-testantism may some day come face to face with a fast spiritualizing Catholicism, in one holy Church under one Lord, and united for the one purpose of making the kingdom of this world the kingdom of our Lord. For such a consummation may every Christian work and pray."—R. C. Gleaner, in Catholic Columbian.

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at having to blot it out in the mind by good reading. If sensational bad reading is not so offset during the time of youth, then the boy is lost and the man will be a source of wickedness."

Be True to Yourself.

One of Shakespeare's characters, in giving good, wholesome advice to his son, has this to say in conclusion: "This above all, to thine own self be

true. And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou can'st not then be false any man!"
But what constitutes being true to

neself, you ask. Well, it all might be summed up by answering that it consists in responding to God's grace. In every human soul there is imaged the ideal character—our "better self"—which prompts us to higher and more noble effort, and teaches us to scorn th low and contemptible acts that tend to degrade us body, soul and mind. the image of our Creator in our souls, and we should endeavor to attain to its perfections. That is what constitutes being true to oneself, and if we always are responsive to the grace of God in our souls we will be true to ourselves and never be false to any one.

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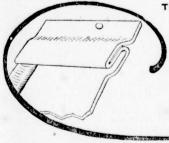
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