

Happy Days

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HARD AT WORK.

THE bright boy soon discovers that hard, thorough work is a thing that pays. The happiest boy in the school is usually the one who, as a rule, has a long list of "perfect marks" at the day's close. He is the boy who feels like putting his whole heart into a game of baseball at recess, and can laugh and romp, all free from care, on his way home from school at night. And that dull, gloomy-looking chap, who is he? Oh, he is the school's notorious "shirk-work." His lessons are never prepared, he is foot of the class, he has been punished for "copying" and generally enjoys his recess in the school-room trying to finish some neglected work. The old, old motto, "Work while you work, and play while you play," is a good one.

"Scorn not the smallness of daily endeavour,
Let the great meaning ennoble it over;
Drop not o'er efforts expended in vain
Work, as believing that labour is gain."

"THE COMING MAN."

WE hear a great deal about "the coming man," and what he will do. Do you know who "the coming man" is? Well, I will tell you. He is a boy now. He thinks manhood is a long way off, and some older people seem to think that boyhood will last forever. But it will only be a few years before that little boy will be taller than his mother, stronger than his father, and perhaps will think he knows more than both of them.

What kind of a man will "the coming man" be? That depends on what kind of a boy he is now. If he is dirty and crooked and mean and tricky and greedy and quarrelsome and dishonest and disobedient, he will make a poor kind of man; but if he is sober and temperate and honest and trusty and studious and obedient and truthful and frank and kind and clean

and diligent and faithful, then "the coming man" will be worth seeing and waiting for.

Fathers and mothers are looking after "the coming man." He is "a little man" now, but he may soon be a great man; and they are hoping and working to give him all the chance they can, that he may be a good man.

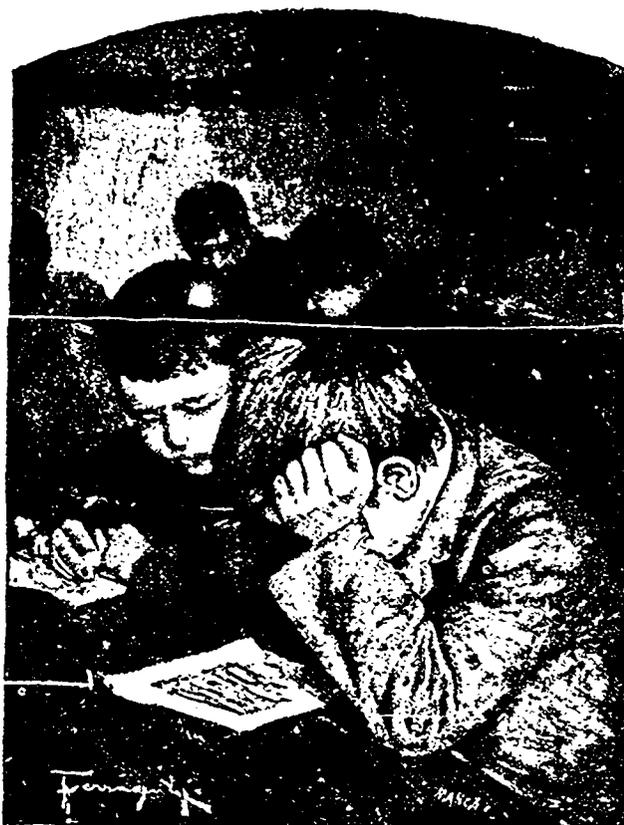
we shall be quite sure that he is a Wonderful Saviour. And if we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we shall find more and more year by year, and even day by day, what a Wonderful Friend, and Wonderful Gift, and Wonderful High Priest and Wonderful everything else he is.

When you see a wonderful sight don't you always want others to see it the first thing? And if you cannot bring them to see it, don't you want to tell about it, try to give them an idea of it? So, I think, one proof that we have really found Jesus is that we shall want others to come and see what a Wonderful Saviour we have found.

Jesus is Wonderful in what he is. Even the angels must have wondered to see the Son of God, whom they all worship, lying in a manger as a helpless and poor little baby. But I think they must have wondered more still when they saw him taken and by wicked hands crucified and slain. They must have marvelled indeed then at the love of Christ which passeth knowledge. Yet he was not dying for them but for you. So the poorest little child may say, "Thy love to me was wonderful."

Everything that he did was wonderful. Isaiah said that many should be astonished at him, and I want you to see how exactly that was fulfilled. Look in the first seven chapters of St. Mark, and you will see it five times mentioned that they were astonished or amazed at him.

And his words were not less wonderful, for, as Nicodemus said, "No man ever spake like this man." Look in the fourth chapter of St. Luke, and you will see how ever those who did not love him wondered, and were astonished and amazed at his words. If we wonder at his gracious words to us now, how much more shall we wonder when we see him on the throne of his glory and hear his own voice at the great eternal day say unto us, "Come, ye blessed!"—*Morning Star.*



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WONDERFUL.

His name shall be called Wonderful. ISA 9.

EVERY boy and girl knows that names are nouns. All the other names of Jesus are nouns. But here is a name that is an adjective, so we may use it not only as a name by itself, but as an adjective to all his other names; and the more we know him and love him the more we shall delight in this.

If we know Jesus as our Saviour at all,