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"What could a blind man see?" and You can't guy us that way.'

'I'm not guying; I'm in earnest," said Mr. D.vis; and then, looking at one of the boys who said nothing, he

"I think I could do it," was the re-ly. 'Yes, I'm sure I could, sir." ply. 'Yes, I'm sure I could, sar. 'How do you propose to make him

"Through my eyes, sir. , That's the only way he could see it. You're the boy I'm after," said

guide had a box to themselves where they could disturb no one; but Mr. Davis, from his seat in the audience, knew that the boy was telling what went on, so that the blind man could I think Marion was like the little understand, and others in the audience became more interested in the messenger boy and his companion. who, through carrying on an animated conversation, seemed absorbed and ex cited in everthing that went on. deed, not one applauded more heartily

Boys, there was a chance offered every one of you yesterday—a chance for lifting yourselves up in the world -but only one of you grasped it. friend, the blind man, has felt for some time that he might get much pleasure out of life if he could find some young eyes to do his seeing for him, with an owner who could report intelligently. My stopping here yes terday was with the thought that pos such a pair of eyes could be found here. It was an opportunity held out to every one of you, but only one understood and grasped it; for the rest of you it was a lost opportun ity, for my friend is delighted with the experiment - says he is sure I hit upon the one boy in town who will suit him and has offered him a good position with a fine salary. Messenger boys are easy to get, but a boy who can make a blind man see is at a prem ium. And yet you might-well, you see, that boy, though he did not know it. was on the watch for a good opportunity, and when it came he knew how to manage it. It is the only way to keep good opportunities from slipp ing away, boys: you must be on the watch for them."

Start at the Bottom. enough to take them through college ing firm with which they desired em-ployment. Ushered into the waitingroom of the head of the firm, the first was given an audience. He presented

One day she found him lolling at full ship."
"Well, sir, I will take your name length on the sofs.
"That is not a becoming way of

and address, and should we have any taking your ease," she said.

The boy's eyes twinkled. "But, mamma," he said. "I learned this atthing of the kind open, will correspond with you. titude from Herr Bostroem"- his tutor.
The Princess was silenced for a

"You can go in and 'leave your ad-Then she said: "When you dress." are as learned and good a man as Herr

The other presented himself and his

The magnate touched a bell, which called a superintendent "Have you anything to put a man

"We want a man to sort scrap iron, replied the superintendent. And the college graduate went to

orting scrap iron One week passed and the president meeting the superintendent asked :

"Here," said the King, "are as many riksdalers. Give them to him Prince Charles carried them to the sentry. 'Here are the twenty-five, as I promised you,' he said. The sol dier bowed low, but there was a twinkle in his eye and in that of the at a salary represented by four figures. while his whilom companion was main taining his dignity as "clerk" in a a livery stable, washing harness and carriages.

> She was a dear child, with such a one even made believe to be angry.
> Maybe the boys on that street liked to tease, but it was a bit unmanly for four or five of them to plague two small

and saw those naughty boys, and the girls just ready to cry, or get furious, they hadn't made up their minds

It did seem as if the little maid was more than wise She stood a minute watching and then she went straight

ss let me show you some pretty things I tan make," she said.

hand and softly, softly, let it fall like gentla flakes.
"What's that?" said Tommy Jones,

as the movement became faster and "It rains now," was the answer. "Dis is a trumpet," and her chubby

fists went up to her lips.

"An' dese are soldiers," as she marched her fingers stiffly back and forth. "But I don't like soldiers, 'cause they fight." Sam Davis grinned, as if he saw the

"Dis is most pretty at all," she went on, and tall Billy Andrews craned his neck to see.

Marion placed her dainty hands together, so as to make a cradle, rocking it back and forth, while she sang that sweet cradle hymn: "Hush my dear ; lie still and slumber."

It was like magic. Every face was pleasant as they glanced at each other. No more quarrels that day. No more teasing of girls ever, for at least one boy who didn't forget, and just because dear Marion made peace without seem-

child who was asked what it meant to "It means to be just what Jesus would be if He were a little child and lived in my home," was the answer.
Can you think of a better one?-

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Sunbeam

Go on With a Will. When things go hard with you, when everything seems to go against you, when you are thwarted on every side, when the sky is dark and you can see no light, that is just the time to ex hibit your mettle, to show what you are made of. If there is anything in you. adversity will bring it to light. What a man does in spite of circumstances. rather than because of them, is the

measure of his ability.

The successful man, he who brings successful things to pass, grows stronger and more determined when the way looks darkest. Instead of one dominant purpose. being discouraged as the obstacles which bar his progress grow more and more formidable, he arouses himself ke a lion to meet and finally overcome When you have a disagreeable them. the doing.

Remember Mother.

The late Dr John Hall once tell of poor woman who had struggled to send her son to college. When grad uation day came, he wrote to his mother to come and witness the exercises, but she declined because of her shabbily dressed clothes, thinking he would be ashamed of her. Finally, in response to his entreaties, she came. On the day of his graduation he accompanied his mother down the aisle, and placed her in one of the best seats house. He was the valedictorin the ian of his class, and had won a prize As soon as it was given to him he went down to his poor mother, and before the whole audience kissed her, and

said : "Mother, here is the prize. It is yours I would not have it, if it had

ot been for you." That young man possessed the element of true greatness, for he owed much to the love and sacrifice of his Thousands of young men and women are away from home at our schools and eolieges. They are the constant objects of a mother's prayers and thoughtful remembrance. parents are toiling and sacrificing for the purpose of furnishing them an edufor them to secure a good education.

Morally Educated,

The call for educated men was never so great as it is this very moment. That worthy periodical, "Success," telis us that they are in demand every where. They are wanted in the pro fessions, in business houses, in manu facturing establishments, on the farms of the country. The educated farmer will be the farmer of the future; the farmer who understands, for instance chemistry, whose training enables him to analyze the forces of nature ; the farmer who can, in a word, supply agriculturist in the near future,

There is, on all sides, too, a notice able demand for college educated men. We do not believe that a college education can do everything for a young man, but it is a great factor of intel lectual development and character culture for the great majority of young people enabled to enjoy its benefits. Recent developments concerning two important financial institutions in the East prove, if any proof were needed that no education is of any real value unless accompanied by the develop

ment of a sound, moral character. Too many men nowadays pose as educated because their reading has extensive, their travel varied and their purse well filled. These things have all a value, not to be ignored or minimized, if well used, but they do not, in themselves, constitute an educated man. For true education there is re quired moral as well as mental and

hysical development. The honest farmer who has never had the benefit of education, other than that of his district school, or trave beyond his country seat, is really a better citizen and a really better educated man than the bank embezzler or the expert forger, who uses his knowl edge to defraud the public. Our edu cational system needs, in its every de partment, more of solid character culture.

Persistency of Purpose vs. Talent. We hear a great deal of talk about genius, talent, luck, chance, clever-

luck and chance, we grant that all these elements are important factors in the battle of life. Yet the possession of any or all of them, unaccompanied by a definite aim, a determined purpose, will not insure success. What ever else may have been lacking in the giants of the race, the men who have en conspicuously successful, we shall find that they all had one characteristic in common-doggedness and persistence of purpose. It does not matter how clever a youth may be, whether he leads his class in college or outshines all the other boys in his community, he will never succeed if he lacks this essential of determined parsistence. Many men who might have made brilliant musicians, artists, teachers, lawyers, able physicians or surgeons, in spite of predictions to the contrary, have fallen short of success because they were deficient in this

quality Persistency of purpose is a power. It creates confidence in others Every body believes in the determined man When he undertakes anything his bat tle is half won, because not only he him self, but every one who knows him, be lieves that he will accomplish whatever he sets out to do People know that i is useless to oppose a man who uses his stumbling blocks as stepping stones who is not afraid of defeat ; who never in spite of calumny or criticism, shrinks from his task; who never shirks responsibility; who always keeps his compass pointed to the north star of his purpose, no matter what storms may rage about him.

The persistent man never stops t consider whether he is succeeding or not. The only question with him is how to push ahead, to get a little further along, a little nearer his goal. Whether it lead over mountains, rivers or morasses, he must reach it. other consideration is sacrificed to thi

a dull or average The success of a dull or average youth and the fallure of a brilliant one is a constant surprise in our history. But if the different cases are closely analyzed he shall find that the perplexing thing to do, do not put off explanation lies in the staying power of the seemingly dull boy, the ability to stand firm as a rock under all cir cumstances, to allow nothing to divert him from his purpose, while the bril-liant but erratic boy, lacking the rudder of a firm purpose, neutralizes his power and wastes his energy by dissipating them in several directions.

Lethargy of our Young Men.

The most depressing sign about us, says the Baltimore Catholic Mirror, is the inactivity of young men in religious matters. The St. Vincent de Pau Conference offers a splendid opportunity for the fruitful exercise in the dir ection of charity of the energies of those young men whose religion is more than a name. Yet how few there are who seize at such an opportunity The percentage of those gaged in the work of the Conference who are between the ages of eighteen and thirty years, is but small. have one parish in mind where the Conference, composed of about twenty five men, numbers among its members several above the age of gray hairs, but not one we believe below the age of twenty five. Yet in this parish are probably two hundred young men oorn in the fold of good Catholic fam ilies and trained in the exercise of their religion. Most of them are of cation which shall equip them for life's | class who have at least a fair amount work. Every day, from their entrance to the hour of graduation,
students should gratefully think of
what they owe to their parents who cheerfully sacrificed to make it possible are absent from the list of those who contribute to the debt fund of their church, nor are they to be found gen erous donors to the care and adornment of the sanctuary. If a drama is pro osed for a worthy object, they are willing to take part, providing it be a leading part that is given them, that their expenses are pald even to the last penny and that a supper and dance be given out of the proceeds to

the participants. But when it comes to personal ser vice in the highest sense, to the fulfilment of the corporal works of mercy, our Catholic young men are unac countably absent. They are strangely unwilling to give either of their time

There are exceptions of course, but oh, how few and far between! The few exceptions there are of Catholic young men, Catholic in spirit and in their lives' actions, as in creed, but render the more noticeable the aloofness from creditable works of the vast

The Catholic press is not doing its duty when it does not call attention to this lack of endeavor on the part of our young men to their failure to partici pate in the mission of the Church by works of zeal and charity. Pastors would everywhere facilitate the success of their labors and enlarge the scope of their parochial activities by enlisting the energies of the youths of their flock. The work of the Church must be carried on by the coming generation. The sloth of the young men of to day is not a premising sign. A determined effort should be made all along the line to rouse them to a right appreciation of thier duties as Catholic Christians.

Enpires are only sandhills in the hour glass of Time; they crumble spontauteously by the process of their own growth - Draper.

To have seen once the heart of a pure, loyal and noble nature is to have gained an imperishable possession .-Hamilton W. Mabie.

Certain thoughts are prayers. genius, talent, luck, chance, cleverness and fine manners playing a large
part in one's success. Leaving out its knees. — Victor Hago.

IMITATION OF CHRIST.

The Thoughts of Death.

Very quickly must thou be gone hence; see then how matters stand with thee: a man is here to day, and tomorrow he is vanished.

Aud when he is taken away from the sight, he is quickly also out of mind. On, the duliness and hardness of

man's heart, which only thinks on what is present, and looks not forward to things to come ! Thou oughtest in every action and thought so to order thyself, as if thou

wert immediately to die.

If thou hadst a good conscience, thou wouldst not much fear death.

It were better for thee to fly sin than be afraid of death. If thou art not prepared to-day, how

wilt thou be to-morrow? To-morrow is an uncertain day; and

how dost thou know that thou wilt be alive to morrow? What benefit is it to live long, when

we advance so little? Ah, a long life does not always make us better, but often adds to our guilt! Would to God we had behaved ourselves well in this world even for one

Many count the years of their conversion; but oftentimes the fruit of

amendment is small. If it be frightful to die, perhaps it will be more dangerous to live longer. Blessed is he who bath always the

hour of his death before his eyes, and every day disposeth himself to die.

If thou hast at any time seen a man die, think that thou must also pass the same way.

THOUGHTS ON THE SACRED HEART.

Not one of them that are consecrated to the Heart of Jesus, will be lost. The Heart of Jesus contains infinite

treasures of grace and benediction There is no exercise of plety in the spiritual life better calculated to raise a soul in a short time, to the highest sanctity than the devotion to the Sacred Heart. Everything for the greater glory of

the Sacred Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Costing—some ining—out for goal
How to buy, and buy it dearly;
Gifts that He will love to take
Nor to grudge the cost but give it
Cheerfully, for Jesus' sake.
Does this seem so strange, dear children?
Yet 'its surely nothing new;
All may give Him noble presents,
Shall I tell you of a few?
Well, sometimes 'its hard to listen
To a word nukund or cold,
And to smile a loving answer—
Do it, and you give Him —gold!
Thoughts of Him in work or playtime,
Smallest grains of incense rare,
Cast upon a burning censer
Rise in perfumed clouds of prayer.
There are sometimes bitter fancies,
Little murmurs that will stir
Even a loving heart—but crush them,
And you give our Saviour myrrh!
Flowers—why, I ne'er could finish
Tellinr of the good they do.
Yet I'll tell you how to plant them,
In what garden plot they grew.
Modest violets, meekest snowdrops,
Holy lilies white and pure,
Loving tendrils, herbs of healing,
If they only would endure!
And they will—such flowers fade not,
They are not of mortal birth:
And such garlands wreathed for Jesus
Fade not like the flowers of earth.
And I think you all must see that
They are emblems, and must trace
In the rarest and the fairest,
Act-of love and deeds of grace.
Now, dear children, can you tell me

Let us give Him-now-forever, Our first gift-the purest-best, Give our hearts to Christ and ask Him How to give Him all the rest. The above lines were written by a little deaf and dumb girl.

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hood was a favorite representative of

royalty to the English people. When

which she thought unworthy of her

birth was suggested to her.
"No," she said, smiling, "I am the

Princess Mary of Great Britain and

Ireland. And "-touching her breast

the Swedish sovereigns, descendants of

Jean Bernadotte, most strongly insist upon the high duty which the king

owes to his rauk. Noblesse oblige was taught to all the sons of Oscar I. by

their father as the chief rule of their

One day, says the author of "Cameos

and Curios of Court Life," the King

was driving with his son Charles, when

poor boy attracted the attention of

"Let me throw a franc to that fel

low, father," he pleaded.
"You may hand him a franc; you

must not throw it to him. He, too,

may be a prince some day."
Prince Charles was anxiously trained

by his mother, the Princess Josephine,

in the highest code of good manners.

Bostroem you may do as he does; bu

One day the sentry on duty barred

the way to the Prince into a courtyard

which was absolutely interdicted to the

manded, in a fury.
"You are Prince Charles, but I can

not let you pass," said the man, firmly.

"Then you make sure of your twenty five, according to law!" and

the boy ran to his father, demanding

that the man should have twenty five

lashes, the usual punishment for in-

Prince which showed that they both

Using Opportunity.

Opportunity knocks at every one's door at least once in a lifetime, but

some do not trouble themselves to open

story told in the Sunday School Ad-

vocate illustrates the truth of the old

saying that none are so blind as those

A gentleman stopped suddenly be

boys were to be had inside. He hesi-

tated and then went in.
"How many boys have you in

"Six," was the reply. "It's dull

a sign that told him messenger

the door to their good fortune.

understood .- Youth's Companion.

sulting a member of the royal family.

for doing his duty."

who will not see.

now?" he asked.

Do you know who I am?" he de

Among the royal families, it is said.

-"I feel it here."

Prince.

moment.

not before.

was a young girl some action

Act-of love and deeds of grace. Now, dear children, can you tell me Have you still no gifts to lay At the throne of our dear Saviour, At the throne of day?

Any hour or any day?

Him—now—forever,

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> Mr. Davis, and he arranged for him to meet the blind man.
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> The exhibition was in a large theatre, and the blind man and his

than did the blind man himself. The following day Mr. Davis again and after a few words with the mana

Two boys left home with just money after which they must depend entirely upon their own efforts They attacked the collegiate problems, successfully passed the graduation, received their diplomas from the faculty, also com-mendatory letters to a large ship-build

his letters.
"What can you do?" a ked the man of millions.
"I should like some sort of a clerk

As he passed out he remarked to his waiting companion :

What can you do?" was asked. "I can do any thing that a green hand can do, sir," was the reply.

"How is the new man's getting on?"
"Oa," said the boss, "he did his work so well, and never watched the clock, that I put him over the gang," In one year this man had reached the head of a department and an ad visory position with the management

Blessed Are the Peacemakers. Everybody liked Marion Frazer. soft heart that the tears filled her eyes

Marion wasn't one of the girls, oh It was going on when she came ont

up to them, but not a word did she say, mind you, about the quarrel.

They stopped, they looked and they circled about her. "Diss is the snow." She raised her