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vent school, the annual examination of all the young ladies was to take place in the Great hall, before Mgr. Darboy, Archbishop of Paris. How hard the pupils studied for months that they might do credit to themselves and the good nuns who had instructed the good nuns who had instructed them! And surely none among the numerous pupils had toiled harder than little Eugenie Morell, had looked forward to the important day with greater feelings of anxiety. She lived with her parents, humble but pious trades'

people, at a considerable distance from the convent, and as Eugenie was one of the "externes," or day scholars, it was necessary for her to leave home early in the morning to be in her place in the class at 9 o'clock.

The day of examination and prize distribution arrives. With a beating heart our little friend sets out to reach the convent, but as she passed the portal of one of the numerous churches for which Paris is remarkable, Eugenie felt an intense desire to enter and implore the help of God for the difficult ordeal which was before her, for the

poor child was diffident as to the result

of her examination, which was by no means easy.

She enters the sacred edifice, kneels for a few happy, solemn moments be-fore Him who hearkens to every petition, whether from age or childhood, and prepared to depart, but as she was leaving the church her attention was attracted by a number of persons who were collected round some object of interest. With natural curiosity Eugenie stopped; but it was nothing more than a poor little girl of about her own age, evidently blind, who was weeping bitterly. "What is the matter, dear?" said the little pupil, kindly. "Oh, mademoiselle," answered the blind child, "I come from the Rue Marceau, and the boy who leads me has run away after some soldiers who were passing, and, alas! were collected round some object of leads me has run away after some soldiers who were passing, and, alas! I cannot find my way back again. What shall I do?" and the blind girl burst out again in tears. "Don't cry," said Eugenie, kindly. "I will take you back; it is early. I will be in time afterwards where I am going;" and taking the blind child by the hand, who leads to the lead of the soldiers. she led her away, while the by-standers withdrew, each in his own direction, save an aged priest, who, from the steps of the church, had seen the whole transaction. Meanwhile Eugenie and her new friend made the best of their way to the Rue Marceau, and there, in a shabby room, in a still shabbier house, the convent pupil found the

mother of the blind child, who over-whelmed Eugenie with heartfelt

But our pupil dare not linger; she takes leave of the blind girl and her mother, Madam Blanc, reaches the street and hastens to gain the convent. With hurried step and eager face she passes along, making her way through groups of persons, all of the lower class, who eye somewhat curiously the little girl. So through street and alley, for at least half an hour, she goes, when, to her astonishment, it seems the way back is longer than she expected. She stops, gazes about, and then asks from the nearest passer-by. One, a drunken workman, answers her incoherently; a market woman replies to another inquiry in a patois which she can hardly understand. Some rude lads greet her with a loud laugh and rough remarks, and one bolder than the rest makes a snatch at her satchel. Poor Eugenie has at last the terrible cer-tainty that she has lost her way, and oh, oh! she will be late at the examination, and all her twelve months' study will be lost. She looks round in de The good clergyman comprehends a liant assembly presided over by Mgr. Darboy. To the question of the Superior, who desires to know what has delayed her, Eugenie can answer nothing so great is her agitation, but the good priest has in a few words explained the matter to the Archbishop, and at the close of the examination little Mademoiselle Morell has received a pass for all her subjects, and a silver medal as a memorial of

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was in the flesh.
Wisely has the Church made him her protector, for his power with God must be very great. Of this we can have no doubt, when we remember that to his care were entrusted the purest and the best who have ever walked this earth—Jesus and Mary—Jesus, the Son of God; Mary, His stainless Virgin Mother, whose chaste soul the Holy Ghost made His dwelling place, delicated with the Most made control of the state of t

lighted with its beauty.

Above the seats of all the bright angels who serve in the courts of the Most High Mary's throne was raised, and one day she would be the angels mistress and queen; Jesus was their Lord, their Maker, before whom they bowed in lowliest reverence. And yet Mary was Joseph's spouse, and Jesus rendered him the obedience a sor should give a father. Very worthy must he have been who held so high

an office. Joseph was a necessary member of the family. He served as a veil to screen from the vulgar gaze the deep mysteries of the Incarnation and Nativity; he led the way into Egypt, and his faithful arm supported the Mother and the Babe during the journey; he brought them back to their own land and provided shelter for them; their daily bread was the fruit of his labor—in a word, during the boyhood and youth of our Lord they were entirely dependent upon him.

Such, then, was Joseph's position in the Holy Family; he was the master and guardian of the household; and this is what the Church would have him be in every Christian family. It is you, Christian fathers and mothers, who should be especially devout to St. Joseph, for he is your patron in a particular manner. You, like him, have the cares of the household upon you; you must provide for the life and health of the children God has given you; it is your duty to see that they are instructed in the faith and attentive to their religious duties, and that they study their school lessons. You should guard them lessons. You should guard them against the dangers they meet with in a great city like this, and keep them away from those who may lead them to evil; and, above all, you should give them good example in the practice of virtue. To fulfil your duties well you need divine assistance. Go to Joseph. Go to the foster father of Jesus Christ; he will intercede for you, and obtain the many graces of which you stand in need. Go to him and tell him all your troubles; you will find him

very gracious. But St. Jeseph is the patron not of families alone. The Church would have you all, dear brethren, "go to Joseph and do all that he shall say to you." From him she would have you learn a tender love to Jesus, a love manifesting itself in deeds, not simply in words. Joseph devoted himself to the service of our Lord, and so should we. But how can we presume to say that we love or serve Jesus if we do not keep His commands; if we neglect our duties as Catholics and as members of society? Let us show how much we love Him by doing something for Him, as St. Joseph did, and let us, like him, be constant in our well-doing, permitting no day to pass without some acts of love to God. And if we would hope to make progress in the ways of God, let us daily "Go to Joseph and do all that he shall say.'

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