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## THE INVALID.

If this little puppy were a person, he would certainly feel highly flattered at the attention he is receiving from three dogs, much older than himself, as well as his loving mistress. We are afraid a human being would have his head turned by it all, but this poor invalid puppy is far too wise to allow such things to affect whatever vanity he already has in his little head.

## DO IT WELL.

An adage has it: "Whatsoever is worth doing at all is worth doing well." This motto is the keynote of success. The boy who plays with a right good will, when it is the proper time for play, and who studies just as hard as he plays, is the boy who will get on in life.

Michael Angelo was one day explaining to a visitor at his studio what he had been doing at a statue since his previous visit. "But these," remarked his friend, "are trifles."

"It may be so," replied Michael Angelo, "but trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."

Samuel Smiles declares that "close ob- things is the secret of servation of little success in business, in art, in science, and in every pursuit in life."

When Charles James Fox was appointed Secretary of State, being piqued at some remarks made about his penmanship, he actually took lessons from a writing master, that he might do better. Though very stout, he was especially expert at the game of court tennis; and when asked

how he managed it so well, he replied: "Because I am a very painstaking man."

Earnest application and attention to all the details will accomplish more than slothful genius.

The great Sir Isaac Newton once said to a friend: "If I have done the public

more than he gets is not likely to get any more; for, if he does, he will be receiving more than he is worth.

The rule of doing everything well should be applied to the Christian life.

God wants whole-hearted service. We are to be "fervent in spirit," as well as "not slothful in business." Be brave,

active, and earnest as Christians, and you will find a joy and sweetness in the service of God that the lukewarm and indolent know nothing of.

## THE TIME TO BE PLEASANT.

"Mother's cross," said Maggie, coming out into the kitchen with a pout on her lips.

Her aunt was busy ironing; she looked up and answered Maggie: "Then is the very time for you to be pleasant and helpful. Mother was awake a good deal of the night with the baby."

Maggie made no reply. She put on her hat and walked off into the garden. But a new idea went with her—"the very time to be pleasant is when other people are cross."

"True enough," thought she, "that would do the most good. I remember when I was ill last

year, I was so nervous that if any one spoke to me I could hardly help being so cross; and mother never got cross or out of patience, but was quite pleasant with me. I ought to pay it back now, and I will."

And she jumped up from the grass on which she had thrown herself, and turned a face full of cheerful resolution towards



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any service, it is due to nothing but industry and patient thought."

Buffon said of genius: "It is patience."

An Eastern proverb declares "Time and patience turn the mulberry leaf to satin."

He who does humble labour faithfully and well will sooner or later be called up higher. The man or boy who is worth no