A BOY'S WIT.

One of the parish sent, one morn-A farmer kind and able.-A nice fat turkey, raised on corn, To grace the pastor's table.

The farmer's lad went with the fowl, And thus addressed the pastor: "Dear me, if I ain't tired. Here is A gobbler from my master."

The pastor said: "Thou shouldst not thus

Present the fowl to me; Come, take my chair, and for me act. And I will act for thee."

The preacher's chair received the boy, The fowl the pastor took-Went out with it, and then came in

And to the young pro tem he said: "Dear sir, my honored master Presents this turkey, and his best Respects to you, his pastor, '

With pleasant smile and mok.

"Gond;" said the boy; "your mus-

A gentleman and a scholar! My thanks to him, and for yourself Here is a half a dollar."

The pastor felt around his mouth A most peculiar twitching; And to the gobbler holding fast, He bolted for the kitchen.

He gave the turkey to the cook, And came back in a minute, Then took the youngster's hand, and

A half a dollar in it.

Santa Claus has again made his annual visit through the chimney to the homes of our young folks, and the looks of pleasure and smiles of joy on their faces are sufficient evidence that he has at least been this year as generously as formerly, if not more so. Others who are too old to be remembered by him, have been gladdened by the nice presents they have received from their parents and friends who, while commemorating the offerings of the Magi to the Infant King of Bethlehem, are at the same time, desirous of preserving that spirit of peace and good will among men.

We earnestly hope that our young readers, have acquired this spirit as well as their elders, and also that they have enjoyed themselves thoroughly during the two weeks' Christmas vacation which is now coming to a close. Skates and sleighs which for the past few weeks have been uppermost in the minds of every boy and girl who has not had the "grippe" will now have to give place to books

It is really an indulgence to have any holidays at Christmas; for many grown up people can remember when they were school children no vacations were allowed except in midsummer; and then they had a few weeks instead of months. So young folks can consider themselves very fortunate that educational matters are making great strides, in this direction as well as in others.

We therefore, expect that all, by studying with renewed ardor, will show how to appreciate the thoughtfulness and kindness of their teachers who have allowed them to suspend their studies at this time in order that all might pass this festive season at home in the company of the other members of their family. They should from the very beginning of the new year put into practice their good resolutions and prove their grit by redoubling their diligence. If they do so they will not regret their efforts when the summer vacation is at hand.

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city and presents a lesson to young men:---

A few years ago, in one of the growing cities of New York State, has come, and some little accident there was a home into which the has given them their first occasion, great sorrow of a father's death had entered. The sons, of whom there were several, were of a nervous temperament, full of animation, and exposed to many temptations which endanger the youth in large cities.

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vast importance of her responsibility, and many a time did she look upward toward the heavenly Father for divine aid in the guidance of her fatherless boys. She made it a rule never to retire for rest at night until all her sons were at home.

But as the boys grew older, this became a severe tax on her time and health, often keeping the faithful mother watching until the midnight

One of her boys displayed a talent for music, and became a skilled violinist. He drifted among the wrong class of people, and was soon at balls and parties that seldom dispersed until the early hours of day. Upon one occasion it was nearly seven o'clock in the morning before he went to his home. Entering the house, and opening the door of the sitting-room, he saw a sight that can never be effaced

In the old rocking-chair sat his aged mother, fast asleep, but evidently she had been weeping. Her frilled cap, as white as snow, covered her gray hair; the knitting had fallen from her hands, while the tallow of the candle had run over the candlestick and down her dress.

Going up to her, the young man ex-

"Why, mother! What are you doing

His voice startled her, and, upon the question being repeated, she attempted to rise, and piteously, but oh so tenderly! looking up into his face, said: "I am waiting for my boy."

The sad look and there words, so expressive of that long night's anxiety, quite overcame the lad, and throwing her arms around her, he

"Dear mother, you shall never wait again like this for me."

That resolution has never been broken. But since then that mother has passed into the world beyond, where she still watches and waits, but not in sorrow, for her boy.

Some years ago a clergyman, visiting a ragged school in London, asked a class of bright, mischievous urchins, all of whom had be n gathered from the streets: "I'ow many had boys does it take to make a good one?" A little fellow immediately replied: "Only one, sir, if you treat him well."

"Generally speaking," said Sydney Smith, "the life of all t uly reat men has been a life of intense and incessant labor. They have mmonly passed the first half of life in grass darkness - overleo'ed, mi talen, condemned by weaker men,- thin ing while others slent, rending while others rioted, feeling om thing within them they should not always be kept down among the dre's of the world. And then, when their time they have burst out into the light and glory of public life, rich with spoils of time, and mighty in all the labors and struggles of the mind."

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