FIND TIME OR MAKE IT Opportunity tapped at the door

With a chance for the brother within;
He rapped till his fingers were sore, And muttered: "Come on, let me in:

Here is something I know you can Here's a bill I know you can climb. But the brother inside very quickly replied:

'Old fellow, I haven't got time.'

Opportunity wandered along In search of a man who would rise. He said to the indolent throng:
"Here's a chance for the fellow wh tries."
But each of them said with a smile:

I wish I could do it, but I'm very busy,

Very busy today, and I'm sorry to That I really haven's got time."

At last Opportunity came To a man who was burdened with

And said: I now offer the same Opportunity that has been theirs.

done. It's a chance if you've got the time Said the man with a grin: "Come along, pass it id.

I'll either find time, or I'll make it." Of all the excuses there are By which this old world is accused, This "haven't got time" is by far The poorest, the feeblest, the worst. delusion it is, and a snare; If the habit is yours, you should

shake it, For if you want to do what is offered

You'll find time to do it, or make it. SAVED IN A WRECK

The following story was related by a wealthy merchant of Coblenz. My early education was good and truly Catholic, but, unfortunately, pious mother died when I was still little more than a child. My father, immersed in the cares of business, took little notice of me, and I soon became like so many young men nowadays, careless and worse than neglectful of my religious duties.

Yet God did not forsake me and my mother in heaven surely prayed for me continually. I became a prosperous merchant and married a wife who was and is my heart's treasure. She is a devout Catholic and would never have married me if she had been aware of my infidel and worldly opinions, but I managed to hide them from her during the early days of our married life. But it was not long before I threw off the mask. I gave up going to church and often made bitter fun of my

wife's devout practices. The poor woman then nearly died of grief. One day, it is nearly five years since. I brought her a costly present for her feast day (her name was Josephine). She thanked me very heartily, but added with trem-bling tones: "There is one gift which would make me quite happy." "And that is?" "Your soul, Ernest," and a deep sob followed the words. I tried to console her, but in valu, she burst into a fit of weeping. "Ask burst into a fit of weeping. me anything else, and I promise to do it." "Then come with me to the sermon tonight, it is St. Joseph's feast day." "If that's all, dear, dry

up your tears; I will go with you." and the preacher was eloquent, yet way to high school.

"Yes, I often go a block out of my houseksepor, because I have no ho and the preacher was eloquett, yes, is words fell coldly on my ears.

Only one thing he said made any on purpose to admire it."

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"Why didn's you wait this me impression on me. Never has any on purpose to admire it."

"Why didn's you wait this morning? I was going to give you the as a called on St. Joseph for help and not felt his mighty protection. On the way home my wife said, "Ernest, you have to travel so much, will you promise me if ever you are in danger."

"Way on purpose to admire it."

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A short time after this, I was traveling on this very same line, lead pencil?"
returning from Cologne. We were "I did yet seven persons in the carriage and only the seat opposite me was naccoupled. We were not far dietant from this point when the dietant from this point when the alarm whistle sounded, then a desk."
collision, crash—"Holy Joseph, save "You me," I cried, and sprang from my In one minute all was over. The six corpses of my traveling sigh. broken carriages, and I had escaped with a slight wound.

Since that day I have become a loftily. practical Catholic, and every evening during the month of March I kneel with my wife and children before a little altar of St. Joseph which she has adorned with flowers and lights. and together we give him heartfelt thanks for the past and say: "Holy Joseph, continue to assist us." Michigan Catholic.

CARDINAL GIBBONS ON THRIFT | enough to approach it gradually." During his life hundreds of thousands of Americans leaned on the staff of the wisdom of James Cardinal Gibbons. That vision was a guide claimed M not only in their spiritual lives but the street. in the conduct of their everyday individual affairs. For sixty years of a busy life, from his ordination as unfashionable street." a priest in the early '60's to his death this spring, he was a leader in the affairs of men. His precepts for

sent a greeting to his fellow Americans, especially to young Americans, to which you are accustomed."

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN great things;" to expect great things to love. I am pining for love, and of themselves, of their fellow men, of envy you your happy surroundings." America and of God. Briefly he outlined the steps necessary to produce great things as follows: Work, Patience and Thrift.

About thrift he said : "In the third place I would name economy-thrift —as one of the vital assets in success. hand? That sounds trite, I know. It is very "Ho trite, very old. Yet no matter how often it is repeated, the number of men who take it really to heart is all too few. I recall the campaign that

we conducted against the Louisiana Lottery. We were able finally to sweep that great spreading evil forever from America. But the spirit that had made the Lottery possible we did not destroy and it is possible we did not destroy, and it is working its destruction in the hearts and affairs of men as much today as ever before. The economy of God is one of the striking features of the universe; have you ever stopped to think of it? Not a single dead leaf is wasted; it goes to enrich the soil for future growth. Not a drop of water that is not used again and again—flowing down the river to the

only to be caught up by the san,

and showered down upon the grass and trees again!
"The law of God is the law of Here's a duty that ought to be thrift; and no man transgresses that law, either in his personal or busi-ness affairs without incurring a penalty. I have seen millionaries, whose wealth seemed without limit, caught and made paupers in the period of business reaction. They had lived too lavishly, and reached out in their greed too for. And I have seen comparatively poor men, who had saved their money, take advantages of just such periods to invest in independence. Waste noth-ing, as nature wastes nothing. Expect some bad years as nature expects them, and provides for them by other years of abundance. Count on the routine effort of year after year, as nature counts on the unending and unchanging procession of the seasons. This, and not luck,

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

or the rich fruits of speculation, is

the real secret of success.-Catholic

FOR A CHILD

His mind has neither need nor power to know

The foolieh things that men call right and wrong. him the streams of pleasant love

wind flow. For him the mystic, sleep compelling song.
Through love he rules his love-made

universe. And sees with eyes by ignorance made keen The fauns and elves whom older

eves disperse. Great Pan and all the fairies with their queen. King gods, I pray, bestow on him

this dole, wisdom, wealth nor mighty deeds to do. But let him keep his happy pagan

The poet vision, simple, free and

true, To hunt the rainbow gold and phantom lights,

And meet with dryads on the wooded heights. -JOYCE KILMER " ASHAMED OF MOTHER "

" Shall we go by the new library? I have not seen it since it was finished," suggested Alice Haws to school."

The church was full of worshipers Mary Cross as they met on their

was eaying: "I did not want Mary then without sitting down he asked cross to know you were my mother." "Won't you come and see the duck I thought you wanted to get a pond? They are in it swimmin', and

"I did yesterday, but Mary lent "Yes, certainly," taking his hand, me one, and when I was going to and she reached for little May.

You and Mary seem quite intimate, yet the wealthy girls are really her set," and Mrs. Haws draw a little

Well, she can choose her friends where she pleases, as her position is one he gave her she pinned onto the her birthright," explained Alice,

But would it not be wiser to mingle with girls in your own circumstances, since you cannot gain entree into her set, after she is graduated from some college, and you only a humble district school

"O. mother, please do not predict such a dismal future; it is trying

Why don't you ask me to come and see you? I am just dying to know the rest of your family," exclaimed Mary one day as they met on

" I didn't suppose you would come to such a little cottage, on such an

Ask me, and be convinced. I get so tired of our big, cold, gloomy house, with only pape, cook and the the conduct of their daily affairs bousekeeper. And papa never there stood the test of time and changing except at meals."

circumstances. And on no principle did he lay more stress than on the there are so many wealthy people virtus of thrift and saving.

But a few days before his death he who are always glad to welcome you, with whom you are on an equality,

envy you your happy surroundings."
"If mother was not so old fashioned, but I am afraid she would be shockingly familiar with you."

"O, no; have I not told you I am hungry for love, for a kind word, and the clasp of a motherly

" How it must soothe you, to sit at her feet, and lay your head upon her knee, and have her stroke your hair until you fall asleep. is great at petting the kids.'

"Then may I come?"
"Yes, but I fear you will be disillusioned.'

" Mother, Mary Cross is coming over this afternoon, and I want you to put on your best dress; let me do up your hair in better style, and don't let Tom stay in the room."
"But why should I meet her? I

suppose she is calling on you." Yes, but she especially requested to see you. And please, mother, don't talk so loud, do not shake hands, you are not familiar with the high shoulder movement, and do not

myself, and as for wearing my best calling the attention of the religious gown, I shall wait for a more fitting press of the country to this issue of which to receive callers at home." Ob, dear, what will she think of

natty schoolgirl costume, was met judice for the justification of a course contest, fling you about, look to the by Alice and ushered into the little which every day is becoming more star; call to Mary. If anger, or

receive her.
Alice had decided upon a very formal introduction, having studied it carefully in her book on etiquette, but she had only gotten as far as, Mother, let me present you to my friend, Miss-" when she could pro-ceed no further, for Mrs. Haws had a firm grip on Mary's hand and was giving it an old fashioned shake. Alice blushed crimson, but the warm grip drew Mary toward the mother, as no finger tip touch and "hgh-shoulder movement" could have done. They were scarcely seated when a sweet voice called: 'Mamma,

Of course you may," answered your name, deary?" she asked as she kissed the sweet mouth, then placed her on the couch and sat with one arm around her.

You dust talled my name same as mamma does, but papa calls me

And what does Alice call you?" "She don't never tall me; she ays: "Go way; I tan't be bov-

You are too cute for anything,' said Mary, hugging her to avoid making a direct answer. "And where is little brother? I should like to see him.'

But before the little one could answer Alice spoke. "I sent him to play with his chum," she said.

seldom

" How can she help it? I often "How can she help it? I often ing, though broken hearted, that St. tianity. The Church hardly realized ambrose exclaims: "I read: stand her victory when she felt herself

"I didn't need it and we wanted to go by the library." Mentally she eyed the stylish young lady critically, Won't you come and see the duck

it is such fun to see them dive.

were swimming.

Mary prolonged her call to a very unfashionable limit, looking at the duckes the flowers, and three little kittens that were yet blind. She pinned a flower on Tom's collar, and lapel of her own jacket, and gave May the last caramel she had in her pocket; then kissing the children and bidding them all good by, she promised to call again, and went away highly pleased with her new

acquaintances.
On meeting Alice again, her first words were: "I fell in love with your mother the minute she clasped my hand in hers, and the children are as sweet as they can be. am going to be real friendly if you will les me."

"I am glad you like them. I fear I have not appreciated my home as I ought, but I will never again be ashamed of my dear old-fashioned mother."-The Tablet.

introducing religious training into faithful asking. "Remember it has the education of the people of this never been known to have been

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country depends on the motives and purposes of the people. These motives and purposes, the writer ful, as he tells it, that in the rush of properly declares, are directed in its emotions it soothes the most

religion. school fledgling.

"I am afraid I shall be very much to the subject, as they show by occasion. My new gingham makes their bulletin, their pronouncement a very pretty afternoon dress in is nevertheless a real tribute to the position so long and strongly held by the Catholic body on the subject of that cheap thing?" and tears of the religious training essential to the star. It the winds of vexation filled her eyes.

At 3 o'clock Mary Cross, presenting herself at the Haws cottage in a years of misunderstanding and pre- of pride of ambition, of slander, of family room, where Mrs. Haws in and more recognized as essential to her new gingham was waiting to the achievement and to the maintenance of the highest type of citizenship.—Catholic Standard and Times.

VIRGIN MOST FAITHFUL

How chargeful are our moods. They frighten us alittle with a sense of helplessness when we consider them. Our best resolves dim; our deepest affections flicker. We felt firmer, stronger yesterday. Today our thoughts pale; our spirits dampen. We vary, and we weary. Looking forward, and gazing back-the arduous path ahead, the long trail Mary, as she rose and caught the behind—how insecure our steps, little one in her arms. "What is how infirm our volitions, how fitful our feelings! Not the pitfalls only not alone the sudden flare of passions, but the altering atmosphere of our soul, its unstable temperature. To remain as when at our best; to as mamma does, but pape can be steadied to love ever, as when we tigter."

be steadied to love ever, as when we best;—that is Heaven. Still, be steadfast to our truest purpose have been given a maternal model, compassionately constant; the ten-

derest aid to faithfulness Of things lovable there is no brighter trait than to be faithful. It seems to fit in and to be a part of them all. It must be true. be patient. It will be kind. It has to be brave. It will win the crown. Faithful! It is the word reserved in welcome by the Lord at the end of Then the conversation drifted into the journey and the toil. It seems One of the most trying times in the conversation drifted into to tell it all. How reassuring for us the history of God's Church immediately in which Mrs. How school talk, in which Mrs. Haws joined but little. Mary, perceiving her silence, said: "It is not polite to talk 'shop' in your mother's presence when it does not interest her."

"Oh, yes, I like to listen. Alice is no trace of faltering in Mary; no unevenness in the loving tener of sian. In was a glorious day when tells me anything about her life. So faithful and so brave the Cross appeared in the heavens beside the Cross of Jesus, unmurmur proclaiming the triumph of Christian beside the Cross of Jesus, unmurmur

> Mary, His mother. Never since the dire hour to her was only a creature and should not when at the cost of the Saviour's be adored as the Eternal Son of life we were made His brethren and she was consecrated our mother by of the faithful, but even many of the His own-expiring words-never has she ceased to be our ever faithful mother. Praying for us, interceding abetted by the Emperors. It looked for us, invoking graces for us; wishing our welfare, our happiness in fall into a new idolatry, that Christ ing our welfare, our happiness in stall into a new idolatry, that Christ eternal life-faithful always, she was to be made the new idol and

Apocalypse: "And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that eat upon him was called Faithful and true... and His name is called the Word of God." Rightly is the mother of the Word made flesh called the faithful Virgin, as she is also called the mother of the faithful

stant effort. Imperceptibly they chafe. Their attack upon our fidelity is more insidious, less flagrant, the cl They undermine when we least Flesh, suspect. They test and they taint Sair in some ways our love more. They tell heavily in the final issue by their

issued, dealing with the subject of God." St. Bernard tells us: "Think Christian Education. The writer Mary, invoke Mary. Let her name points out that the prosperity of our be never absent from your lips;

right course only through anguished heart. Repeated, referred to, quoted in parts in Encyclicals of be as free as if she were an old 'While the new organization issuing the Popus, its ucction pour soullike oil acquaintance," suggested the high this letter is fully aware of the upon the storm stressed soul, while aloft it points to the token of unfailing hopefulness, of unswerving faith fulness and of secure emergence in the end. Let us set it before us once more in English words:

'Oh! whosver you ere who feel tossed amid the storms and billows of life, take not your glance from the avarice, or thing to the flash assault you and rock the frail barque of your soul, lock to Mary. It overpowered by the onset of sin, overwhelmed by foulness of conscience, terror struck by visions of judgment, you begin to sink into the abyes of despair of Mary. In dangers, in distresses, in doubts, think of Mary, invoke Mary. Let her name never leave Let it never desert your heart. Following her you will not go astray. Invoking her you cannot despair : thinking of her you will go right; holding to her you cannot fall. It she protects, you need not fear. When she leads you will not weary, and with her propitious you will arrive safely. . . Thus you will experience for yourself how sweetly and how well it is said: And the Virgin's name was Mary."—The Missionary.

DEPEND UPON GOD

Fight like a good soldier; and if thou sometimes fall through frailty, take again greater strength than before trusting in thy more abundant grace; and take heed of vain pleasing of thyself, and of pride. It whole armies should stand against me, my hears shall not fear; the Lord is my Helper and my Redeemer. Thomas a' Kempie.

BISHOP SAINT AND DOCTOR

One of the most trying times in unevenness in the loving tenor of sian. In was a glorious day when

In the early days of the fourth manger as Bethlehem in that primal ened to destroy the fruit of three abasement, penury and distress—
There stood by the Cross of Jesus, arose the blasphemous Arius, who declared that though Christ was the And in Heaven has Mary changed? most perfect of all creatures, He God. Not only countless numbers clergy fell into this terrible heresy The work of Arius was sided and eternal life—faithful, too. And longs that we be faithful, too. And surely she longs that we should trust an empty one. Though Christ slept He still guided the Bark of Peter. we read repeatedly in Scripture

We read repeatedly in Scripture
that God is faithful. And we have
the vision in the last Book of it, the

His Church.

The Holy Father Bishops in Council at Nice, and it was solemnly declared that the Son was Consubstantial to the Father, that He was "God of God, true God of true God, begotten, not made." This gospel must be preached to the world. There must be found a man who had the learning to fight the faithful.

It is in little things perhaps that it is hardest to be faithful. The constant recurrence calls for constant effort. Imperceptibly they great Saint Athanasius, who became the champion of the Word Made

Saint Athanasius suffered for his Master. Five times he was banished from his See of Alexandria by the tireless cumulation. They count in the final award: "Because thou hast been faithful in little things..."

If See of Alexandria by the death. For protection he fled to the West and Rome offered him widespread indeed is the conviction of the pressing need of introducing religious training into the education of the passing need of introducing religious training into the education of the passing need of faithful asking. "Remember it is the west and Rome offered him hospitality. When Constantine died he returned to his See of Alexandria, where he was received with country. We find emphatic expressaked in vain." St. Alphonsus cutions of Julian the Apostate. For sion of this need in so unexpected a Leguor, repeating it, traces it back four months he hid himself in his place as the Babson's Reports usually to St. Augustine. St. Ambrose had concerned with matters of financial penned this golden phrase: "Let to him during the reign of Valens to sent a greening to this relief with the first of the date of the first of the date of the first of the soul of Mary dwell in each of us return to this pastoral See and die importance only. Over the signature to which you are accustomed."

Yes, luxuries, but no dear mother, of Rodger W. Babson a special letter of Rodger W. Babson a special letter or sweet little sister and brother dated April 19 of this year has been Mary dwell in all of us to rejoice in century he ruled the Church of

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