#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. A STOLEN DOLLAR.

BY JOHN LAWRENCE CABILL.

When Mr. Halsey told Jimmy to come ready for work the next morning,
Jimmy's lowering spirits rose a hunWell, sir, Joe said only cowards Jimmy's lowering spirits rose a hun-dred degrees and he almost flew to his humble home in his haste to tell the

He had attracted Mr. Halsey's attention by a brave deed. As he was crossing the street a little girl fell right in front of a swiftly driven cab. Jimmy sprang forward and lifted her out of the way. When Mr. Halsey found that Jimmy was on his way to his store in search of work he readily took

him into his employ.

Jimmy's mother was dead and his father totally blind. The piano-tuning business was dull and Jimmy's father had not been working for months, so the boy's small salary would be a very Godsend to the almost destitute household.

Jimmy's father raised his head ex-pectantly as Jimmy bounded noisily the room. What luck, my boy?" he asked, Although blind, Jimmy's cheerily.

father was always cheerful.

"It's all right, father," cried the boy, joyfully. "It's all right! Mr. Halsey took me, and I shall begin to-

morrow morning. Jimmy's father lifted his sightless eyes and murmured a fervent "Thank God!" For, despite his cheerfulness, their very existence had depended on Jimmy securing the situation and he had been secretly trembling with doubt and apprehension that Jimmy would

' My prayers have been answered," said Jimmy's father, reverently. "Let us return thanks to the Almighty for

His goodness."

It was not long before Jimmy became general favorite in the office. His cheerful, ready manner and bright, honest face endeared him to everybody from Mr. Halsey down. Even silent, unfriendly Joe, the other office boy, had been heard to say that "that Knox seems to be an obliging sort of a

To Jimmy his "work" appeared like play. The time passed swiftly, and when he brought home his first week's salary he felt as if he had not really earned it. He would have believed this, but for the fact that Mr. Halsey had remarked to him that he had proven himself "a willing, industrious

Jimmy's wages were all his father and he lived upon, and thus Jimmy be-came the mainstay of the home. The season was still dull and people seemed to have no money to pay piano-tuners, and Jimmy's father did not expect a

situation for months to come.

Time passed by and everything ran smoothly with Jimmy. Mr. Halsey had increased his salary and seemed to take quite an interest in him.

But one day a sore trouble came to immy. He and Joe had been sweeping out the office and Joe spied a dollar bill Mr. Halsey's desk. He instantly put it in his pocket. Jimmy looked at him in indignation and horror and was opening his mouth to denounce the act, when the other, guessing his thoughts, said in a hoarse whisper.

"You tell tale! Are you such a sneak that you'd give me away? I didn't think you were such a coward! Keep still! Somebody is coming!" The door opened and Mr. Halsey sud-

denly appeared. Both boys were sur-prised for it was rather early for him to arrive. He looked at the two un-comfortable appearing boys, inquiring-

ly. "Are you through already?" he ted: "You have been very quick."
"We have not finished yet, sir," ret him curiously and sat down

at his desk. All day Jimmy's brain was on fire. Should he proclaim himself a sneak and tattler by telling Mr. Halsey or should he keep the matter secret? No, no! conscience cried, I will not. Silence would make me a party to the robbery. for downright robbery it is. Jimmy turned toward Mr. Halsey, resolved to expose the theft. But another voice whispered that only sneaks and cowards tell tales. Hadn't Joe said so?

Jimmy's first real trouble weighed so heavily on his mind that he thin, querulous and without appetite. His father noticed it and said one day

Are you growing tired of your work, my? You seem to be getting quite bid lately. Well, I expect a situmorbid lately. ation soon, thank God! and you won't have to work if you don't wish to."

But Jimmy said quickly, the work was a pleasure; it wasn't hard at all and there was nothing the matter with him only—only—and he broke down. You see this was Jimmys's first secret. His father was puzzled to account for

his strange behavior. One morning Jimmy found a ring on the office floor that he remembered Mr. Halsey had bought the day previous as a birthday present for his little daughter. A great fear came over him that Joe would persuade him to steal it even

s the money had been stolen before. He quickly hid the glittering thing in his pocket, and said nothing until Mr. Halsey came in, when he handed it to him and told how he found it.

"Thank you very much, my boy, I am glad to know that everything is as safe in my office as it is in my I think that if anything of the slightest value was found here, the finder would never think of anything but immediately returning it to me."

Jimmy's heart stood still. Was it

right to deceive his good employer into a sense of fancied security from theft? Would he not be a party to the deceit by tacitly acquiescing in the remark? Jimmy's guardian angel the remark? Jimmy's guardian angel triumphed. He had never told a lie before. He would not do so now.

he cried, al-"Oh, Mr. Halsey!" he cried, almost feverishly. "Your property is not safe here. Some money was stolen

in Mr. Halsey's eyes, behind their

sternness.
"Me!" said Jimmy, indignantly and ungrammatically. "Me! No, sir! It was—it was—Joe." Why, then have you waited so long

and sneaks tell tales and so I didn't tell. But I couldn't keep it off my mind and I'm glad its out now. You don't know how unhappy I was. You can discharge me now, but really Mr. Halsey, I never meant to do it, and I didn't take any of the money." didn't take any of the money."

Jimmy tremblingly took his hat and

walked to the door.

But Mr. Halsey looked at him kindly and said, laying his hand detainingly

on the boy's arm:

would tell me, Jimmy. I saw and heard everything that morning and I knew your honest heart would prompt you to tell the truth. I shall not discharge you, but Joe must go, and immediately. He has been stealing from me all along and I came early that morning purposely to see if I could catch the thief. Now let this be a warning to you, my boy. Never get mixed up in thefts, and if you do, make clean breast of everything immediately. You make yourself an accomplice when you do not expose the thief, if you know him. He who reveals a robbery is never a sneak and coward. A great many boys think that, and there by sink themselves to the level of the He is brave and honest who unhesitatingly hands the villain over to justice. Remember that, Jimmy, and

"I will," said Jimmy, firmly, as he looked up bravely into Mr. Halsey's

And he always did.

# CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The Art of Letting Go.

We held on to a great many things last year which we should have let go,
—shaken off entirely. In the first
place, we should expel from our minds completely the things which cannot be helped — our past misfortunes, the trivial occurrences which have mortified or humiliated us. Thinking of them not only does no good, but it robs us of peace and comfort. The art of forgetting useless things is a great one, and

re should learn it at any cost.

It is just as important to learn to let go as to hold on. Anything that cannot help us to get on and up in the world: anything that is a drag, a with his warmest friends. stumbling-block, or a hindrance, should be expunged from our memory. Many people seem to take a positive pleasure Many in recalling past misfortunes, sufferings, and failures. They dwell upon such experiences, and repaint the dark pictures until the mind becomes melancholy and sad. If they would only learn to drive them out, and banish their attempts to return, as they would thief from the house, those painful thoughts would cease to demand entrance. We want all we can get o sunshine, encouragement, and inspira-tion. Life is too short to dwell upon things which only hinder our growth. If we keep the mind filled with bright, hopeful pictures, and wholesome thoughts—the things only which can help us on in the world-we shall make infinitely greater progress than by burying ourselves in glowing retrospection.-Success.

What shall I let go with the Old Year ?

One of the secrets of right living is letting that go which absorbs our energies and retards our progress. We should let our unfortunate past experience drop into the world of oblivion. We should never recall a disagreeable plied Jimmy, his cheeks scarlet and his temples throbbing. Mr. Halsey ourselves against falling into further errors. If the past torments and haunts you, cut it off sharply as if with a knife. Do not allow its shadow to darken your present, or rob your future of its possibilities. Profit by the lessons it has taught, but do not morbidly

brood over them.

Why should you suffer your mind to be clouded with fear or anxiety? Why let doubt or worry destroy all your happiness? Why allow them, like ghosts, to glide through your mind unbidden, day after day, year after year, when you have the power to expel them, to expunge them as if they had never existed? In fact, they do not exist. They are not realities; they are but the delusions of an unhealthy imagination. Only the good is true; only that which is healthy and helpful exists

in ultimate reality.

Those things which mock our success, which fill our lives with terror, pain, and mortification, which chill our lives with four pain, and mortification which chill our hamipain, and mortheation, which is all blood with fear, and crush our happiness, have no tangible existence.

Analyze the causes of your unhappiness for a single day, and you will find that they were anxiety, doubt, fear that something might happen, expectation of disaster that never came. These are not disaster that never came. These are not realities, but are merely the ghosts conjured up by a morbid mental condition. If we hold ourselves receptive to the influences of the all-creative mind which guides the universe, if we open our minds to the eternal verity that all things are ordained for good, and that evil has no place in the versal plan, we can learn to rise above our paralyzing fear and doubts, as a child rises into the consciousness of the unreality of ghosts which once seemed so real to him. New Year resolutions have been easily made and easily bro-ken ever since the dawn of civilization. Every new year seems brighter and more hopeful than the last, and we are ever ready to give our lives a new trial and shake off bad habits. The trouble lies is not being able to keep the new, resolutions which we make. need to be more persistent in doing right, living right, and working right.

#### -O. S. Marden, in January Success. Keep Your Promises.

In no way, perhaps, can a young man destroy his business character more effectually than by obtaining the repudestroy his

tion of this rule, but they are less frequent than is generally believed, and not more cruel than in similar exceptional cases. Nine men out of ten who fail owe their insolvency either to having traded beyond their means, to a careless management of their affairs, or to criminal speculations. That is, they have undertaken more than they could perform, and this while knowing at the time of the promise that there was great doubt whether they could meet

their engagement.
Perhaps, indeed, they had no deliberate intention of violating their promise. But they either were more ignorant than they should have been of their perform or they trusted too onfidently to the chances of the future or they took heavier risks subsequently than was consistent with their liabili-ties. The innocent, therefore, suffer. but rarely by this species of mercantile proscription. On the other hand, the rule is absolutely necessary to the com-mercial world, for, without it, payments could scarcely ever be depended on, and financial distress would frequently

Strict business integrity, in this particular, depends much on the general character. A person who pays little regard to slight promises, usually is somewhat careless of greater ones also. Defects of this kind, like laws in machinery, never lessen, but always grow worse, until finally, under the strain of a powerful temptation, they often break down a man's career forever. The most punctual men in keeping a trivial engagement, we have always found to be most exact in their busi-

ness transactions.

In our experience also the men who keep an engagement to the t, the men who were proverbmoment, the men who were proverbially always "behind time," have been, mostly, those who have failed subsequently in business. We have learned, too, to be cautious of those who are overready to promise. It is the individual who carefully considers before he makes a pledge who can be most surely depended upon to keep it. A multiplicity of promises necessarily prevents the promiser from observing all, for one conflicts with the other and disables even the best intentioned. A disregard of promises, finally, is like fungus, which imperceptibly spreads over the whole character, until the moral perceptions are perverted and the man actually comes to believe he

### The Masterful Man.

The masterfulness of Christian manli less depends upon absolute obedience the positive laws of progress. Masterfulness is a consequence, a nece

wherever such principles prevail as Christianity dictates. Where Godliness is the material in the foundation, in the superstructure, in the decoration of a career, masterfulness becomes a matter of What magnificent personal service for the good of mankind Godliness exacts! What decided strength of character Godliness commands! What incomparable skill Godliness develops! What magnificent thinking Godliness makes possible! What remarkable language Godliness always uses! What indescribable influence Godliness ex-

erts!
The man of God in his private life, in his official service, in his powerful leadership, in his noted specialty as a thinker and as a doer, is a mighty factor everywhere, counting all the time for more than his personality, more than his acquirements, more than his erts! than his acquirements profession, because all these characteristics are multiplied again and again by the majesty of that superb manliness

which Christianity confers. It is natural for righteousness to ex-It is natural for righteousness to ex-alt personality, for virtue to enlarge usefulness, for purity to strengthen efficiency, for obedience to the highest law to develop capability. It is far too common to forget individual value, to cast away personal chance in a vocation; to neglect the full privilege of tion; to neglect the full privilege of being a citizen, to repudiate the possibilities of being a Christian and thus sibilities of being a Christian and thus be deprived of the heritage and the recognition which would naturally be

The doing a work the best one knows, the giving of all the strength he has, the accomplishing of all he can, the reaching the full heights of pos-sibility by full endeavor, the par-taking of all the grand blessings of Providence are the characteristic points in human history which determine the largeness of a career. But when the foundation is Christian manliness the career is assured, the results cannot be unworthy or unsatisfactory, the attainments cannot be small, attempts cannot be unserviceable, the life cannot be indifferent or selfish. Such results, as are a certainty when such a course is pursued, are as won-derful to him, that is the actor, as they to those who contemplate his mar-

vellous success. The most remarkable thing about a prosperous career is the special Providence it seems to enjoy, the remarkable privileges that are naturally granted, the pecularly small incidents that are the turning points to success. The of such favor recognizes it, knows it, appreciating that the Lord is using his humble services mightily for His own manifest glory. It is not his to be disobedient to his heavenly vision, if he is to overcome. It is not his to forget the grandeur of his privilege if he is to gain recognition. It is his to follow the leading of the spirit, to accept the heavenly guidance, to remem his Master when he hears the call.

There is no justice in saying "I do not ee it," when the eyes are turned away see it, when the eyes are turned away deliberately from the object. There is no honesty in saying "I do not hear the message," when the ears were willfully stopped so as not to catch the heavenly music. There is no sincerity in saying "I do not feel the demands of the general of plantenesses," when of the gospel of righteousness, the heart has been persistently hardfrom you only a few days ago. It was lying on your desk and was taken by—by—'he stopped, his voice trembling. 'Well,' said Mr. Halsey, sternly, 'who was it, sir? You?' A close

observer would have noticed a twinkle than is popularly supposed. Instances are against me," when the necesof hardship, we are willing to concede, sary effort has not been put forth, do occasionally arise under the operation of this rule, but they are less frences has not been shown, when the laws of obedience to truth and of co-opera tion with others have been entirely omitted. God does some things that man may be able to do other things. God never does all that is necessary to be done. He leaves to man his part entirely in carrying out the providences received. It takes both God and man to make a life masterfully successful in the highest and best respects. It is supreme folly to refuse the partnership and not accent the glorious certainty of a cumulative career—such come as the providence of nplish.—Homer H. Seer-

#### Cardinal Newman.

Sir Rowland Blennerhasset contrib-uted to a recent number of the Cornhill some very interesting reminiscences of the late Cardinal Newman. Nothing could well be simpler than the daily routine of the great Cardinal's life. Even when far advanced in years he was wont to rise as early as 5 a. m He said his daily Mass at 7, had break 9 a m. There he remained, working unceasingly, till 2 or 3 p.m. After a light lunch the Cardinal generally went for a walk, or called to see people with whom he had business dealings. He dined at 6, vas in his study again by 7 and after a ong day's work retired to rest about 0. It was the Cardinal's desire that friends should treat him, even after is elevation to the purple, as they used the olden days. He had a horror of anything approaching obsequiousness, and had hoped to live and die a simple priest. Some years before he was created a Cardinal i was proposed in Rome that some eccle siastical distinction should be conferred upon him. This offer was made through is friend, Father Ambrose St. John, who was then resident in Rome. But Newman wired him at once to the foldecorations for me." Herein we catch a glimpse of the retiring character of owing effect: "Above all things, no the man. His one desire was to serve the sacred cause of Holy Church to the

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