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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. A May Blossom.

In my dim room, above the city street. I sai at work. . . yet, all about me grew Bricht reaches of the fields, so cool, so sweet I heard the pretty talk of building birds, Joem, for which no poet hath found words, And whit of wings, that swept the sunshin

And whit of wings, that swept the sunshine through. I fell soft touches of the wind, at play. Lift from my tired brow loose slips of hair. And kiss my check.... the tear that trem-bled there. Oh. strangest charm !.... I did not dream, but still The marice of a dream entranced the day. Some one had placed upon my window sill a tiny erystal cup, and in it lay A single white sweet blossom of the May !

A Quick Temper.

What did you say? That you had a quick temper, but were soon over it ; and that it was only a word and a blow with you sometimes, but you were always sorry as soon as it was over? Ably my how that was the way with

Ah! my boy, that was the way with People almost seem to pride Cain. themselves on having quick tempers, as though they were not things to be ashamed of, and fought against. God's word does not take your view of it, for it says expressly that "he that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, that "better is he that ruleth his own spirit than he that taketh a city;" and " anger rest-eth in the bosom of fools."

A man who carries a quick temper about with him is much like a man who rides a horse which has the trick of running away. You would not care to own a runaway horse, would you?

When you feel the fierce spirit rising do not speak until, you can speak calmly, whatever may be the provocation. Words do lots of mischief. Resolve, as God helps you, that you will imitate Our Saviour who was always gentle, and when He was reviled reviled not again.

A Hero of Our Day.

Many years ago there was a great fire, which burned down a large part of the city of Chicago. Hundreds of homes were swept away, and many strange events occurred while the flames were raging. A rich lady was hurrying through the crowd of frightened people and trying to save a few of her household goods. She saw a small boy and called him to her, say-ing : "Take this box, my boy, and do not part with it for an instant until I see you again. Take care of it and I will reward you well."

The boy took the box and the lady turned back to save some more of her goods, if possible.

Soon the crowd came rushing between them, and they were separated. All that night and the next day passed. The lady took refuge with friends out-side the city, and heard nothing more of boy or box. Her diamonds, a large amount of jewelry and all her valuable papers were in the box, and of course she was in great distress at losing them.

But on Tuesday night a watchman found the boy sitting on the box and almost buried in the sand and dirt that had fallen about him. He had been there all through the long hours without food or shelter. At times he had covered himself with sand to escape the terrible fiames. The poor child was almost dead with fright and fatigue, but had never once thought of deserting the precious box that had been en trusted to his care. Of course, he was amply rewarded by the grateful lady, but the boy who could be so faithful to a trust would be rich and noble without any gift .- Catholic Youth

Childish Faith.

more. At a fair held there for the benefit of a church a little girl named Rose had worked very hard while the fair was in progress to sell various things that were intrusted to her. A doil was at one of the booths that was to be voted to the most popular little girl, and Rose was, amongst others, a candidate for this prize. The child was very anxious to possess the lovely doll, which seemed to her the most beautiful thing in the world. On the evening of the drawing little Rose could hardly wait, but when the numbers began to be read off it was noticed that she was not around. Some one went to look after her and found her in a part of the room where the crowd was least on her knees say ing over a little childish prayer which begged that the doll baby might be sent to her. The sight brought tears to the eyes of those who saw and lis-Just as she finished the word tened. was sent among her friends that Rose indeed, earned the doll, and a second latter, so touched was everyone with her childish faith, it was hurriedly snatched from the table and put in her Happiness beamed all over her arms. baby face as she carried her treasure around the room, and everybody who saw her was as glad as she was that she had got is.

-New York Post. A Lesson in Politeness. The following anecdote, culled from

an exchange, illustrates the power of a kind word uttered in recognition of the simplest service :

did not disturb the rest of his mistress."

Several winters ago a woman was coming out from a public building where the heavy doors swung back and møde egress somewhat difficult. little street urchin sprang up to the rescue, and as he held open the door, she said "Thank you," and passed

on. "D'ye hear that?" said the boy to a companion standing near him. No ; what?

"Why, that lady said 'Thank ye' to the likes o' me."

Amused at the conversation, the lady turned and said to the boy: "It al-ways pays to be polite, my boy; remember that."

Years passed away, and last December, when doing her Christmas shop-ping, this same lady received exceptional courtesy from a clerk in Boston which caused her to remark to a friend

who was with her: "What a great comfort to be civilly treated once in a while-though I don't know that I blame the store clerks for being rude during the holidays."

The young man's quick ear caught the words, and he said :

" Pardon me, madam, but you gave me my first lesson in politeness a few years ago.

The lady looked at him in amaze ment. while he related the little for gotten incident and told her that that simple "Thank you" awakened his ambition to be something in the world. He went and applied for a situation as office boy in the establishment where he was now an honest and trusted clerk

Only two words, dropped into the treasury of a street conversation, but they yielded returns most satisfactory.

Consult Your Parents, Girls.

Girls should never forget for one moment that no being on earth takes so deep and true an interest in their welfare as does their father or mother. Their advice springs ever from the very soul of affection, pure as the love of God Himself, and their command should be obeyed as the command of God. As sin brings its inevitable punishment even on this earth, so disobedience of the parents is sure to be followed by sorrow and often shame. A girl may say, in the pride of her budding woman hocd, that she is such an age, and can judge for herself,she may be even guilty of irreverence of thinking of her parents as "old fashioned" or "old fogyish,"but at such times she knows not what she savs She is blinded and led away by the youthful passions; the parents are guided by the soul-light in which they have enshrined her, and they can see the breath of evil-the faintly approaching mist of misfortune that steals into the clarified spiritual atmosphere with which their pure love has surrounded her. Let girls honor and their fathers and their mothers. and their days will not only be long but happy and lead to an eternal hap piness hereafter. As the first glass o whisky often proves the ruin of the boy, so too the first deliberate disobedi ence of the girl to her parents may lead her to ruin and misery.

Keep Young, Girls.

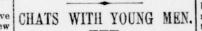
"Mother wants to keep me a baby until I am twenty," pouted a girl of A pretty little story comes from Balti- fourteen, whose wise mother wanted to have her retain the loosely flowing locks and the youthful simple garments suitable to her years for a couple of seasons longer.

formation was not gathered at the corner grocery, but from the great books of the world. Their ideas were not contracted to the fashion of the cross-road neighborhood or the tene-ment block ; their vision of the world was not shut in by Black Bass creek or the limits of a parish ; their knowledge of man was not confined to a ward election or a county fair, but their conversance with books made them masters of the wisdom of other times and other places ; the familiars of the great thinkers, teachers, philosophers, wits, and statesmen whose ideals, successes and wisdom they made part of their

own experience. In that manner they gathered ideas and purposes of their own. They were thus inspired with ambition, and the wisdom to work upwards to the ends they sought. This will appear from a close study of the lives of truly success

ful men. Books did a great deal for them. A taste for reading was the most valuable element of their education, whether their education stopped at the common school or projected beyond it. The moral is that a people's institu-

tions fail in a very important respect if this element in the intellectual and moral up-raising of the people is deficient.-Exchange.



To be at work, to do things for the world, to turn the currents of things about us at our will, to make our existence a positive element, even though it be no bigger than a grain of sand in this great system where we live-that is a new joy of which the idle man knows no more than the mole knows of sunshine, or the serpent of the eagle's triumphant flight into the upper air. The man who knows, indeed, what it is to act, to work, cries out: "This alone is to live."-Philip Brooks.

A Place to Fill.

There is always some place that every young man can fill better than any one else, and he may fill it in his own way, by being always true to him-self and to his God.

Don't. Don't go around looking for trouble unless you really want to find it. Don't talk too much ; a stiff lower jaw is as useful as a stiff upper lip. Don't think because riches have wings that they're bound to fly your

Don't think because a man does you a favor that he's under everlasting obligations to you.

What to Read.

Are you deficient in taste? Read the best English poets, such as Thomp son, Gray, Goldsmith, Pope, Cowper

Coleridge, Scott and Wordsworth. Are you deficient in imagination? Read Milton, Akenside, Burke and

Shakespeare. Are you deficient in powers of reasoning? Read Chillingworth, Bacon and Locke.

Are you deficient in judgment and good sense in the common affairs of life ? Read Franklin.

Are you deficient in sensibility a Read Goethe and Mackenzie.

Are you deficient in political knowl Read Montesquieu, the Feder edge

alist, Webster and Calhoun. Are you deficient in conscience

and Hunolt's works. Are you deficient in anything?

THE CATHOLIC RECORD These men read. Their fund of in- fails to come up to them. In character and achievement he expects much from himself, and is too brave to make excuses for his own failings that he would not make for his neighbor. It is healthful to be uncharitable with ourselves. There is no habit more pernicious and demoralizing than the one of self-excusing. It is a tonic to our selfrespect to require the uttermost of our lives, and to deal faithfully with ourselves when we fall short of the mark To believe in ourselves, and to exact from ourselves the best, is a source of inspiration and strength. He who expects little from himself will attain less.

Resorts for Young Men.

"Some organized effort should be made by the reverend clergy to keep our boys together after leaving the parochial school. Literary institutes possess little attraction for lads between same fourteen and eighteen years of age Besides, these societies are primarily instituted for full grown men. Sodali ties, indeed, are doing a great amount of good among our young people, but pious guilds which hold meetings only

once a week do not appeal with any special force to a certain class which we should be most anxious to hold "What is particularly needed for our boys-call them young men if you will-is a spacious and well-appointed

building in each parish where they may congregate every evening under the supervision of a priest possessed of patience, tact, earnestness, good tem-per, cheerfulness. There the work of the school may be continued by organ izing classes in commercial arithmetic, bookkeeping, stenography, etc. There habits of neatness and gentlemanly deportment may be encouraged and youthful energies directed into proper channels, there a taste for good read ing may be cultivated and a real love for knowledge and literature engen dered : there rational amusements may be indulged in and hours spent pleas antly which might be otherwise not

fully employed. 'These boys will assemble in crowds somewhere, and it should be our aim to furnish them with a meeting-place where their religion and morals may be safe-guarded. The boy of to-day will be the man of to-morrow, and the man of to-morrow will exert a mighty

influence for good or evil. The work of providing these evening homes for our boys will involve the outlay of money and will demand unremitting labor on the part of the clergy, but such a work must be undertaken and successfully carried on if we would save numbers of our boys to society and the Church. The organization of alumni associations such as I speak of will do much to arrest the leakage which undoubtedly exists."-The Cath-

olic Columbian.

A Millionaire's Advice. Mr. John D. Rockefeller gives this advice in an address to some young men : "I have brought with me to-night

to show you young men a little book-the first ledger I kept. The practice 5 of keeping a personal ledger by young ty and men just starting in business, men just starting in business, and earning money and requiring to learn its value is, I think, a good one. In the first struggle to get a footing I kept my accounts in this book, and also some memoranda of little incidents that seemed to me important. In after years I found that bock and brought it to New York. It is more than forty two years since I wrote what it contains. I High-Read some of Newman's, Manning's years since I wrote what it contains. I call it Ledger A, and now I place the greatest value upon it. I have thought that it would be a little help I have to some of you young men if I read one or two extracts from this ledger. When I read it through it brought to my mind remembrances of the care with which I used to record my little items of reeipts and disbursements-matters, I think, which many of you young men are rather careless over. It does not look like a modern ledger, does it? But you could not get that book from me for all the modern ledgers in New York, nor for all that they would bring. It shows largely what I received and what I paid out during my first year of business. It shows that from Sept. 26, 1855, until Jan. 1, 1856, I received \$50. Out of that I paid my washerwoman and the lady I boarded with, and I saved a little money to put away. Among other things, I find that I gave a cent to the Sundayschool every Sunday. That is not a very large sum, is it? But that was all the money I had to give for that particular object. I was also giving to several other religious objects, and what I could afford to give, I gave regularly, as I was taught to do, and has been a pleasure to me all my life to do so. "I had a large increase in my revenue the next year. It went up to \$25 amonth. I paid my own bills, and al-



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ways had a little something to give away, and the happiness of saving some. In fact, I am not so independ BELLEVILLE ent now as I was then. I did not make any obligations I could not meet. BUSINESS lived within my means: and my advice COLLEGE Established 1889. to you young men is to do just the Students have a larger earning power who equire the following lines of preparation inder our efficient system of training. It as no superior:

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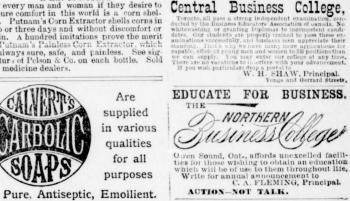
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This complaint is very frequently heard coming from the lips of maiden who are to be envied owing to their adorable youth, the very thing they despise. The rosy flush, the sligh figure, the clear eyes will never be-The rosy flush, the slight long to them but once. Once only can a woman be young. She may in time a woman be young. She may in time be a glorified saint, but she will never again be a girl. Do not forget this, oh, ye young ones so anxious to put behind you the one period of your existence when the sun shines as it never will again, and when the birds sing with a sweeter meaning than will be heard when the morning has passed and high noon with the greater heat and pressure of the burdens of life has rushed upon you. Isn't every young thing sweeter and purer than the world-hardened older ones of the same Look at the lambs at play. species? note the tender green leaves that shoo out in their innocent verdure from the old winter seasoned branches. Kittens and chicks and young birds are the most appealing creatures, and when one comes to babies there never can be in all this lovely world anything quite so sweet and lovable as a dear little

dimpled cooing baby. Therefore, girls, stay young. You

may have to bear some inconveniences of restraint owing to your extreme youth, but the time will come when you will long for these incidentals of the youthfulness that will have passed away from you forever.

Men Who Read.

Risen from the ranks. Poor boy be comes rich man. Little schooling, nevertheless — statesman ! Cooper, Greeley, Lincoln,-the procession is We have them paraded beendless. fore us to excite our emulation. Exemplars for our youth. Careers calemplars for our yound, culture determined out to stir our ambition, etc. But how did they rise? Discover for us the ladder. Primarily, the cause lay in the fact that they had brains. But brains are like success and riches, --not to be had by mere wishing. Where did these men get their brains, their ideas, their mighty

Read the Bible with the aid of a good Commentary.

How Much Are You Worth a Pound? How much is your body worth to vou ?

If you are a millionaire you are very likely to answer that your body is worth wealth untold. If you are a street-sweeper you don't place a very exalted estimate on it. There is a way to ascertain just how much your body is worth to you, figuring on the basis that all the wealth of the world is the product of labor.

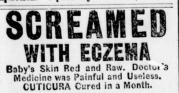
The more money a man can produce each year the more valuable, of course, is his body to him. The less money a man can produce the less valuable is his The railroad president's body body is worth a vast fortune. On the other extreme, the body of a tramp, a criminal, a lunatic or a beggar is worth literally less than nothing.

The poor laborer who is prone to imagine himself of very little use in the world and his body of little benefit to anyone will be surprised to know that he is in the possession of a handsome legacy, from which, by the proper ex ercise of his hands, he draws a yearly interest. - Catholic Columbian.

Demand the Best in Yourself.

None of us expect enough from our selves. Excuses for our own lacks and mistakes are easy to find, and we usually find them. How can we expect our lives to become strong and ex cellent when we deal with them in this fashion-which to speak bluntly-is lazy and cowardly? The greatest dishonesty in the world is dishonesty with ourselves. We seldom look squarely at our lives and ask for a rendering of accounts. Not often do we take our selves to task for our inefficiencies We will not face the truth when it is the truth about ourselves.

The person whose life develops into its best is the one who holds himself rigorously and sternly to his possibili-He is more frank at condemning ties. failings in himself than at condemning those in his neighbor. Of his life he demands the best. He requires great things of himself. His ideals and his aspirations are exalted, and he seriously brings himself to book when he



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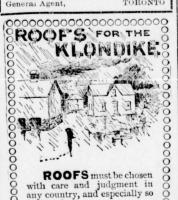
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