OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A Becret I saw a violet's face to day
Peep out from 'neath a stone,
And close to it I knelt to lay
My cheek against its own,

And whisper: "Tell me, little one, With thy brave tender face, How could you struggle to the sun In this ungracious place?

"An exile from thy kin and kith
To bear so brave a part!
How could you live, my sweet one, with
This stone upon your heart?

"Why doth the laughter in thine eyes Bring sudden tears to mine?

Is't that I see an anguish wise,

Brave patience, dear, in thine?

"Thy sweetness—did the stone upon Thy heart give this to thee? Tell me the secret little one, I'll guard it lovingly."

The violet seemed to closer draw My cheek amid the moss;
The tenderest Face man ever saw
Looked out from 'neath a cross.'

Longfellow and the Children. The great poet was always fond of children. He loved not only those of his own family, but all the little folk : and there were many children who visited him often, and were always entertained by Longfellow with great kindness. Mrs. Annie Fields gives us an extract from her husband's diary, which tells how one of the poet's small friends tried to show his affection in a practical way:
"I remember there was one little

boy, of whom he was very fond, and who came often to see him. One day the child looked earnestly at the long rows of books in the library, and at length asked: 'Have you Jack, the Giant-Killer?' Longfellow was obliged to confess that his library did not contain that venerated volume. The little fellow looked very sorry, and presently slipped down from the poet's knee, and went away; but the next morning Longfellow saw him coming up the walk with something tightly clasped in his little fists. The child had brought two cents, with which Longfellow was to buy a 'Jack the Giant Killer ' of his own.'

There was once a rich merchant, says the Ave Maria, who was traveling with a caravan of goods over a desert country. Night was coming on, and brigands abounded; so he great haste, wishing to reach his des-But as he hurried his weary animals on he saw a boy sitting by the road-

side.
"What is the matter?" called the "I have a thorn in my foot," an-

swered the young pilgrim, "and can go no farther." Then the merchant, forgetting the danger, stopped and extracted the thorn from the wounded foot, and gave

the boy a piece of gold. Years went on, and the merchant found himself in Paradise.

"Why do I have so many roses," he asked an angel, "when others more deserving have so few?" ' said the angel, "the "Because," said the angel, "the grew and grew until it became a rose

tree, and the roses are yours : for one good deed done on earth is returned sevenfold in Paradise.

Things Children Should Know.

The proper form for introducing

How to greet a hostess and those receiving at a reception or entertainment and how to take leave.

That it is not good form to appear absent minded in company. That one never congratulates a

bride at a wedding, but wishes her happiness. The bridegroom is the one e congratulated. Younger children should be taught

that it is not polite to take seats at the table before other members of the family have done so, but to remain standing beside the chair until all have as

That it is necessary to observe the rules of table etiquette strictly at every

Do not forget to teach the children to say good night to each other, as well as to older members of the family, when they go to bed. It is seldom they will do it of their own accord, because com radeship and equality render them thoughtless of little courtesies.

Familiar use has robbed the phrase of its significance, but every child should know that God and good spring from the same root, with the same meaning. "Good-bye" is "Good be with you," and the old-fashioned phrase, "Good night to you," is "God

guard the night to you. It may, perhaps, have a different for the children if they know this, and perhaps the homely phrase will come more readily for each other.

Perseverance.

When I first went to school my teacher would say, if a scholar became perplexed and used those ready words, "I can't"—"I fat first you don't succeed, try, try again." The virtue of this little proverb is not fully appreci-

Did not Robert Bruce take advice from the spider, and surely that tiny insect proved the truth of this saying when he swung so many times from beam to beam and succeeded after many attempts to complete his web.

We all know the value of the great Atlantic cable. How many messages are sent from continent to continent through mighty ocean depths, bringwonders were accomplished through at once.

the energy of the late Cyrus W. Field. Five times did he try without avail, but at last he succeeded, giving to the world his wonderful invention. Had he given up at his early attempts what would have been the results?

Many battles have been fought, such s the battles of Saratoga, Gettysburg and Chattanooga, which would have been lost but for untiring persever-

If at school a problem, quite difficult. to your lot, do not asy : do it "but remember the motto:

"I'll try, is a soldier, I will, is a king. I will, is a king.
Be sure they are near
When the school bells ring
When school days are over
And boys are men,
I'll try and I will,
Are good things then,"

Only a Cabin Boy.

A big battle was being fought between the English and Datch navies Sir John Narborough was the English admiral, and the masts of his ship had been shot away almost directly after the fighting began. In spite of the greatest care and the most splendid pravery, Sir John saw that the English must be beaten unless he could get help. There were a few ships some distance off to the right, but they were to act as a reserve, and would not enter into the battle without message from him.

Sir John stood a moment considering how the message could be sent. It was not possible to signal; there was only one way-the message must be

carried. The admiral wrote his order, telling the reserve to come and help him at once; then he called for any one who was willing to be the messenger.

Think of the scene a moment, and then you will understand what a brave heart was needed for the ser-Below was the sea; around, above, in it, there rained a heavy shower of bullets. The long swim would be trying enough, but to swim with the chance of being shot every minute was terrible. Yet many sailors came forward at their admiral's call ready to risk their lives for their country's good.

They were all grown-up men, and they must have stared in wonder as of the cabin boys, Cloudesley Shovel, said:

"I can swim, sir; and if I am shot I shall be missed less than any one

After a moment's hesitation the paper was handed to the boy, who put it between his teeth and sprang overoard. How the men watched him as long as he could be seen! He reached the reserve ships in safety, and, as they went into action at once, a victory was gained by the English

When the sun was setting Cloudesly Shovel stood once more upon the admiral's ship, and received his heartiest thanks.

"I shall live to see you have a flag ship of your own," he said. The admiral's words came true, for

the brave cabin boy became Sir Cloudesley Shovel, one of the greatest British admirals.

Language Among Dogs.

The most remarkable evidence that animals can talk to each other was witnessed near Lawrence, Kansas, a few days ago on the farm of Wm. Seymour. Seymour has two dogs which are accustomed to remain in the barns and have become firm friends with the people.

That the gentleman is presented to the lady, and never the lady to a gentleman.

The double an extent has this dollar watch may lose or gain a couple of minutes, but the difference is not of importance to the average man. The one may last a couple of lifetimes, immediately on their return they rush together and rub noses and give other evidence of delight at meeting.

The dogs and horses go to the pasture together and return home at evening in company. This remarkable and close friendship has been noted by many and much commented upon, but the climax was reached when one of the dogs came rushing from a smal piece of timber about half a mile from the barn. He ran hurriedly up to the other dog and whined and barked in a queer manner and then ran to the

The second dog at once jumped to his feet and started off on a run to the woods as fast as he could go. The first dog hunted around the place until he found Mr. Seymour, and then by barks and strange antics attracted his attention and started back toward the tim-

Mr. Seymour paid little attention to him until he was told what had occurred at the barn, where the two dogs apparently held conversation, and then he followed to the woods. The dog went straight into the woods, and there Mr. Seymour found that one of his horses had fallen down in a small watercourse, which was so narrow and steep that it was impossible for the

animal to rise. The horse was lying perfectly still, while the second dog was sitting by its head licking its face and showing by its attentions that it intended to comfort the horse all that was in its power. The fact that the horse was lying in an out of the way place, with the additional fact that the second dog did not hesitate, but went directly to where it had fallen, was plain evidence of the fact that the first dog had told the story and given directions for finding the horse that was in trouble.

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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Each little star that twinkles every night has a work to perform, and as it burns, giving forth its rays of light, it offers its incense to the Great Creator. So, too, each man on earth has a work to complete, and according as he brings forth the fruit of it he offers it as a tri bute to his Maker. - Mae Clairmont in Leaflets from Loretto.

Ashamed of his Job.

The young man who is ashamed of his honorable business-even though his work may seem drudgery-may one day wake up to find his business ashamed of him. But he will probably have more sense when he begins to work in his new position-if he gets

Honest through Expediency.

"Honesty is the best policy" is too often quoted and followed by men who would as soon be dishonest if that were the best policy to get dollars or ease or standing in society. The honest man is honest because he is honest clear through and not for expediency.

It is impossible for one who never goes wrong nor makes a mistake, nor commits a blunder, to know just how to be sorry for an erring one. We must be sorry for an erring one. stumble ourselves before we can really judge of the hardships of a rough road and the frailty of weary feet. When I hear human paragons dilating upon the shocking behaviour of So and So, or the quite too dreadful scandal connected with another name, I want to say: "Who are you that you should constitute yourself judge? Wait until you have walked over the stones and bidden fruit to find it ashes and corroding flame upon your tougue, before you sit in judgement upon sinners, exhibition of the revised manual of your own excellent behavior is not going to do sinners good any more than the reading of a new time table is going to save victims who are ground all to pieces in a collision caused by a belated train." True character is first tender, then helpful, and afterwards reformatory.

Bicycles. While the makers of the best bicycles are keeping their prices about the hundred-dollar mark, a good bicycle can be bought this year for less money than ever before. In view of the enormous productive capacity of the actories, big and little, in this country, and of the constantly increasing competition, some dealers look for even lower prices this season, or at any rate next year. They expect that the standard price for a serviceable wheels will eventually be as low as \$20 or \$25. Even at the present time jobbers wil complete sets of bicycle parts all ready to be assembled for as low as \$15 or \$16, and it is asserted that there is no difficulty in the task of assembl ing the parts that is above the skill of an ordinary mechanic. In the opinion of these dealers, the bicycle trade is growing analogous to the watch business. You can buy a watch for business. You can buy a watch fo \$500, and it will be worth the money or you can buy one for \$5 which, for al practical purposes, will be just as good as the other. The five hundred dollar watch may vary only a few seconds in a month, while the fivewhile the other will be worn out in a couple of years, but the difference in price will enable the owner of the cheap watch to buy a new one when ever the old shows signs of breaking down. Dealers say that the same considerations apply to bicycles nowa days.

Had the Preparation,

Much surprise was once awakened in a quiet New England village by the appointment of a rather retiring young man to a position of great responsibility, which returned a large salary. The old village esquire, when he read of it, thought the matter out of order, and taking his cane went over to call on the student.

"Foreign bookkeeper are you? And to that great firm whose goods go to all the markets of the world? never seemed to amount to much be-fore. Was it luck? Or how did it happen?"

It came to me." "How? Such things do not fall from the sky. Did you not apply for

it, or scheme for it in any way?"

"No—I did nothing but study." "Had influential friends?" " No : my friends are simple people. "Then how did you of all persons

ret the position with such a salary and opportunity?" 'An agent of the firm asked the principal of the Scientific School where I had been studying to give him the name of the student who he considered place. Then the agent came to me, and said, 'You have the preparation for a place that I am about to offer I suppose I was given the place, because he thought that I had the preparation for it. I have been a hard student for years, and have tried to

prepare myself for useful work."
"Had the preparation for it!" said the old gentleman, as he turned away. ' Well, it is about so, I guess, in most things in life. The best places come to those who have best preparation, and the world somehow finds those who are best prepared for any special thing. Such do not need to apply.

'Had the preparation for it! Just so;

There is great temptation in these days of impetuous execution of purposes to abandon a chosen pursuit as soon as obstacles project themselves across one's pathway. Many a young person, having aspirations for a liter ary career and fancying that with s fair amount of effort success would be achieved, has soon allowed unexpected difficulties to dampen his ardor and drive him from his purposed pursuit. The great lack in such ones is persist

ence of application. It is this supremely important qual ity, coupled with good mental furnishings, which has characterized the young men who have risen to eminence in various callings. With unabated persistence they applied themselves to the tasks of their chosen pursuits, allowing no obstacle to baffle their endeavor nor divert them from their purposes. Discouragements they had, but these served to make the workers more than ever determined to accomplish triumphantly the object to

their high ambition. Of the celebrated John Dalton of England, one of the greatest chemists in the world, it is said that "he would not allow that he had discovered any thing except through the power of con tinuous and patient industry which he had brought to bear upon the subject. At an anniversary meeting of the med ical school at Manchester he said:
"With regard to myself I shall only school at Manchester he said say, seeing so many gentlemen presen who are pursuing their studies, that if I have succeeded better than many who surround me, in the different walks of life, it has been chiefly-nay, I may say almost solely-from unwearied assuperior genius that one man possess over another, but more from attention to study and perseverance in the objects before them that some men rise to greater eminence than others. This it is, in my opinion, that makes one man succeed better than another.' Let every young person desirous of making the most of himself heed well

Hints on Bathing for the Healthy

these words of a great man.

The best time to bathe is after exercise, and a bath of some kind, a sponge bath at least, should be taken each day Make it one of your regular habits to take enough exercise each day to cause the body to perspire freely, and then follow this exercise with the graded sponge bath. The feeling of health and strength gained by this one good habit alone will more than repay you for the trouble, if it is trouble for you to acquire the habit. The Greeks thought that exercise and bathing were inseparable, and we cannot improve any in this respect. creases the circulation of the blood. and the blood, while it feeds the tissues, at the same time drives the impurities of the body to the outside of the skin.

The bathing removes the impurities.

The graded sponge bath is the mos satisfactory for daily use, and is the most beneficial when taken immediately after exercise. Sponge the body for a few minutes with warm water and then let cold water run into your basin of warm water. Quickly spouge off with this cooling water until your system cries out enough. Then dry the body thoroughly with a coarse towel.

Take the bath in a warm room and where no draught of air will strike

When taking a sh allow the shower to fall directly upon the head. In the weekly tub bath use nothing

but the best of soap and do not soak in the warm water longer than five minutes. Long warm baths weaken the system. End the bath with a quick, cool-water bath and you won't take

Bathing will increase the activity of the pores of the skin, and a daily cool bath, not over a minute long, with lots of rubbing, will strengthen weak lungs.

Hand-shower douche and salt-water bathing will help varicose veins and also strengthen weak parts of the body 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness, and we have no good excuse for not keeping our bodies clean.

AN EMINENT FRENCHMAN ON ON THE CHURCH.

The article which follows is from the introduction to M. Brunetiere's article in the Revue des Deux Mondes entitled "Catholicism in the United States ":

'Among the phenomena characteristic of this closing century I know not one more interesting, more significant in every respect, or, indeed, more paradoxical, than the development Catholicism in the United States. How is it that a communion which one hundred and twenty five years ago was little more than one-hundredth of the population of the United States had the best preparation for such a thirty or forty thousand souls in about three millions of the inhabitants-has become the seventh of the whole number, nine or ten millions in a popula tion not yet reaching sixty-five milnominations constituting one of the most religious of nations this one has become the most numerous and very nearly the most opulent? How is it that upon this vast territory, where in 1789 but one episcopal see could be found, there are now eighty-eight; eight thousand priests, where then there were but thirty; six thousand churches, where in 1789 there were but ten? And to He turned back to his office under the resume the whole, how is it possible cool elms, saying as he went along, that a city founded by Protestant mer-

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the very essence of Catholicism.
"'The men of our day are little disposed to belief,' wrote Tocqueville sixty years ago, 'but as soon as they Business Brightness Brings Success. have any religion they perceive in themselves a hidden instinct that pushes them toward Catholicism. added prophetically: 'If Catholicism should finally succeed in escaping from the political animosities it has aroused, I do not doubt that this same spirit of the century, seemingly so opposed to it, would become very favorable to it and that it would make new conquests.' This is what has been seen in the United States of America."

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Those who work not for Christ, work against Him. The world's great want is men to live for Christ.

MR. BARBER'S ESCAPE.

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