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In the Easter number of "Donahoe's," Dr. B. F. De Costa, now as famous as a Catholic lecturer and writer, as he had formerly been noted as an eminent Anglican divine, has a fairly long essay, under the heading "Young Men and Personal Service." Dr. De Costa's style is highly polished, as all who have read his works, or heard him lecture, are aware; he is brim-full of classical erudition and has a happy faculty of unearthing names, facts, scenes, or legends from beneath the deepening crust of antiquity, and so associating them with every-day nineteenth century affairs, that the illustrations are most striking. Besides this charm of literary form, his long experience of life as an Anglican clergyman, has made him almost an authority upon certain subjects that are common alike to Protestants and Catholics. In the present case, the training of young men, their performance or neglect of parochial duties, the causes of religious indifference so prevalent at present, and the remedies against the evil. may be treated most truthfully and effectively, both in regard to Protestant and Catholics. The same indifference exists amongst young men in both camps; in many cases the causes are identical; and, while the remedies are the same, or should be the same, still as a Catholic writer, hestates them in a very different form from that in which he would have done when a minister and addressing himself only to Protestants. Without referring to the compari-

son made between the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus after their slumber in awakening, and the same Sleepers awakening in our day —which is certainly a striking way of bringing the "zeal" "frigid," the "love" "cold," and the "paganism" of modern times before our eyes-we will briefly state, or allow him to state, the causes of the religious indifference of which he complains amongst young men of the present.

Truthfully, the writer says: "The subject presents phenomenal difficul-ties, and only its importance leads one to attempt its discussion. It involves much that is perplexing and contradictory." Of the apparent paradoxes in the character of the young man we need say nothing, as they may serve more to confuse than to enlighten the mind of the reader auxious to seize the essence of the

The first cause of this indifference, according to Dr. De Costa, is "Se-cularism." By this he means working and living for the world; the forcing of things material to the front to the prejudice of things spiritual. He makes secularism say "Seek last the Kingdon of God, if there be any God.' For itself, secularism worships Mammon, making the acquisition of wealth a sufficient aim for the soul. Commerce is set before mankind as the one great civil-

The other causes of this indifference, as set down by Dr. De Costa, are overwork, failure to discover the beautiful side of life, a false atmosphere, bad literature, and the absence of the true spirit of chivalry. Without touching upon the remedies against this evil-the principal one of which is a closer union with God in the sacraments-we would have sufficient material in the few points just mentioned for whole pages of comment. To deal with the entire article would require an essay as lengthy as any of Macaulay's. We will, therefore, for the present con-fine ourselves to a few brief remarks upon the first mentioned - secular-

In explanation of the peculiar condition of certain minds, which are entirely centred upon either the amassing of wealth, political honors, or some other grand object entirely at variance with spiritual ends, the writer has the following paragraph:

Imperiect training stands connected with many failures, and parents, in their measure, are responsible; for if the child is trained up in the way he should go, he will not depart from it, any more than will the elephant or dog."

With portion of this we agree; with portion of this we agree; with portion of it we are not in accord. He says true: "The full remedy for this evil therefore goes back to childhood. Yet it should not stop even there, It may antedate by long years the child's birth" long years the child's birth."

It is true that young men — as a rule—are what the older men make them. Precept and example are two

powerful factors in the formation of character. It is often the case that weaknesses, which eventually develop into passions with young men, are inherited from antecedents fathers, grand-fathers, and even great-grand-fathers—but they may be checked, kept under control, even made subservient, through good, judicious training in younger days. The child is naturally imitative; he will soon learn to copy that which he sees and hears around him; the youth is impressionable, and he will imperceptibly fall into the manners. actions, expressions, sentiments and equally the ideas or principles of his superior, his senior, the one to whom he should look up for direction. So far we are in harmony with Dr. De Costa. But we beg to differ with him on the applicability of his comparison between the youth and an elephant, or a dog. Train an elephant or a dog, and he will forever follow out life in the same groove as that into which his animal activity has been turned. Not always so with the youth. The chances are that, if well trained, he will preserve throughout life the spirit infused into him by his early guardians. But he cannot be expected to move unceasingly in the same path.

On the contrary, the youth meets with temptations and evil influences. which could have no possible effect upon an elephant, or a dog. Besides, it is the instinct, natural to the brute creation, which keeps these animals from deviating-their long repeated drilling has clothed them, so to speak, with another na-

until old age and death overcome

On the contrary, the youth has not only the physical development to count upon: he has moreover, his moral training. One sensational paper, one bad book, one unsavory companion, one false step, one grave sin, and the son becomes at once, a mere victim of circumstances. The hereditary weakness which may have rested dormant within him, and might have so remained for long years to come, is suddenly startled into life, and its vitality is such that it expands despite all power, either at home, or abroad, to curtail its effects. So that the elephant or dog may remain on the same track, while if a child have only early training, without subsequent and continuous teaching, he is liable to shoot off into by-ways of indifference and sin.

"THE NOBLEST MIND

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OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL.

During the past three days the important and imposing ceremonies of vast concourse of devout citizens, in St. Mary's Church (Our Lady of Good Counsel), corner of Craig and Panet streets. Each evening, at eight o'clock, an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Heffernan; and tomorrow - Sunday, the 29th - His Grace, the Archbishop of Montreal. will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to the children of the parish that have been prepared for

the event. The touching legend of the mira-culous picture of "Our Lady of Good Counsel," which is preserved at Genazzano, near Rome, and a copy of which stands in the Montreal Church dedicated to the same Holy Mother, is beautifully told, in another place in this issue, by Miss O'Keefe. However, there are a few details concerning the wonderful and wonderworking image, which we will take the liberty of adding to her account

of the sacred story.

In the first place, as to the appearance and position of the image. It is a fresco that does not exceed eighteen inches in height, painted on a fragment of plaster, or cement of about the thickness of an ordinary card. Of all the artists and students of art who have examined the image, not one has been able to say when, or by whom the painting was done. Take for example, the image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help; it tells, of itself, both the style and the period, and possibly the very school to which it belongs; but that of Our Lady of Good Counsel cannot be thus located. It is unique of its kind; it is the work of an artist, either more than human, or else inspired. In four hundred and thirtythree years, the period of time it has

children are sick children. Their inactivity and sober faces are not in keeping with robust childhood. They lack vitality and resistive power, and are very susceptible to colds and contagious diseases.

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freshness. It still remains in midhind, or on any side, right over an ciency. She began her novel work unfinished wall of the chapel dedi- three years ago, when her cotton cated to Saint Blaise. This perpetual crop failed to bring good returns. miracle is public, for the world to Her peach trees were laden with investigate; and in four centuries and fruit, and she recognized the fact a third no one has dared dispute its that it would be wasted unless

truth. The picture represents the Mother it. She considered the matter for of God with the Infant Jesus. The several days, and then went to the Mother's appearance may be thus de- nearest town and consulted fruitscribed; a clear complexion, hair and dealers about buying her fruit. One eye-brows of a reddish gold, eyes grocer suggested a cannery, and said blue, large and deep, a Grecian nose, a high forehead, a small mouth would make her labels attractive which wonderfully closed, and a and sell her products at a reasonface more oval than round. Another able figure. She investigated canning fact worthy of note is the resemblance between Mother and Child. It labels, and notified all the women in recalls the words of St. Thomas of the neighborhood that she would not Villeneuve: "Jesus Christ was the pictory only buy all the fruit they could ture of His Holy Mother." Another pessage, but that she would hire asculiar thing in connection with the sistants. The first year of her venpicture is the changes that take ture she cleared \$650, her outlay beplace in the Mother's features, color, expression. They are as continuous as could be expected, but with every new emotion they change. While copies of the painting exist, none approach the original. Tosi, one of Rome's greatest painters, in the last century, stated that no copy ever yet approached the original.

DARK SIDE OF SPECULATION.

For uncounted ages it has been an accepted axiom that evil is quick and swift and good is slow and heavy of foot. All the world believes that the truth must labor long and painfully to overtake a lie. In the one field of business success or failure. however, the shining stories of great and sudden wealth far outstrip the less seductive chronicles of fading fortunes and ruinous reverses. Perhaps this proves the rule. Is it not a fundamental doctrine of philosophers that the lust of riches is a great and widespread evil? Certainly that is true when the avenue by which wealth is sought is the broad path to destruction which is known as margin speculation, and it is in that field of fierce struggles for spirit riches that the fortunes won most completely blot out of sight the fortunes lost. There is the place where the danger of forgetting what is disagreeable is most imminent and serious. For example, who notices the drop in the market value of stocks in a day of declining prices? Not one in every ten, surely, of the multitude that look with longing and wonder upon the spectacle of sudden wealth gained without effort which was when the price of securities rose so steadily and swiftly that any one who bought them, and did not wait too long, scored handsome profits. It is easy to overlook the news of dropping quotations. A declining market is not celebrated in the panot say much of their fate. Their like to hear. Yet prices may fall street speculators has fallen huna Triduum have been followed by a ther shrinkage. It is the side of speculation which ought never to be forgotten. - "Home Journal and

AN IRISH PALACE BUILDING.

In a circular sent by Col. James Moran to the Irish County Organization, of New York, regarding the erection of an Irish Hall, he says:-The time has arrived when legal action should be taken to further the project of the erection of an Irish Palace Building. There is already in bank the sum of \$40,000, under the Control of the General Treasurer. Colonel William L. Brown. Before a stock company can be organized there must be a sum of \$100,000 in the hands of the General Treasurer. Nevertheless, before that time you have the most important part of your undertaking to carry into effect, which is, the selection of a site. According to the conditions of the project, representatives of the Irish County Organizations are responsible for the selection of the site, its area or size, its cost, the style of building to be erected thereon, and the estimated cost of the same. As the projector of the said Irish Palace Building, I hereby ap-point Messrs, Farley, McGinn, Roddy and White, the four trustees appointed by me, to act as a site committee. They will add to their committee a majority of the presidents of the Lady's and Men's County organizations, which will be known as the Irish Palace Building Site Committee. The duties of such committee will be onerous and difficult; yet I know they will be discharged with ability. and patriotic energy. I have been tendered the services of an architect. who will co-operate with the Site Committee free of charge. The sites selected as available will be reported to the County Organizations. who, by their representatives will have the authority to choose the one on which the building will be erected. I take pleasure in announcing that when you have chosen the site, and the plan of construction, your friends, the patrons of the Irish Palace Building, and other prominent men friendly to the great project, will quickly raise the amount to \$100,000. The united efforts of the County Organizations of women and

A SOUTHERN WOMAN'S INDUSTRY.

men only can erect the building."

The Chicago "Times-Herald" describes the occupation of a young Georgia woman who last year cleared \$1,200 on her canned vegetables

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occupied its present position, it has and dried fruits. Larly in the sealost a shade of its original son she realized that the peach crop was a failure, so she canned tomaair; unsupported from below, be- toes and corn to make up the defikomething could be done to utilize he would give her orders if she establishments, ordered her cans and ing \$260. Every spring before the fruit season she visits the merchants in her territory, and easily receives all the orders that she can fill,

THE FRENCH ARMY.

Under the above title, a writer in the "Nineteenth Century" magazine says :-- The military law of the 15th of July, 1889, instituted in France compulsory service for all. Every able-hodied citizen, unless he is a student in a military college or has enlisted already of his own free! will, must join the colors as a private when he is twenty-one. The majority of the nation, which has now been used to conscription for a century, submits more or less kindly to the inevitable, and is even satisfied and proud of belonging, and especially of having belonged, to the army. But there are also some young men who deeply resent the unwelcome restraint of discipline, which they call slavery. Many a young student, fresh from the university and the free and easy life of the Quartier Latin, has ground his feeth in sullen rage when ordered about and soundly rated by some corporal or sergeant with rough manners and still rougher speech. Little wounds to "amour-propre caused by over-zealous non-coms are generally forgotten in the unalloyed pleasure of leaving the regiment, and most men Keep an indulgent remembrance of their bassage, through the army. Some, however, do not forget the humiliations, real or supposed. they underwent while serving; they do not refrain from making their presented last winter and last spring grievances public, and are quite general and the disgraceful conduct of Lieutenant A. or of Corporal B. in particular. Their books or articles are eagerly read abroad, where they disseminate extraordinary nopers. The men whose nominal for-tunes shrink fast and alarmingly do France. * * * * * * * * * * The first thing which absolutely stories are not the kind that people distinguishes the French Army from all others is that it represents the just as swiftly as they rise. Already nation in its entirety; it is a perfect the total value at current quota- microcosm where every class of citimicrocosm where every class of cititions of the stocks dealt in by Wall | zen is represented. Every able-bodied | Fill a | wide-mouthed | bottle | twoman must serve, and every soldier dreds of millions of dollars from the has a right to rise from the ranks highest point reached last year. The to the highest grade. Among the chances are that there may be fur-ther shrinkage. It is the side of spe-ly one which calls to arms "all" its

children without distinction. It is also the only nation which obliges all its soldiers-students, workmen, or peasants-to go through the same discipline and to share the same life while serving with the colors. Even those young men who choose the army as a career and succeed in entering the military colleges are bound to enlist for a period of three years. If they do not succeed in becoming officers they are drafted into an or-

DEATH IN THE SKIPPING ROPE.

dinary regiment without any special

privileges.

Little Tilly Mahon, an eleven-year-

week of spinal meningitis, the result of excessive indulgence in skipping the rope. The little girl died after only five hours' illness. HOW RELIEF CAME.

A WELLAND COUNTY MAN'S INTER-ESTING EXPERIENCE.

He Had Suffered for Years from Kidncy Trouble-Many Medicines Were Tried, but Failed - Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Saved Him.

Mr. James Upper, of Allenburg, is

a gentleman well known in Welland

County, Mr. Upper was proprietor of

the village hotel for over thirty

years, and no better landlord ever

catered to a traveller's wants. Mr.

Upper's acquaintance also extends over Ontario as a sequel to his prominence in Orange and Masonic circles. His present vogation is farming and in this calling he has been very successful. Mr. Upper has been a sufferer for years from kidney trouble, and began to think that good health had altogether passed him by, but the time came when he found a complete cure and is again strong. happy and vigorous. In regard to Mr. Upper's sickness and cure, he says -- 'In December of 1897 I was prostrated with a severe form of kidnev trouble. Previous to this I was slightly afflicted in the same way, but at this time matters came to a climax as the result of exposure and over-exertion. To say that I suffered does not express it; the pains in my back were terrible. I gradually grew worse and was compelled to keep my bed and for months 1 existed as though in a hideous dream. I had considerable nausca and loathing for food, was greatly reduced in desh. The pain daily grew more intolerable. I got little sleep; was left weak and exhausted, and despaired of getting well. Different remedies were tried without benefit. Finally I was persuaded to try Dr. liams' Pink Pills and procured six hoves. This was about March 1st 1898. I took the pills faithfully and at the end of two months I felt well and able to attend to my work. The following autumn I experienced a slight recurrence of the trouble, and again used a few boxes of the pills and now consider my cure complete as a year has since passed and A have not experienced a pain or ache. I am now able to follow farming pursuits with perfect case. My wife also speaks as warmly in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as I do. ready to avenge their wrongs by de- having used them for headache, disnouncing the evils of conscription in ziness and loss of appetite, the pulls always giving comfort and relief Since my illness I have learned that a good remedy is none the less good because its cost was so much less than I expected."

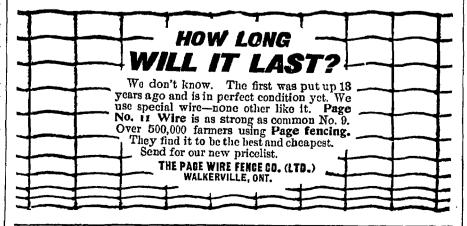
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