## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Mrs. Helman's Snapshots. "It's a real pleasure to call at the Masons," declared Ethel Holman, enthusiastically. "It's so different there from-from, well, I might's well confessit, from the way we live here," and Ethel laid on the table the last Dilineator, which she had just borrowed from

In what way, dear ?" asked Mrs. Holman, quietly, as she turned Tom's stocking, which she had been darning. We haven't the wealth-

"It isn't that, mother," interrupted Ethel. "It's-it's-I hardly know what to say; it's hard to express, but they have a fondness for one another there that we don't have at all. They're so considerate of one another, too. Emma was making frosting for a cake when I got there, and Alice told her to leave it and hurry right in, so as not to keep me waiting, and that she'd finish it. Beth wouldn't have done it for me. I'd have been obliged to leave it-to spoil! It's always just so there ; I've noticed it scores of times. They're always ready to assist one an way, too; not in a begrudging spirit at all. When I was coming away Emma started down to the gate with me, and Ralph, noticing that she had nothing on her shoulders, ran in for her cape. Tom would'nt have done a thing like that for me. Probably he never would have noticed that I hadn't a wrap. I don't see why my brothers and sisters aren't as considerate—why we can't get along as the Masons do.

"I think. dear, I can show you, and Mrs. Holman set her basket of stockings on the table and went quietly " It's just the chance into the hall. I've been longing for," she said to her-self, as she hurried up to her room.

When the door opened again, Ethel looked up inquiringly.

Mrs. Holman sat down by her daugh-

ter and began to untie the little box that she carried in her hand.

"I think, dear, that this contains the secret of the want of love which you feel exists among us."

Why, those are only snapshots!" exclaimed Ethel, disappointedly. They-they can't reveal any secret Then, too, haven't I seen all the pictures you've ever taken?"
"Not all," replied Mrs. Holman, so

berly, passing one to Ethel as she spoke. "That, dear, I think tells a part of the secret.

Ethel took the photograph which Mrs. Holman had recently mounted. Her face flushed and her eyes dropped. "Did-did I look like that, mother?" asked Ethel, with distress, handing

back the picture. Yes, dear ; 'twas only last Monday. You remember you were getting ready to take Miss Hall out driving, when Tom came in and asked you to mend his catcher's glove. You didn't refuse, but it gave Tom no pleasure to hav you do it-you frowned constantly till it was finished."

"I-I-didn't realizait."

"No, dear; I'm sure you didn't." Mrs. Holman handed Ethel another "This was taken while you were reading to Beth one afternoon when she was suffering from her sprain. I recollect when Bath asked you to read aloud from 'Richard Carvel 'that you said you 'sposed you could do it, you didn't see why you should be shut in just because she was obliged to be I took the snapshot from the doorway when neither of you were looking.

"Do hide it, mother," and a tear ickled slowly down Ethel's grieved face.
"This one shows when you were so provoked because Mary was invited to the Fullers' to take part in their parlor

charades, instead of you; and this-Oh, Mother, please don't show me another!" begged Ethel, brokenly.
"I-I-know now why we aren't like
the Masons, and—and it's all my fault! It's hard, mother, but the snapshots have revealed the secret that I might never otherwise have known; andbefore it's too late to correct the fault. Hereafter we'll be more like the

"Know now what's been the trouble, interrupted Mrs. Holman, gladly, tak ing a piedge kiss as she spoke.

## The Back Seat.

Lydia Whitefield Wright in Catholic Universe. At the beggining of a certain scholastic year a mother accompanied her children to school on the first day, and before returning home she selected for them a seat near the desk of the teach-

Not long after one of them said "Mamma, our seats are changed. Teacher has put us back in one of the The mother was anxious, of course, and asked to know the reason for the transfer. So the child explained that it was not because they were unruly or bad, but because they teacher could trust them, while the children she could not trust were given places in the front ranks close by

her desk. Here was a new phase on the taking of a back seat, reflected the mother, and as she went about the duties of everyday life the explanatory words of the child: "The children she does not have to watch she puts in back seats," seemed written in light, interpreting many of life's strange and

vexing problems.

And why may not you and I use this same illustration as a kep to un-lock the mystery barring us from re ceiving our cross, whatever it may be, with resignation? For is it not the mystery of doubt and uncertainty in our minds concerning the will of God toward us that robs us of the patience with which we should possess our souls

The back seat! Not many of us Sales.

make choice of such location, although

some of us at some time, if not all the time, must there abide. But now to-

day let us accept a new view of the

case. Look at it from the view point of human teacher and child. The di-

vine Instructor and Teacher of our

souls trusts us, therefore we are not

called to occupy positions in the front ranks of life. The cause is not the

causer, let us remember that, but only

wills. Is the agency that removes us

from the foremost walks poverty or af-

all seem gone. We can only think and wonder. But recall the lesson,

the Master trusts us, and those in the uppermost seats are there for trial, for

tion, the honor of men, but how know

means in the purpose of Him who

Opportunities, activities, gone. We can only think

They have wealth, high post-

that they have the confidence of

To be prosperous, to be approved, to

be pointed out as a leader are not al

ways crowning sureties of the most im

portant issues of life. Surely, what will it profit us if we gain all that is to

be gained in this world and lose our happiness in the next? And when we

shrink from the set-backs of life and

find that we must suffer, remember

that the prayer of those who look not

for their happiness here is "Let me

That desperate and outrageous

chemes for the accumulation of money

are being enacted daily in our cities is

not to be wondered at, when our child-ren are schooled in worldly tactics and

the policies for the achievement of suc-

cessful careers. If they fail, great in-

deed is that failure. But even a great-

"Humility is the Christian's great-est honor; and the higher men climb,

We are told in Holy Scripture that

we not take the simile as an intima-

tion that it is also the place for weak

mortals to sue for entrance to a better

world? And yet how many of us sit

down upon this very footstool, and act

as though here we were to abide for

ever? When we consider these things, how little we should mind

where we are, if only we abide in the

and if we trust Him we will find our

matter how far back adverse circum-

stances may have pushed us, the di-vine Master will call us forward past

all the intervening ranks to the front.

with contemplative, leisurely hours,

the greatest workers have arisen. Moses from the Arabian fields, patiently

tending the flocks of his father in law,

was called back to Egypt to lead his

human development and spiritual rev-

warlike activities of his country.

hut in virtues exceedingly rich."
Ah, what a starry train of calm,
prayerful hours must have preceded

that one in which her pure heart was

absorbed when the salutation of the

angel made known to her the world's

salvation! And coming down through

the vista of the centuries, it is likewise

dered from monastery to monastery,

accounted little better than a common

wayfarer, and at palace gates the sport

And so it is even unto our present

times : out from the lowly places and

from the back seats come the men and

women who make history. "When thou art bidden go and sit down in the lowest room; that when He that bade

thee, cometh, He may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher; then shalt thou

have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee."

THOUGHTS ON THE SACRED

HEART.

From Thy sacred side, O Lord, has

gushed a stream springing up into

Lord, may the remembrance of Thy

Sacred Heart, so full of sweetness, be

my refuge and repose amid the storms

of my exile ! -St. Anslem of Canter

O my amiable Saviour! may my heart be so closely united to Thine, that Thy will may be mine and mine

be conformidable to Thine for Eternity

We must strive, in all earnestness

to fix the abode of our hearts in the Heart of the Immortal King of Ages

and live only for Him. O my God! how great a consolation do I find in

the assurance that my heart shall be

eternally absorbed in loving the Heart

Vouchsafe, O Jesus, during the whole course of my life, and especially

at the awful moment of my death, to

Infinite desire to be known and loved

by Its creatures, in which It wishes to

establish Its reign as the source of

every good, in order to provide for all their wants.—Blessed Margaret Mary.

In Its more than natural affection

His Divine Heart foresaw, prepared, merited, obtained for us all the graces

which we receive. -St. Francis de

of Jesus. - St. Francis de Sales.

everlasting glory.—St. Cyprian.

of keepers.

bury

- St. Gertrude.

Fidelis.

And when we are needed, no

place best for us in the sight of God-

the farther they are from heaven."

the world is God's footstool.

er fall may attend success.

suffer or let me die."

ranks of life.

fliction?

Taking for his text the epigram made by Oliver Wendell Holmes— "Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust," Mr. R.A. White, President of the Chicago Penny Savings Bank, contributes this article on

A YOUNG MAN'S SAVINGS. Penuriousness is a vice. A miser is a social evil. The stingy man is a public enemy. He who takes and never gives takes from the general wealth. A few people need to be taught how to spend money. They are adepts in hoarding. But the ma-jority need to learn the gospel of thrift. The best kind of saving is by using properly. That is, saving by legitimate investments where every dollar saved and invested brings interest by virtue of use, benefits the saver the Master, who says: "The first shall be last and the last first." and performs at the same time its functions in the world's economic system. Such saving is legitimate, invaluable.

Few feel the force of this in early years. The average young man is full of wants, the most of them unnecessary. All that is earned, be it great or small, is scattered. The balance at the end of the year is often on the wrong side of the ledger. The value of early habits of saving is that it is the beginning of possible wealth. There is a sentimental tendency to decry the possession of riches. "Money is the root of all evil" say some, "therefore remain poor." The abuse of money is an evil. Money properly used is never an evil. Money means beneficent alms, good books, music, art, travel, education, refinement, if used for its highest possible ends.

Beecher says truly: "Wealth created without spot or blemish is an honest man's peerage, and to be proud of it is

his right.
Wealth is created legitimately by persistent saving of something out of whatever income we have. Speculating on margins where every dollar won for us is a dollars lost for some other man is a legalized form of robbery. But the man who saves something out of what he honestly earns, invests it legitimately or leaves it in rust with some good bank which uses it, places himself in the way of a competence and yet benefits instead of harming others in his saving. Every young man ought to save something for the possible out of work time ought to save something for the possible marrying time.

sible marrying time.

The habit of small savings ought to be cultivated. "Take care of the pennies and the pounds will take care of themselves." A dollar a week is fifty-two dollars per year. In ten years five hundred and twenty dollars, with interest added a few hundred. Out from commonplace lives, rife with interest added, a few hundred more. Enough to tide over many days of sickness, or lack of employ people uponone of the greatest of world-changing journeys in the annals of The dollar per week is scarcel missed, requires but little sacrifice of even the young man on a meagre salary.

elation. And think not that the sweet songs that David sang, and the heroic The habit of saving and its accumul actions that David did, were not ations give a certain dignity and confidence to their possessor. A man stands an inch taller in his boots when dreamed of upon the peaceful, sunny slopes of Judea as he tended his flocks far away from the national unrest and he has a growing bank account, even it it's not large. He is a propertywhat of our Blessed Virgin Mother? She was poor in this world's goods

When his small savings go at last into a house or lot or into a few shares of sound stock in some concern that is public benefit he takes added interes in civic well being. He votes with a consciousness that he, too, has some thing at stake. He wants clean streets sanitary conditions, good water supply. All this enhances the value with all the world's heroes and hero-ines. Columbus, dreaming of high ways upon the trackless seas, wan-

his small holdings. Until a man is master of a few dollars in lands or stocks be lacks an element of complete citizenship. One social danger to-day is a propertyless class whohave nothing invested, care little how things Let a man own a house and lot ; the matter is different.

The sense of independence fostered by having something ahead is a still deeper reason for practicing economy and cultivating habits of small saving. The man who is always "broke," always in debt, always devising ways and means to dodge the fellow he has borrowed a few dollars of, never escapes the feeling of self-contempt which palsies his powers and kills his ambitions. The man with a little cash buys cheaper, is more respected stands a better chance in life in every way than the spendthrift. Save some thing, however small the salary. Begin to save early.

The Rolling Stone. If a youth of eighteen or twenty years of age should be confronted with the abstract question whether he or his father had the greater amount of knowledge and experience he would no doubt admit that his father had the advantage, by reason of his years But when the question is concrete and pratical, he is equally well assured of the soundness of his own judgment. Knowledge and experience count for very little when the son's whims or impulses do not happen to accord with The father very parental advice. The father very likely quotes old saws from the copy not because they are in the copy books, but because his experience has confirmed their wisdom; young man sees in them nothing save devices to restrain his pleasure and open for me a secure asylum in the wound of Thy Sacred Heart.—St. his liberty of action. To his mind his father is an old fogy, bound by rule and precedent. The amiable Heart of Jesus has an

The father explains in vain that he felt the same way respecting his parents thirty or more years ago, but has since learned that the copy book was a fairly good guide, containing in its precepts the sum of human wisdom. The young man does not believe it. The analogy of the rolling stone that gathers no moss does not hold good in the case of some of his friends who the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockhave begun to prosper although they | ville, Ont.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN. have been unstable. He is not con tent to work for a mere pittance while learning a trade or profession when there are open to him political jobs that yield high salaries and for which no preparation is required.

In vain the parent explains that in the long run men are paid in proportion to the services they are capable of rendering and that it is better to accept a low rate of wages while one is learning to do something that will always command a fair salary than to get better pay for a kind of labor that is not uplifting and offers no opportunity for advancement.

The young man rejects all advice of this kind. He is willing to take the risks of being a rolling stone. He will try first this thing and then that until he has dropped into a good place.

But the years roll round, and some day he awakens to the fact that he does not know how to do anything well; that the world has no particular use for that kind of a man, and that he is getting too old to learn a trade or profession that is likely to prove remuner ative. He is very fortunate if this awakening comes in time to enable him to accept the advice of his elders More often he plays the part of the rolling stone entil it is too late, and he is condemned to roll on for the remainder of his life, gathering no moss.

Yet his tribulations and the sufferings of those who, fortunately for themselves, recover in time to make amendment might be escaped if the young men would give more attention to the advice of their elders and accept with reverence the experience of man kind as expressed in popular sayings Nothing becomes proverbial until it has successfully passed the criticism of many generations of men, and we be quite sure that there is a great deal of truth, if not a whole truth, in any proverb that is generally accepted "A rolling stone gathers no moss. Prove an exception and another pro verb explains it, for "exceptions prove the rule," and both of these proverbs are founded upon long and varied experience.

The way to succeed in life is to have a definite (and good) purpose and to follow it persistently. The rewards may be slow in coming, but they will come more surely to those who qualify themselves to deserve rewards than to those who rely upon chance to bring them good fortune.

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