## EXPERIENCE.

(Written For The True Witness.)

Prominent among the cities of the jeducation. wealthy suburb than a city itself. Embowered in trees which are green the year round, it shares with Cleveits northern rival, the soubriguet of "Forest City."

One of the most picturesque spot in Savannah is Foreyth Park, which forms the centre of a populous disabounding in fine residences Many southern pines still stand there; and other trees and shrubbery have been added to beautify it. The trances are guarded by sphynxes, and ome fountain stands in centre surrounded by a profusion wild flowers, while shelled walks furnish pathways through the grounds.

On the east side of the park in stately mansion, lived Mr. Charles Brooks, a wealthy lawyer of distinct tion. Mr. Brooks was a very stern whose ancient lineage constituted his proudest toast. Though age had silvered his hair, it had dimmed the brightness of his eye. less erect his manly nor rendered

One morning, early in September. 1885. Mr. Brooks and his eldest son, Donald, his partner in business, stood on the piazza engaged in earnest conversation. Donald resembled his father in every respect save that his face was less severe. As he was shout to descend the steps, his father detained him, saying:

"Donald, why do you persist in your course of conduct. You know you are grieving me. I wish you would sever your connections Miss Lincoln. I understand she is not your equal.'

"Father," answered Donald respectfully, "I do not see why you object to Helen. If Fortune did not choose to smile on her, that is scarcely reason why you should disapprove of my choice. Besides, you have never met her, and are therefore not in a position to judge of her inequality." "Very well," replied his father

"please yourself." Turning coldly. anruptly, he entered the house.

About four miles from the city, in a bend of the Warsaw river, is situated the famous Bonaventure Cemetery. A hundred years ago this was the property of a wealthy English gentleman, who, upon the marriage of his daughter, presented her with the next steamer. I do wish you the estate as a wedding gift. The grounds were laid out in wide avees, shaded by live oaks, and the initials of the bride and groom were outlined with trees. The property has since been converted into a ceme tery, and for many years has been devoted to that purpose. Many monu ments erected there bear historic The oaks have grown to dimensions. Their branches meet and interlace overhead form ing immense arches like those of the Gothic aisles of some grand Cathe dual. Tourists in Savannah consider their visit incomplete if they have not seen Bonaventure, one of the favorite suburban attractions reached by the

It was here that Donald alighted a few short hours after his interview with his father. For the distance of half a mile, he walked briskly along a sunlit road, dotted with shadow of tree and shrub. He was apparently you have never assigned any reason for ccupied with his thoughts, "I ar afraid," said he to himself, "that I will not be able to dissuade my father from his views. He is so stern that he will not relent.'

Coming to a bend in the road, he stood before an old house over whose stained walls crept the wild rose and Around the discolored pillars of the porch, twined the honeysuckle scenting the air with its sweet fragrance. The musical twittering of birds came from the grove of live oaks in which the house nes tiled; and over all lingered the indes cribable charm of an ideal Septembe Many a time had Donald visited the spot, yet lit had never seemed to him so beautiful as on the pre sent occasion. He appeared like one enchanted as he gazed on the sc It all appealed to him. tion after Helen Lincoln came out to

Donald." she said, us they seated themselves on the steps of the old

"Surely," he answered, "you did not think I would allow you to go away for two years without seeing

Heien was to leave early next day

for the last time before she took her departure for the French capital his soft, grey eyes beamed with kindly lustre, and a touch of sadr in their great depths. To him she was the personification of all that is good; and no amount of persua sion on his father's part would

marrying her. The sun had kissed in parting glory the gray walls of the old house fore Donald started for home. "Good bye, Helen," were his last words do not fail to write me often."

duce him to abandon his idea

"Good-bye, Donald. Never fear. shall not forget you."

As he retraced his steps to mee the car at Bonaventure, was graven on his mind that flooded his soul with joy-a picture of an intelligent, interesting face, lit up by prominent dark eyes surmounted by arched eyebrows, while rich chestnut hair was loosely and artistically arranged on the shapely head, held in place by an antique comb set in pearls.

Helen did not fail to do as quested. Her letters, however, not reach their destination. She could not understand Donald's lence. He in turn often wondered at her apparent indifference; and more than once questioned her sincerity.

The "Notes from Paris" published in the Savannah papers contained at intervals glowing reports of the musicales given by the pupils of the Conservatory. Helen's name figured prominently, and Donald read with pardonable pride of the progress she was making in the musical world. He ventured even to draw his father's attention to the fact, knowing that genius always appealed to his sense of appreciation. Whatever Mr. Brooks' feelings were on the subject he did not commit himself by playing them.

Helen's term had almost expired when one morning her father into Donald'e private office almos breathless

"Donald." he said. "Helen lies very ill of fever in Paris. Less than two hours ago I received a cable to that effect. Her mother and I start on would accompany us, as Helen pressed a wish to see you particul arly."

The first rays of light on a warm June day penetrated the muslin curtained windows of a private ward in a Parisian hospital, and revealed the faces of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln, Donald Brooks, as well as the attending nurse and physician, seated by crisis which was to determine her fate-life or death-had just passed

"She will live," answered the doctor, in reply to the anxious inquiries of her friends. "She must, however, have absolute rest."

Under the gentle care of her mo ther, Helen soon became convales The first time she found hercent. self alone with Donald, she said to him:

"Donald, it seems so strange that vour silence. Why did you not ans wer my letters ?"

"Your letters, Helen," he replied, "why I was awaiting your return to health and strength pefore asking you an explanation of your neglect. from you since you left home.'

Helen looked at him dismayed 'There is some mistake," she sald "I do not understand it. I wrote four letters to your private office, to none

As soon as Helen's strength permitted, she started for home, companied by her mother, father and To his utter amazement, Donald's father condescended ceive Helen when he presented her as to discover that though she had no been a star in the social world Savannah, she was thoroughly qu lified, with her natural cifts. son's home. More surprising still was the fact that Mr. Brooks mitted having Helen's letters intercepted at the Savannah Post Office oping thereby to effect an estrange ment between her and his son. was the mystery of the missing ters solved. Thus was Donald by-nished with proof beyond all doubt that his misgivings as to Helen's syn-

perity had been entirely groundless.

Mr. Brooks' wedding gift to Helen
and Donald consisted of a handsome lly furnished cottage, where he was always and ever sure of a royal welcome from her whom he had so recently despised,

KATIE A. HANLEY. Montreal, 14th September, 1904

Happy is the young man who appreciates his obligations in the home circle, and who is mindful, by word and deed, to voice his appreciation of a father's watchful care and mother's devoted love. \* \* \*

hold a young man, strong and vigorous and successful, yet tenderly and lovingly caring for the father mother who watched over the years of his weakness, whose sheltering arms protected his youth! I have in mind a young man who has become very successful in life, on whom ha fallen high honors in the political world; but he never appears so grand aged mother. She is bent and old and poor; he is strong and handsome as a Greek god; but his tender ness the delicate deference and reverence by which he manages to save that mother from all sense of lack of attention and to comfort her old age, is something so affecting to the onlooker that it makes him think better of mankind. Some young mer may look upon this as mere sentinent. But what is our life without sentiment? What are the wayside flowers without a little occasional sprinkling of the dew? Home will be a much happier nome-I don't care whether it is a palatial residence on a fashionable street, or mere cot in some humbler quarterlittle tenderness and gracious feeling

Bear in mind, young men, that true mother is one of the most cred secrets of home happiness. What would home be to you without her Care for her, then. Make her fee your love and appreciation, and you will add to the days of her life, as well as to your own. God has s many beautiful things to this world. nany noble gifts; but no blessing is richer from his hand than a Catholic mother. How sweetly has the poet voiced this truth:

'Go1 thought to give the sweetest thing

In His almighty power To earth; and deeply pondering What it should be, one hour In fondest joy and love of heart Outweighing every other,

He moved the gates of heaven apar and gave to earth a mother.'

No young man can have a better friend and confidente than a true mo ther; and no recommendation is so conclusive as the fact that he been loyal and faithful to her. The fond love of mother and of home is not racompatible with a brave manly character. Instances rare of young men going to the bad who were tenderly devoted to their. plarents. Depend upon it, next their love of God this is the nobles emotion.

One thing that often mars home life is the spirit of dictation and criticism. Faults are seen. They the beautiful realms of hope. are openly and oftentim pointed out and reproved. What one loes others are apt to do; and thus the habit grows, until only scarp words and unseemly wrangling are heard in the home in which domestic intercourse might have in it so much of sweetness and profit.

Try so to discipline yourselves. young men, that the tones of your voice in the home be always kindly and gentle. Therevis no power of love so hard to acquire and to keep as a kind voice. A kind hand is deaf and dumb. It may be rough in flesh and blood, and yet do the work of a soft heart, and do it with a soft touch. But there is not one thing that home needs so much to constitute its happiness as sweet, gentle voices. One must be on the to the thought of a kind heart. A kind voice is to the home the song of the lark. It is to the heart what

Another power for happiness in the home is a cheerful face. Next to the brighter or more health-giving. There isno mistaking it. The bright eye, all tell of that which dwells within.

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flesh, especially if they are younger than we, are as much our care charge as that of our parents. Of this we have, in the very first book of the Pentateuch, a striking instance which occurred only a few years after Adam's sinless creation. fiant plea, "Am I my brother's keep failed to meet God's endorse ment, but brought instead the terrible answer that he should be "a fu gitive and a vagabond upon earth. therhood this scene is often re-enact. ed. Souls are slain by their own kindred, while the world similes and passes blindly on,

Bud example, insidious promptings rash indulgence, intoxicating freedom wily friendship—through these an nany kindred forms, subtle though they may be, but proportionately dangerous, the devil, in the person of a brother or seeming friend, leads another soul on until the murder of excuse flung back to heaven: "Am I my brother's keeper?" "Every word spoken within the hearing of little children tends towards the formation of character,"—St. John's Quarticol of the contraction of character, "St. John's Quarticol of the contracter,"—St. John's Quarticol of the contracter, "St. John's Quarticol of the contracter,"—St. John's Quarticol of the contracter, "St. John's Quarticol of the co

## THE PRESS.

The European correspondent

the 'Living Church'. (Protestant Episcopalian) says that the Spanish Bishops are making a go instituting a kind of Index with regard to the press, especially those periodicals which, socialistic and anti-religious in sentiment, are caus ing disturbances to quiet col The Archbishop of Seville has take the lead in this matter, aad on bearing the name of the Good Pres (Buena Prensa) he urged his brothe by indicating to the faithful what lournals should be avoided. This



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IRELAND'S LEADER .tions are now in progress tions to Mr. John E. Redm and his colleagues, in Mo ronto, Ottawa and Quebe which will be held during ing week.

THE SWAY OF THE C United States is becom pronounced as the years manner has this been sho a marked degree as duri cent visits of the Irish New York, Boston, Phila

Chicago.

EDUCATION .- "Keep t girls at school as long as afford them a training w able them to lift themse the level of continual se lower positions of life," note of leading articles American pres where in this issue we re of the articles for the be readers. It deserves i the passing glance so c of Catholics whose exper practical affairs of life them the staunchest sup Catholic education. The for more enthusiasm ar tion in regard to our part of our laity. As American exchange wisel

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RESULTS OF INTE In passing the death se unfortunate man standi dock of the Criminal Co city on Monday last, Judge said that the cri result of that terrible r strong drink which nu many victims. There we palliate the deed in such the murderer had to su most penalty provided !

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