

THE FOLLY OF LEARNING WISDOM WHEN 'TIS TOO LATE.

"Wisdom," quoth the sage. "Comes with old age."

The inference to be drawn from the above quotation is that wisdom itself, which is so precious a human gift, is rendered useless if its acquisition is too long delayed.

It is a fact, nevertheless, that most speculative men at some period in their lives have indulged in air castle building without ever realizing the shadowy character of the labor they engaged in.

The class of individuals who attempt to do much and yet perform nothing usually blame their circumstances for their shortcomings, thus betraying their own folly and unworthiness.

trictly and whims of its noble owner. This was not a case of building castles in the air, as the structures tended the other way and were of solid and substantial character.

Guided by no steadfast principles of morality and truth, they err and blunder in their vain strivings to pursue a straightforward course by the help of their own inherent strength.

At best, this mode of learning means struggle and worry and perhaps disappointment, and it can in no way compare with the wisdom taught by the true teaching Church, which is the direct instrument of the great Teacher Himself.

RUPERT'S VISION.

A Saint, Not a Soldier, From Bingen on the Rhine. BY FATHER CHEERHEART.

Many years ago—twenty or twenty-five perhaps—among the favorite declamation pieces of the boys and girls who then went to school was the poem that begins: "A soldier of the Legion lay dying in Algeria, and that in every stanza has reference to 'Bingen—fair Bingen on the Rhine.'"

A STRIKING INCIDENT.

A dramatic incident occurred during the mission to non-Catholics conducted by the Rev. Father Youman, C. S. P., in Salt Lake City, Utah.

His mother, we may be sure, was anything but displeas'd at these manifestations of Rupert's charity: and the more tenderness he showed toward the poor and the distressed, the more she blessed God for having given her so excellent a son.

They all at once a lovely island rose up from the bottom of the river. It was covered with magnificent trees, on whose great branches splendid bunches of varied colored flowers half hid golden fruit.

The old man called all the children to this enchanting island, clothed them in snow-white garments, and pointing to the fruit and flowers, told them to gather all they wished.

Rupert raised his eyes and saw a luminous bridge above the island trees. Angels with shining wings came and went upon it.

At these words Rupert was transported with joy. But the vision disappeared. He awoke, and saw standing near him the same poor boy to whom he had given the cloak.

MILES STANDISH'S FAITH. From the Sacred Heart Review.

We are afraid Miles Standish will hereafter secure but scant mention and praise from the average Protestant pulpit.

A vast amount of mischief is done, too, because people neglect to keep their blood pure. The mischief appears in eruptions, dyspepsia, indigestion, nervousness, kidney diseases, and other ailments.

LIST OF BOOKS.

For Sale at the Catholic Record Office. Life of St. Francis of Assisi. By St. Bonaventura. 1/6

Life of St. Catherine of Siena. By Edward L. Payne, M.A. 1/6

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