

Children's Page

OWEN McGUIRE REFORMED. (Written for The Catholic Register, around the college.' by Peter J. Doherty.)

"Sir," said Jack, as 'e and his us." companions were playing a game of Owen obeyed and went with Jack ball, "there is Owen McGuire. Let to the other boys. The 1 ds received us speak to him. You know, we Owen warmly and, in a short time promised his mother that we would he was initiated a full member of the

best way to get around McGuire, for good results. were we to get at him together he would become confused and our mission would reap no good."

Jack was obliged to take upon him- better luck with our snow-shoeing self the conversion of Owen, so he than we had with our last fishing. started off at once on his mission. said Phelan.

"Are you alone?" asked Jack, by Phelan laughed. "You are the man, Wilkins," he said, "who told us way of beginning a conversation.

most of the time alone. The fellows the last time we went.' I am only a poor laborer's son.'

spoken to you before had we known ejaculated Finn. "Well, I guess we you. We always thought you had did not. Sure, my feet were soaking H. C. TOMLIN, Manufacturer, friends of your own. We never knew wet after staying so long in that you were left alone."

"Whom do you mean by 'we?" " which, by the way, Jack did not pre- Phelan. tend to notice.

lan, Finn, Wilkins, Durnin and my- the time," said Wilkins. self," returned Jack.

ed of stealing that money not long when he got the money. Poor old ago. Well, I knew he was not guil-fellow, I don't think he often rents ty, but, you see, nobody would listen his boat." to such a bad lad as Owen Mc- "Ser here, you feffows," shouted

people take you to be," said Jack, When shall we start?"

"Do you know me?" asked Mc- all," said Finn. Well," said Jack, with a good-na-

tured smile, "I don't know you very well yet, but I hope I and my chums will soon have the pleasure of knowing you, as well as the pleasure of your company."

"What do you mean? What are you talking about?" asked Owen, opening his eyes and looking full into along, "we should have a race when Jack's face.

"What do I mean? I mean that I hope you will soon join our gang,' and Jack laughed at Owen's surprise. who wins?" 'What is your name?" asked Owen. "Jack Jenkins," was the reply.

"Well, Jack Jenkins," said Owen, "I think you are going mad. What us put up a quarter, which will make sort of a gang is yours? I always a dollar and a half, and the same we heard you were a gang of good boys, will give, as a prize, to the winner.' but surely you can't be such when you invite me to join you."

"We never do anything wrong if we and a half out of five quarters?" can avoid it," said Jack, smiling,

"If you are in for some mischief and count the boys around you." need help, well, I may give it to you. Outside of that I don't see what you all about McGuire. Of course would want of me." makes six." would want of me."

"Now, Owen," said Jack, as he seated himself upon the window sill, "we are not in for any kind of mischief, but we want you to become a better boy, turn over a new leaf, and keep company with us "

"Oh, so you have come to give me a sermon," ing way. "Well, Jenkins, as I get enough of preaching at home and ter less, for I have no money on me abroad, I don't require any from at all." you.

when Jack said: "Sit down, Owen, for a few min-

utes, and listen to me. I will not keep you long."
"Well," said Owen, with a sigh, "I

questions for me?" was Jack's next question. The word "truthfully" seemed

hurt Owen, and he replied: "Truthfully! Well, as bad as am, I never purposely told a lie vet

"Well, that is a good quality," said Jack, "and now," he added, "don't you think it is as easy for you to be good in other respects?"

"Here is your money, McGuire," "Here is your money,

"It may be," Owen said quietly. has a good name gets along better with people than a lad with a bad

name? "Well, yes," said Owen, in a very "A good lar gets shoeing." serious way.

along better with people, for ao one cares for boys who are bad." "Then, why don't you turn over a luck,"

new leaf and do better?" how to begin. I'm afraid, though, it watch. is too late.'

"It is never too late to mend," said of the lads. "Come over to the gang, and Jack. better boy—some of them are very wise lads."

"They may not care to have me,"

at five. Gee! we had better get back," said Phelan.

"Yes," said Finn, "We had better will, I think do at five. Gee! we had better get back," said Phelan.

"Yes," said Finn, "We had better will make your father a good man get back, if we don't want to get yet."

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know, I have not a very good name "Leave that to me," said Jack. "Come over, the lads are waiting for

do so."
"Yes, we did promise her to do so" tell you, was from that day a changed boy. If you, my young to get around Owen is for you to go reader, have a boy friend who has to him first and give him one of your strayed away from virtue, who is lectures, -you know, you preach well, just what he ought not to be, try -and after that we will speak to the little game of "kind treatment" upon him, and you will find that you "You have some capital ideas, will soon bring him to "time." I Finn," said Wilkins. "That is the have often tried it and always with

It was a full holiday for the stu-"I think Wilkins would do better than I," said Jack with a laugh. "He has a sweeter way of speaking than I have, and he understands things better than I do."

Towas a full holiday for the students of St. Charles, and the boys were gathered, here and there, in groups round the college grounds, talking of how they would spend the day.

"Not at all, Jack," said Wilkins. "This would be a fine day to go snow-shoeing," said Jack to his know, you can put up with a great friends, as they came out of the re-

Owen McGuire was sitting on one of the window sills, when Jack came up to him. "Don't fear, Phelan, but we'll have luck," said Wilkius. "When shall we start?"

"Yes, I am," said Owen. "I am we would have luck with our fishing

all sons of lawyers or doctors, while came out of the water as dry as we another piece. went in. What more did you want?" "Why," said Jack, "we would have "Came out as dry as we went in!"

"Whom do you mean by 'we?' " And we paid a dollar for the asked Owen, with a sarcastic smile, loan of that old boat, too," lamented

"Well, we had to take it," you "I mean the boys of our gang, Phe- know, we couldn't get any other at

"Ah," said Jack, with a smile, "Durnin," said McGuire. "That is "sure it was worth a dollar to see the poor boy, who was falsely accus- the pleasure displayed by the old man

one of the boys, "all this talk has "I don't think you are as bad as nothing to do with our snow-shoeing. "Right after dinner, if we go at

> "And what shall we do from now till dinner?" questioned another boy. "Skate!" shouted the others in chorus.

> After dinner the lads got their snow-shoes and went off for their afternoon's sport.

> "See," said Phelan, as they trotted we get a little further up here."
> "That is a good idea," said Jack, 'but where is the prize for the one

"Let Wilkins settle that," said Whelan.

"Well," said Wilkirs, "let each of late.

"Only five of us!" exclaimed Jack, "but all the same, we would like you with a cheerful laugh. "Well, I often to join us."

heard of people being color blind, but When Owen McGuire reached what do you want of me?" asked I never heard of any one being quan- he found his mother alone. Owen, with a show of impatience, tity blind till now. Why, man, was weeping. "Why does mother

Now here was a humiliation staring from his lips. poor McGuire in the face. His parents were too poor for him to have her trouble at the sight of her boy, the handling of much money and here that boy whom she loved beyond mea- Owen?" were the boys called upon to put up sure. said McGuire, in a sneer- at a time, blushed as he said: "You had better make it a quar- ble."

you can pay me another time. "Thank you, Jack," said McGuire. said his mother. "I was not weeping

The money was placed in Wilkins' for you, but for your poor father, hand, with instructions to give it to poor, poor man." And Mrs. Mc-

I came second and Jack last. "Bully boy, McGuire!" exclaimed "You may have your supper now, Finn, as he shook hands with Owen, Owen," she said. "I will boil a few "You have shown us how you can eggs for you."

said Wilkins, handing Owen the six rest-I will serve myself." "Don't you think, Owen, a lad who quarters. "Holy smoke! You left Phelan and Jack far in the rear."

before," said Jack. "I see McGuire evening meal. you are no novice in the art of snow- mother's love?

"Although I did try my best to merry, boyish laugh, "you will have beat you, McGuire, I am glad of your your own way. Well, you are older "It is time to get back to the "I would," Owen said "if I knew college," said Jack, looking at his

"Why, what time is it?" asked one

"Half-past four," said Jack.

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here seem to think I am not good en- "And hadn't we luck?" said Jack, None of it is wasted, no stale, unsightly pieces left from one meal to ough for them, but, you see," he add-speaking for Whelan. "It is true we ed, with some bitterness, "they are didn't catch many fish, but, then, we the next. It has a zest and snap about it that invites you to eat

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going-over the coals for going in

"Let us go, then," said Wilkins. The lads then started in the direction of the college, chatting merrily. said When they reached the grounds they snow-shoes when the large bell rang do you think, mother? I won." for study.

When Owen McGuire reached home er proudly.

the found his mother alone. She with you?" weep so?" asked the boy of himself. sweet words of 'Dear mother' came his mother's hand.

Mrs. McGuire seemed to forget all

"Is that why you were weeping, "Certainly, my son. It is honesty mother?" asked the lad kindly. "Were to pay your debts; here is fifty cents ou."

Here Owen rose from the window Jack, and, then, to save McGuire you know, mother, that I am now a said you weeping because I am late? Don't for you. sill and was about to walk away, further humiliation, he added: "And changed boy-changed for the better." "I know you are changed, my son," morning.

"Will you be kind enough to listen member there are six quarters for the tome?" asked Jack.
"Well," said McGuire, "why do you suppose I am stopping here? If two, three!" Off they started. With mother," went on the boy, as he has changed me. Next week, and he was in every way a model to his son. I did not wish to listen to you, I all truth I must say the race was a found it hard to keep back his own People respected and trusted him, would not remain here with you. capital one. Phelan was ahead with tears, "we are to make a novena to and, before many years, he had a lit-What have you to say to me?" McGuire close behind him. On they the Blessed Virgin for poor sinners, the cottage of his own, where he and McGuire close behind him. On they the Blessed Virgin for poor sinners, the cottage of his own, where he and Well, you truthfully answer a few ran. McGuire was a smart lad, so, and Finn told me to offer it in a spe- his wife and his boy lived happily toafter a few good strides, he passed cial manner for father, and, mother, pether. This story, therefore, points Phelan, amidst the cheers of the three I intend to do so. Dry your tears out the great good we may accomboys who acted as judges. The race now, sweetest mother, and have courwas over. McGuire had won, Phelan age."

Mrs. McGuire rose from her seat.

"You will do nothing of the kind, mother. You are too tired after the doctor. your hard day's work. Sit down and

But Mrs. McGuire loved her son too much to slight him thus, so she be-"I never raced with such an expert gan to get things ready for the lad's Who can fathom a "I see, mother," said Owen, with a

said Phelan, with good nature. than I, so I have nothing to say." "Never mind, dear, I am not tired at all, and sure you must eat something," said Mrs. McGuire, with good nature. "You say, Owen, you are going to make a novena to the Blessed Virgin for your father. Well, I am "Half-past four, and study begins glad of that, for it will, I think, do

As everything was, by this time, in readiness, mother and son sat down to partake of their supper.

"I tell you, mother," said the lad. "those boys with whom I now keep company are good lads. We ran a "There are only five of us," said When they reached the grounds they company are good lads. We ran a Finn, "and how do you make a dollar had just time to put away their race on snow-shoes to-day, and what

"You did? Well, you were always a smart boy, Owen," said his moth-

"Two others," replied the boy. "There was a dollar and a half offer-"Oh, I see," said Finn. "I forgot Going up to her, he gently laid his ed as a prize. I got it and here it he hand upon her shoulder, while the is." And Owen placed the money in

"Did you win that, dear?" "Yes, mother." "Who offered the money as a prize,

"The boys put up a quarter each, a quarter each. Poor McGuire, who "You are late to-day, Owen," she and, as I had no money, Jack Jennever possessed more than a dime said. "Where have you been? I was kins put up a quarter for me. Now, afraid you had got into some trou- mother, you will have to give me back a quarter to pay him.'

> "Thank you, mother," said the boy. "I will pay Jack his money in the

Keeping to his word, Owen made And Mrs. Mc- the novena for his father, and his "Well," said Owen, with a sigh, "I suppose I must listen to you, but it is really too bad that a fellow can't get a few moments' rest from the preaching business."

hand, with instructions to give it to boor, poor man. And sits. Such the hovena for his latter, and his Guire began to sob bitterly for her degraded, drunken husband.

"Don't weep so, dearest mother," said the boy, kissing her. "I hate to see you weep in such a way. Cheer a year's time he was a new man, he was new man, he was a new

plish by showing example to those with whom we come in contact.

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"Quite passable, thanks," said the other, "but I notice that when I bend my body forward, stretch out my arms horizontally and impart to them a circular motion, I always feel such a pain in my left shoulder.' 'But what need is there for you to

perform such ridiculous antics?" enquired the physician. "Do you know any other way, do tor, of getting on your top-coat?" replied his patient.

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