YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

IL GRIGIO; OR THE GRAY DOG. The following true story giving an incident in the life of Dom Bosco is trans-

lated from the French: God, Who made all things, both great and small, does not disdain at times to make use of the humblest of His crea-

tures to further His noblest designs. One of the most pleasing incidents in the life of the great and holy Dom Bosco, the St. Vincent de Paul of Italy, is the one concerning the mysterious and faithful dog which, on more than one occasion, became the means of saving the life of that illustrious saint.

But first, a few words about Dom Bosco himself. He was born on the 15th of August, 1815, in the little hamlet of Mivialdo, in the Province of Turin, Italy. I could tell you many interesting stories of his boyhood, but for the present shall pass to his life as a priest, in order the more quickly to introduce to your notice his wonderful dog Il Grigio.

all his time and energies was that of res-cuing the children of his native country, and, later, of many other countries, from poverty, ignorance and vice, for the purpose of reforming and educating them, giving them instructions in a useful trade, or preparing them for the priesthood.

You might think that everyone would have loved and admired a man so good and charitable, and been eager to help him on with his noble work. But, unfortunately, such was not the case. The enemies of our holy religion, seeing the great success which attended the labors of Dom Bosco, did all in their power to undermine his growing influence, and even on several occasions sought to take away

THE GOOD PRIEST'S LIFE.

It is in connection with these wicked and cowardly attempts at assassination that the famous Gray Dog appears on the scene. Whence he came or who his master was no one knew, not even Dom Bosco. But in times of danger he would appear as suddenly as if he had sprung from the earth, and, generally, when he had accomplished his mission, he as quickly again disappeared.

M. Buzetti, who was first a pupil of Dom Bosco, and later inspector of his workshops, gives the following trust-worthy account of the Gray Dog. I give a literal translation from the French of

the interesting story:
"Dom Bosco," he says, "often returned from Turin at a late hour in the heretics and had waited to undeceive them. Then, without a thought for his personal safety, he would start on his way back to the Valdocco alone; even on the darkest nights. The route which he had to traverse, at the present day lined with buildings and lit with gas, was then an irregular thoroughfare, broken with marshes and bordered here and there with thick hedges, where men of sinister

purpose might easily lie concealed." "One night, as he wended his solitary way homewatd, not without a certain vague sense of alarm, he saw a large dog approaching him. At first he experienced a slight sensation of fear or distrust, but, seeing that

THE POOR BRUTE

wagged its tail and only sought to caress him, he suffered it to approach him and returned its caress. The faithful animal accompanied him to the door of the oratory, but showed no desire to enter. From that time forward, whenever Dom Bosco had any delay and did not return before nightfall, he was sure to see, looming in sight from one direction or another, the faithful Il Grigio, or the Gray

Dom Bosco's dear old mother, who kept house for him, was called by the children-feeling uneasy at her son's delay would send some of the young men from the oratory to meet him. I myself have been of the number of these, and remember seeing him approach us many a time with his four-footed protector by his side Three imes, to my knowledge, the Gray Dog saved the life of Dom Bosco.

One dark and foggy winter's evening, Dom Bosco, to shorten his way, took the straight road down from the Consolata to the Institute of Cottolengo. At a certain point of the road he perceived that two men preceeded him at a little distance. and regulated their steps according to his. Surmising that shey harbored some evil design, he bent his steps towards the nearest inhabited house, intending to seek a shelter. But the villains were too quick for him. One of them abruptly threw a cloak over his face. Dom Boseo would have cried aloud for help, but they gagged him with a handker-chief. The poor man gave himself up for lost, when, suddenly,

A TERRIBLE BAYING was heard, less like the barking of a dog than the growling of an infuriated bear —it was H Grigio, the Gray Dog. He sprang upon one of the ruffians, compelling him to defend himself; then, throwing himself on the other, whom he caught in his teeth, he east him to the earth; then he stood still, growling omniously.

The two wretches, now terrified in turn, begged for mercy and cried out :--Call buck your dog, call him back, quickly!'
"'I shall call him back,' answered

Dom Bosco, who had freed himself from the gag, 'but only on condition that you go your way and let me go mine? Yes, we go; but keep back the

dog! Whereupon Dom Bosco called Il Grigio, who remained by his side while

the two would-be murderers escaped with the utmost speed.

"Another evening, as he returned home by the St. Masceinus way, an assassin came behind him and fired two pistol shots at random. The shots not having taken effect, the hireling would have thrown himself upon Dom Bosco to finish him by other means, but just then Il Grigio came in sight, attacked the murderer from behind, and speedily put him to flight.

On a last occasion, Il Grigio defended his master against a still more for-midable attack, that of a veritable band

of hired assassins. "It was a dark night; Dom Bosco was

crossing the Milan Square, to-day Immanuel Philibert Square, when suddenly he perceived that he was being followed by a man armed with

AN ENORMOUS CLUB.

He redoubled his steps in the hope of gaining his oratory before being over-taken. He had reached the head of the descent when he was dismayed to perceive further on, at its base, a group of other brigands. Seeing this, he waited for the one who followed him, and dealt him such a skillful and dexterous blow in the chest with his elbow that the wretch fell as if dead, crying out aloud in his anguish. His comrades now sur-rounded Dom Bosco, threatening him with their cudgels. But in that very instant, behold! the faithful Grigio appears and takes up his station beside his adopted charge, barking and baying with such furious agitation that the murderous villains, fearing to be torn to pieces, begged of Dom Bosco to appease him, and one after another quickly disappeared in the darkness. Dom Bosco was The work to which Dom Bosco devoted then escorted by his protector to the

door of the oratory."

But here is an incident of quite a different nature, which would seem to indicate with still more force the possession by this extraordinary animal of a sort of marvellous intuition. Contrary to his usual custom, Dom Bosco, having forgotten a matter of importance while in Turin during the day, prepared to set out in the evening to repair his mission.
"Mamma Marguerite" sought to dissuade him from his purpose, but he tried to re-

TOOK HIS HAT,

opened the door, and was going out, when he saw Il Grigio stretched full

length across the threshold.

"Oh! so much the better," he exclaimed. "We shall now be two instead of one, and prepared to defend ourselves," and he bade his mother look at the dog of the streets.

But Il Grigio apparently thought dif-ferently. He budged not an inch, but emitted a sort of low subdued growl. Twice Dom Bosco tried to pass over him, and twice the dog prevented him from crossing the threshold of the door. Whereupon the good Marguerite cried

"You see, my son, the dog is more reasonable than you; if you will not listen to me, listen to him."

As the dog refused to move and continued his growing, Dom Boseo finally went back to his room. A quarter of an hour later one of his neighbors came to warn him that four or five men, having evening, either because he had been de the appearance of regular banditti, and tained by a sick call or because he had apparently bent on some evil purpose, found a family that had been misled by had been observed prowling about the neighborhood.

One evening Dom Bosco was at supper with his mother and some priests, when Il Grigio made his way into the yard of the oratory. Some of the yard of the oratory. "Some of the young men who were taking their recreation there would have chased him to the fields at this time, and gathering away with stones, but," I say M. Buzetti, " who knew him, cried out: Don't hurt him; he is Dom Bosco's

At these words they all approached him, surrounded him, lavished

A THOUSAND CARESSES

on him, and finally led him to the refectory. There, after a first glance at the table, Il Grigio made the round of it. joyously approaching Dom Bosco, who offered a little meat and bread. He refused to eat, showing, as it were, that his devetion was completely disinterested. "Well, then, what do you want?" ask-

ed Dom Bosco. The dog answered by flapping his ears and wagging his tail. At the same time he rested his chin on the table near Dom ing in sight from one direction or another, the faithful Il Grigio, or the Gray Dog, for that was the color of the mous brute.

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His mission was accomplished. Thirty years later, however, he was seen once again-or at least it was believed he had been seen. It was on the evening of the 12th of February, 1883; Dom Bosco, accompanied by Dom Durando, one of the priests, was on his way from the railroad station of the Bordighera to the Salesian House in the same city. As his coming had not been annonneed, no one had been sent to meet hum. So the two travellers undertook to find their own way, though it was a long one, and neither of them knew the ground, which was, moreover, much broken up by recent rains. When they had gone about half way they were suiprised by nightfall. They soon lost themselves. Dom Bosco floundered into a sort of marsh, where the water came up to his knees.

Oh, if I had my Grigio!" he exclaimed in his distress.

The wish or the regret was scarcely uttered when an enormous dog

MADE HIS APPEARANCE.

Dom Durando was terrified. "Take care, Father, take care!" he cried. But Dom Bosco caressed the animal, which wagged its tail and bounded joyously around him.

"One would think it was H Grigio," height, the same color—it is he, or some and as often as it happens it knocks the other which resembles him, perhaps his excellent hard-headed firm of Sundy-andson. Come, if you are really he you Demand right into the yawing guif of a will get us out of here, my old Grigie, cocked-hat. my faithful protector!"

The dog, as if he had understood started forward in a certain direction, then ran back to see if he were being followed. Dom Besco did not hesitate to go after him. His companion, with



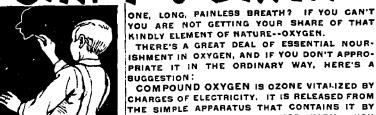
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but the faithful dog had disappeared.

Such is the simple story told by one who had often seen Dom Bosco and his mysterious protector. Who shall say that the noble animal—the dog of the streets—was not the humble instrument of a watchful Providence, who thus guarded the life of the holy priest of Italy agbinst the snares and attacks of his cruel and cowardly enemies.

Let our little readers learn from this beautiful story always to put their trust in God in the hour of danger, and let them also remember that no one is too small or too humble to do His work on earth, since even a dog was chosen to, render such important service to one who, like Christ, his Master, loved little children much, and believed that "of such is the Kingdom of God.

THE CHOSEN LEAF.

The Green Glft From Old Ireland.

"Fine green shamrocks! Buy the fine green shamrocks 🗀

We who live and move in cities hear this motion and invitation ringing shrifty through our streets on Patrick's Eve. Poor wemen and girls who sell holly and ive at Christmas, and wild flowers or sprigs of lavender in the Summer, go out a goodly store of the chosen leaf, bear it back to the busy town, and sell it from street to street for a trifle. As much can be had for a penny as will, on the morrow, proclaim to the sun and all the world that the wearer is a daughter or son of

Ireland. Well, this fugitive branch of industry one of the few, the very few, left by creation's lord to his companion—thrives space in the city lamplight. Many a man who is speeding past with long stride and knitted brow, thinking, perhaps, of gains and hopes, or worn by his long day's work; hurrying eagerly to seems of pleas sure or seeking the repose of home, hears the plaintive musical chant of the shamance something brighter than before. He, mental pain and sweetens the honied hope of pleasure. For all we know it may not be the true shamrock—the veritable and ford in first 1 for 1 fo trefoil, of St. Patrick, and of bard snd and fond in love, dark and terrible in chief-that he will wear to-morrow. Unless he happens to be a judge, a sarant, a connoissear of the triple leaf, he may that puts to shame the gorgeous fables of that puts to shame the gorgeous fables of ing member of the florishing clover family who pretends to be a shamrock, and does it with such a grace as to satisfy any but the most experienced eyes. Well, even so, it is green, and three leaved, and Irish. In hathand, or in button-hole, on St. Patrick's Day, it will signify as much as the chosen leaf would, after all. And the women and girls who erv. "time green shamrocks" will tell you that they "must live." The genuine shamrock cannot always be found in abundance, especially by a searcher from some dreary city lane. who hardly knows a cowslip from an oak -so its absence is made up for by one or other of its poor relations. This is what the wise men who talk political economy eall the law of supply and demand, in obedience to which the one accommodates and fits itself to the other; but what about the opposite end of the question. presented when a gentlemen buys a penny bunch of shamrock, and gives a silver cain in payment. His heart is stirred by old memories, by fond thoughts, at sight of the cherished leaf, and for sake of dear friends, lost fives, dear dist-"One would think it was Il Gripio," and scenes, he is liberal of some little he said; "but yes, indeed, the same trifle. The incident is common enough, excellent hard-headed firm of Supply-and-

Town talk is all this, certainly, about thorough fares, buying and selling, and the laws of supply and domaid. Four millions and old of men and women, boys and girls and little ones, who live out of the luves of street and lane -out in homes among the fields of Irelandpluck the shanrock, as they breathe the air, for nothing. Everyone knows, in the country, where beds of millions of shun-leaves united on the stem of the Irish important document. A special letter rocks lie. One is close by a fairy rath, heart. perchance, where elves dance off in the moonlight. One decks a sombre woody | glade with a space of tender green. A journey! Nor a long one need it be, for like in holiness and all that is the shamrock, like the sky, is all over Ireland. It would be where city streets are, if tlags and paving stones, asphalte and syrup of mud, were not settled as an we have struggled for many an age, yet as of fitrous Oxide Gas. A content of bonds has a consultation free.

less assurance, brought up the rear. stamped it out, the toilers of the city Before long they arrived at the door of who sit at desks, attend at counters, bend the house they were seeking. They over frames and benches, and seldom rang the hell; the door was opened; know the freedom of the fields, must they turned round to thank their guide. can. The heart can be as Irish, in a garret shut in by walls from all but a strip of sky as in a home that look on Tara. moment's thought on past heroism and All—city, field, and mountain, lane and hell—is the one, the wiser to lift coal, melt iron, sell shoddy bell—is the one, the

SELESAME TRELAND.

"Fine Green shamrock," Green they are, to be sure, but "fine" must be a figure of speech. There is nothing time or showy, nothing

that broadly strikes the eye, in the plant we Irish wear on St. Patrick's Day. Our shamrock is a modest little beauty. It hides out of human sight. The grass we walk on is often its canopy, as foliage of the torest may be ours. If we would find it, we have need to stoop. The English rose draws the eye from far away by the glow of its luxurious beauty. The Scotchman's thistle—appropriate type of his rough and rugged land, and of his rare capacity to thrive on any soilshows a resolute, stiff, and thorny soft-assertion. In the lock were by the Welshmen on St. David's Day though we certainly see no beautty, we discern at considerable size, and indeed a fair share of utility, for if the wearer tall in with an enemy be can maybe, make him cat the leek himself. Laurel leaves of the conqueror, buy leaves of the poet, oak leaves of the civic hero, are more to the eye of sense, they are more to vision merely, than our darking little triume emblem; nay, set nations and the arts aside and is not the heather-sprig of the Plantagenets more showy than our tiny genu: Does our shamro khit its head in rivalry with the nun-flower of cloister woods, the meek and modest violet of the Napo-

All the rest of our Trish emblems embody in themselves, and express to any eye, some striking present ment of magnificence, culture, Lower, or beauty. The round tower, more stately than a cedar of Lebanon, decks many an Irish plain. Compare it with what you will, Pagan temple, Christian church, pagoda, pyramid, steeple, tower, and still it must be deemed unique in its bold simplicity, as a realized heavenward thought of man. It lifts the eyes; it draws our reverence upwards; it gravely leads the thoughtful min I back through progress and through

Greece and Rome, blends in our minds with its own hold thrilling music, thoughts of patriarchal days when God made known Himself to the guide of his wandering people, and of times in this churches, but perhaps this volumn is land of ours when its tones rang forth in still more ancient, like the Herculean wandering people, and of times in this bright hails of regal mirth, and mingled pupper, without notes or accounts, and with the clash of deadly battle. Celtic cross, girt with its embracing circle. reminds us of faith that Patrick brought. and the mission of our people to spread that faith in every clime and land edition, which has been accepted as the around the globe. And our sunburst—common text by Protestants also. For birth of Heaven-manifestation of God Himself, sign of power, eternal guardianship and hope—can there be for the reverent mind a fuller, fresher fount of pure,

noble, and strengthening inspiration?

One emblem of our land is left. The shannrock! And what is it? Ah! nothing in itself, but heroism and poesy have dowered the little shamrock with a glory that can never fade. Full fifty he was not satisfied with the method generations have lived and passed away pursued and would not publish it. since Patrick, lying in sleep for away in Under Pins IX, the great and laborious Tuning done in an artistic manner a foreign land, heard the children of Erin | facsimile odulon was executed successerving to him in his dream to came to fully by the Fathers Vercellone and them and save them. He came to them, Cozza and their assistants, with a Brief the Christian hero, he returned to the isle of Encomium. Fully completed under where he had been a swineherd and a Leo XIII., it obtained from him a seslave, and plucking the shannock from cond and magnificent Brief. After the sod, he found way to pagan minds for all this, and still further to facilitate the the light of a tremendous mystery.

of enduring power. His genius made it uscripts, which are as useful as the orithe token of the tenderest feeling, the gunal itself to scholars. This multiplicaboldest virtue, and the faculty most tion of the famous codex has been welbrilliant, of a race whose nobility by the comed warmly not only by Catholic the of Heaven man's vilest fraud and cruelty; ologians, but those who differ from us would not mar. Love that lasts and wit and is a clear confirmation of the preci-that sparkies and valour that dares the sion of the facimile volumes, and of the worst-these three are the precious sincerity of the Catholic editors of this

So, prelate and poet have made of our rian highly praised the volume. To give chosen heaf a type of the mysterious an idea of the magnitude of the work it magnificence of Heaven and of what is is sufficient to say that the fifty copies sheltered bank or a grassy hedge may be most like divine on earth. Orang aposoc the shamrock's home, but wherever it is, and gifted minstrel—one guiding from 300 frames. Demands for copies have at rise of sun on each St. Patrick's morn. earth to Heaven, one giving by Heaven been made from Germany, England and most like divine on earth. Grand apostle which have been taken are each priced at rise of sun on each St. Patrick's morn, thither cheerily troops Young Ireland, with laugh, and jest, and song, to gather the emblematic terf. In truth a merry the emblematic terf. In truth a merry therefore, and have left to its humble therefore, and have left to its humble therefore, Young a horizont page 15 horizon.

FASCINATING IN GENIUS.

It is late in the world's long day, and

rights of men, ay! and sacredness and freedom, are watch-words of our noisy time, we find ourselves a poor, a fettered nation. Well, let us be patient, let us Wrong cannot always last. hope. Even now, there is some comfort for us. Our shamrock is a talisman that transports us by its magic to a time of peace and joy in Erin. Long after Patrick preached, this happy land of ours lay alm and free in the smile of a gracious Heaven. There was rapturous voice of song in the halls of kings and chiefs; there was the sway of religion, and the reign of worthy law; there was culture for the mind, and plenty for the needs of life, and love combining high and low. Then the surplus of Erin's mental riches raised Europe up from the squalor of her abject poverty. Now "none so poor to do her reverence." The nations that have triumphed care little to look back. America is concerned far more with her present importance and her hope to sway a continent than with the shipload of tea thrown into Boston Bay, or with Washington's famishing army. Germany, drunk with power and pride, thinks more of how to "hold her own" than of the string of frauds and larcenies whereby a brood of petty ducal cheats pushed up to imperial purple. France has been stricken sorely, but she has independence, vast resource, and eager legions, and her thoughts, so far from straying to Pepin or Charlemagne, are picturing a hosting by the Rhine. And England, "successful' England, with shrunken heart and liver some what blanched, but bloated paunch and ponderous money-bags-England wastes no to all the world, rob, "inferior races, blow blacks of the face of the earth, brag. lie, apologise, resort to arbitration, and. anyhow, pile up the sovereigns. These leading "nations do not look back; they are too well satisfied with their present; and their future, so far as they think that they are able to see. affords a prospect far too pleasing. But even as unhappy men fall back upon joys of memory, so struggling nations will be-times seek comfort in pondering over vanished glory. Our day will come to be merry, and look out before as bravely but the time for it is not yet, and while we wait for it to arrive, let us bless the kin by shamrock that cheers our dreary vigil with visions of a proud and happy

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