BROTHER MAN

O Brother man, fold to thy heart thy Where pity dwells, the peace of God

is there; To worship rightly is to love each

Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a pray'r.

For he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken— The holier worship which he deigns

Restores the lost and binds the spirit broken.

And feeds the widow and fatherless. Follow with reverent steps the great example

Of Him whose holy work was "doing good;"
So shall the wide earth seem our

Father's temple,
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.

ON RE-RESOLVING ONCE MORE

How long should a New Years' resolution, to be worthy of the name, thrive and flourish? Though some modern authorities maintain that the high purposes formed on January 1 touch, for whom I have to make my need be kept only till the octave day of the Epiphany in order to win the guerdon that constancy merits, the older authors hold that a New Year's resolution that does not remain substantially intact until at least Candlemas Day, February 2, is no better than a mere velleity. There are rigorists, moreover, who actually teach that Shrove Tuesday should teach that Shrove Tuesday should find the January resolve so robust have come to the conclusion that that a fresh grip on it is scarcely human nature is lovable—the way I that a fresh grip on it is scarcely needed at the beginning of Lent. But the last mentioned authorities, it is clear, ask far too much of poor human nature. They would even expect a person who starts a diary on January 1 to write something in it every avening till December 31 under every evening till December 31 under being very about them in the penalty of hopelessly forfeiting any penalty of hopelessly forfeiting any reputation he enjoys for stability of

Those whose New Year's resolutions are already in such a lament-able state of delapidation that the resolvers have sadly resigned themselves to sinking back permanently into their old careless habits, should be encouraged by the example of the Help me to bear each cross and not renowned Dr. Samuel Johnson to resolve once more. For we learn from the private notebooks he left that he was repeatedly forming high resolves and as often deploring his failure to keep them. On his fifty-second birthday, for instance, Dr. Johnson determined, among other things "To combat notions of obliga-tions. To apply to study. To reclaim imaginations. To rise early. To study religion. To go to church. To drink less strong liquors. To keep a journal," and on September 18, 1764, just four years later, he writes:

I have outlived many friends. I have felt many sorrows. I have made few improvements. Since my resolutions formed last Easter, I have made no advancement in knowledge or in goodness; nor do I recolect that I have endeavored it. I am dejected but not hopeless. I resolve: To study the Scriptures; I hope in the original languages. Six hundred and forty verses every Sunday will nearly comprise the Scriptures in a To take care of my health by such it may be due to differences in train- away? Will you please tell ing and especially in environment I intended coming tonight, down at night some plan for the morrow. Tomorrow I purpose to

obscure fellow men who frequently determine with him "To rise early hear. Vulgar people try to restrain

too strong. For when "tomorrow" comes, they again fail to "rise early" and the disorders they meant "to regulate" still persist. "Dejected but not hopeless," they resolve anew where a little is any thing of the kind would occur before called but not hopeless, they resolve anew where a manufacture of the kind would occur before thing of the kind would occur before the disorders they meant "to grils or women. Lewd actions are exhibited before boys and men; while before boys and men; while a look at 1c, and the said. "I'll have plenty of time for beautiful persists, they resolve a property of the said of the said." I'll have plenty of time for thing of the kind would occur before exhibited before boys and men; where a look at 1c, and the said. "I'll have plenty of time for the kind would occur before exhibited before boys and men; while a look at 1c, and the said." I'll have plenty of time for the kind would occur before exhibited before boys and men; while are present, whereas little if any thing of the kind would occur before exhibited before boys and men; while are present, whereas little if any thing of the kind would occur before exhibited before boys and men; while are present, whereas little if any thing of the kind would occur before exhibited before boys and men; while are present, whereas little if any thing of the kind would occur before beautiful and the look are the present whereas little is any thing of the kind would occur before beautiful and the look are the present whereas little is any thing of the kind would occur before beautiful and the look are the present whereas little is any thing of the kind would occur before beautiful and the look are the present whereas little is any the present whereas little is any the look are the present whereas little is any the look are the present whereas little is any the look are the present whereas little is any the look are the l and try again. For human life, they know, is made up of fresh beginnings after repeated failures. The "man of desires" is dear to God and in the eyes of Heaven even "good intentions" have their reward.—America.

THE GREAT AND THE LOWLY

By Lordman It may happen now and then, that some of us will delight in being on speaking terms or acquainted with some so called superior being. This superiority, however, very often depends on something quite ordinary, and occasionally the claim of superiority rests on merely outward ap

The greatest have their faults which make them ugly at times, and the most common laborer may pos-sess virtues which far outshine the happy owners of culture and refine-There are some things even in the best of us which draw us down-ward and something noble in most of us which elevates and draws us

upward. Prophets and heroes are far more common than is universally admitted; the greatest are sometimes hidden and obscured simply because they

most likely this is what Grey meant when he wrote that famous sentence

The dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN | Full many a flower is born to blush unseen And waste its sweetness on the

desert air.' Some of us are continually on the hunt for acquaintance with celebre-ties; we seem to think that what is best and noblest must be vain and

We may not be far from right in stating that the really true and noble are far more common than we realize. We need but make allowances for the shortcomings and grosser faults of our neighbors; if we seek to detect their better qualities we'll soon find that we needn't travel so far away for our become they will far away for our heroes; they will surround us on every side. God help the poor fellow who considers himself so perfect that he cannot imitate and admire one of his neighbor's virtues. George Eliot, who ranks high as a

keen observer of human nature, has the following delightful paragraph on the subject: "There are few prophets in the world. . . few herces. I cannot afford to give all my reverence to such rarities; I want a great deal of those feelings for my every day fel-lowmen, especially for the few in the foreground of the great multitude, whose faces I know, whose hands I way with kindly courtesy. . . I herewith discharge my conscience and declare that I have had quite enthusiastic movements of admiration toward gentlemen who spoke the worst ful in their temper, and who had

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

A WOMAN'S PRAYER

O Lord, who knowest every need of repine; Grant me fresh courage every day,

Help me to do Thy work alway Without complaint. O, Lord, Thou knowest well how

dark the way, Guard Thou my foot steps lest they stray; Give me fresh faith for every hour, Lest I should ever doubt Thy power

And make complaint. Give me heart, O, Lord, strong to endure.

Help me to keep it simple, pure, Make me unselfish, helpful, true, For every act, whate'er I do,

And keep content. Help me to do my woman's share, Make me courageous, strong to bear Sunshine or shadow in my life, Sustain me in the daily strife

To keep content. ARE BOYS RUDE BY NATURE?

There is a popular belief that boys rearly comprise the scriptures in a year. To read good books; to study Theology. To treasure in my mind passages for recollection. To rise early; not later than six, if I can; I hope sconer, but as soon as I can. To hope sconer, but as soon as I can. To hope sconer, but as soon as I can. To hope scorer, but as soon as I can. To hope s keep a journal, both of employment in speech and in manners. But the and of expenses. To keep accounts. difference may not be a native one; "Are you

and companionship. How remarkably like the great Dr. Johnson are countless millions of his permitted to hear obscene language, couraged and down hearted, she propose to regulate my room," my life, my business, my health, or my morals, as the case may be, only to find that the Old Adam in them is mine with him "To rise early hear. Vulgar people try to restrain if I can," or say, "Tomorrow I their coarseness when a girl is pres-

where such actions are permitted. activities rightly directed, the world to her with inquiries as to how would hold the same moral standard for men and women. The late Speaker Cannon held the same Ernestine said. standard and the following story is pertinent. At a stag dinner where he was once toast master, a certain Congressman prefaced a vulgar story

Pardon me, you may omit that part of your remarks," interrupted Speaker Cannon, "though no ladies

Public sentiment always requires that the environment of the girl be more wholesome and refined than that of the boy. If boys are more susceptible, why are they not safe guarded? Will someone who is in the habit of ascribing native vulgarity to boys please answer this gues. are present, many gentlemen are." ity to boys please answer this ques-

tion ? Thoughtless, though doubtless wellmeaning people are constantly seeking to improve the environment of girls so as to keep their thoughts, inwardly.-True Voice. feelings and conduct wholesome, sweet and refined, but they let boys grow up under debasing conditions and then lament over the fact they are not naturally refined and scrupu lous about their speech and manners.
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wonder why he is not so particular as she is about his appearance. The result of this general indifference to a boy's esthetic nature is, of course, that the boy, as a rule, is coarser in his thought, speech, and action than the girl. But is the difference due to sex or to the fact that we neglect the boy and permit him to look out for himself with the result that he is often subjected to vicious sugges tion? It is a wonder that take boys as they go, they are not worse than they are. - M. V. O'Shea in The

ERNESTINE'S PROMISE

A group of schoolgirls, talking and laughing in the delightful schoolgirl way, swung briekly along the shaded walk. They paused at a gate where one of their number left them, inviting them all to "come in awhile and we'll see if there's anything in the pantry." But before the others answered, one tall, slender girl spoke up quickly, "I can't — don't tempt me. I want to go to see Bessie

Bane. "Oh, are you going to see Bessie?" spoke up another. "I'm so glad. I was there last night, and I had in tended going again tonight. But if you are going, I won't need to, and it would be better for different ones

Are you going to Bessie's right by? Will you please tell her thought she would rather be alone From early childhood boys are with you? I will go tomorrow subjected to rough associations from night. You may tell her that too

really needs one of us every day. Ernestine went home, fully intend-

pages longingly.
"I'll just take a look at it," she said. "I'll have plenty of time for

three times. It boys as well as girls were guarded from vulgarity and their the next morning when Ida hurried Ernestine flushed a little guiltily

> 'Why, I didn't get there, after all," "Oh, Ernestine!" said Ida, re proachfully, "you promised to go. I would have gone myself, but just two together are so much more inti-

with the words, "As no ladies are present, I will tell the following was sure you would go when you "I just said I was going—it wasn't more than a half promise. I did in-

tend going too, but-I-was-hin-

of ugly things and hurts us when we remember. Thinking back on a broken promise is like looking at a loathsome object—it makes us writhe

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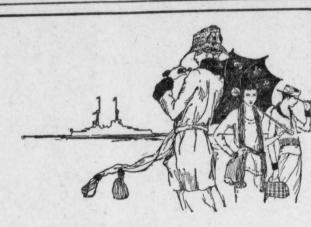
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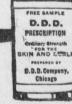
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