#### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A Boy's Promise. The school was out, and down the street A noisy crowd came thronging; The hue of health, and gladness sweet, To every face belonging.

Among them strode a little lad, Who listened to another, And mildly said, half grave, half sad; "I can'.—I promised mother."

A shout went up, a ringing shout, Of boisterous derision; But not one moment left in doubt The manly, brave decision.

"Go where you please, do what you will,"
He calmly told the other;
But I shall keep my word, boys, still;
I can't—I promised mother."

Ah, who could doubt the future course Of one who thus had spoken? Through manhood's struggle, gain and loss, Could faith like this be broken?

Could faith the thick the God's blessing on the steadfast will, Unyielding to another,
That bears all jeers and laughter still,
Because he promised mother!
—George Cooper.

Children, always be kind to the old There is no surer mark of kindness of heart and of good breeding than respect for those older than ourselves. and especially for the very old. It is sad to be aged, and to have lost so many dear friends; to be feeble, and to remember that once we were young and strong; to be lonely, and to know that many whom we have loved and trusted have died or have grown cold towards us and tired of us. Never tease or mock old people; to do that shows a bad heart, and God always punishes disrespect to the aged.

Religious Dogs.

The famous St. Bernard dogs are very carefully trained. A traveler, who visited some of the monasteries of the monks of St. Bernard a few years ago, found the monks teaching their dogs from the earliest stages of puppy hood. Not only a physical and mental training included in the teachings, but spiritual culture is by no means neglected. At meal time, the dogs sit in a row, each with a tin dish before him containing his repast. Grace i said by one of the monks; the dogs sit motionless with bowed heads. Not one stir until the "Amen" is spoken. If a frisky puppy partakes of his meal before grace is over, an older dog growls and gently tugs his ear.

Have You a Mother?

Have you a mother? If so, honor and love her. If she is aged, do all in your power to cheer her declining years. Her hair may have bleached, her eyes may have dimmed, her brow may contain deep and unsightly furrows, her cheeks may be sunken ; but you should never forget the holy love and tender care she has had for you. In years gone by she has kissed away from your cheek the troubled tear; she has soothed and petted you when all else appeared against you, she has watched over and nursed you with a tender care known only to a mother; she has sympathized with you in adversity; she has been proud of You may be despised by all around you, yet that loving mother stands as an apologist for all your short comings. With all that disinterested affection, would it not be ungrateful in you if in her declining years you failed to reciprocate her love and honor her as your best, tried friend? We have no respect for a boy or girl who neglects an aged mother. you have a mother, love her, and do all in your power to make her happy.

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An Incident of the Scapular. A remarkable incident occured rebeen furnished a Journal representative. A short time since a young man was preparing to go on a fishing ex-While dressing he thought cursion. While dressing he thought he would leave off his scapulars, as the cord was considerably frayed. He mentioned the fact to his sister. She expostulated with him and after a good deal of persuasion, induced him to wear the scapulars. During the day the boat in which were the young man and his companion capsized. The companion could swim but the other could not. The first named said he would bring him safe to shore. He took a cramp, however, and went down to rise no more. Our young man was rescued after going down once or twice. When he was brought to shore and his clothing re-moved it was found that although his apparel was soaked through and rough, the scapulars were perfectly y. This was noted, not by Catholics, but by Protestant rescuers. It is safe to say our young man will never think

of leaving off the scapular again.

Taught by a Boy. Formerly a very large, well-known and somewhat noted billygoat roamed at large in the streets of Washington, the newspaper boys, bootblacks and the newspaper boys, socional and street arabs, generally, made common cause against him. never liked to see dumb animals abused or worried, and on one occasion, while passing down the avenue, a large crowd of these mischievous urchins were at their usual sport. Mr. Clay, with his walking stick, drove them away, giving them a sound lecture in the meanwhile. As they scampered and scattered in every direction, Billy, seeing no one but Mr. Clay within reach, made a charge at him. Clay dropped his cane and caught his goatship by the horns. The goat would rear up, being nearly as high as the tall Kentuckian himself, high as the tall Kentuckian himself, and the latter would pull him down again. This sort of sport soon became tiresome, and he could conceive of no way by which he could free himself from the two-horned dilemma; so in his desperation he sung out to the boys to know what to do. One of the smallest in the crowd shouted back: "Let go and run, you fool!" Clay always

maintained that though he signed the of South America the memory of St. treaty of peace at Ghent, yet that ragged boy knew more than he did.—

The True Philosopher's Stone.

Ave Maria. The Spanish painter, Ribera, was a man of quick wit and sound sense. One day two soldiers visited his studio, and amused themselves by a long discussion about the true philosopher's stone—the wonderful object which would turn, at a touch, all baser metals into gold. Ribera grew weary of their presence at last; the conversation had become exceeding tiresome,

and also interfered with his work. "My friends," he said, "have the kindness to discontinue this present visit; and, in return, the next time you call I will show you how I use the

philosopher's stone which I possess."

This was news to the soldiers, who had been so skeptical in regard to the existence of such a wonder. You may be sure they lost no time in returning to the studio, where they expected to be invited into a mysterious labratory and given a sight of the treasure But Ribera, who was painting a pic-ture of St. Jerome, motioned them to some chairs and requested them to he finished his have patience until work. Then he said he would be most happy to fulfill his promise.

After a while the canvas was taken from the easel and put into the hands of a servant with certain instructions. When the man returned he no longer had the picture, but instead of handed his master a little paper roll. "At last!" whispered the soldiers to each other. Ribera carefully untied the parcel and took from it ten gold doubloon, which he threw upon the table, saying:

"You see, my friends, how I make gold: by my labor and in no other way. Know now that there is no true sopher's stone but diligence.

The soldiers were indignant at what they considered a practical jest, and withdrew without remembering to bid the amiable artist farewell.

## A PRECIOUS HERITAGE.

"Catholics, even those who are worldly-minded," says Cardinal New-"have an idea before them which Protestants have not; they have the idea of a saint; they realize the existence of those rare servants of God their deprayed views on their rightewho rise up from time to time in the Catholic Church like angels in disguise, and shed around them a light as they walk on their way heaven-ward. They have a standard for their principles of conduct, and it is the pattern of saints which forms it for

If the influence of the blessed is such on those who are imbued with the spirit of the world, how salutary must it not be to those whose whole heart is in the words of the Creed, "I believe in the Communion of Saints!" Full of consolation is the faith which establishes a tie between God's servants already enjoying the beatific vision, and the weary hearts of those who still look with longing toward the portal of death, which separates earth from heaven. To the true Catholic the saints are real, are personal; they come into close relationship with life, and are never - failing incentives to nobility of action in the service of God. In every walk of life have there been ouls eminent for their sanctity; and old and young may find in the ranks of the blessed ideals beautiful as well as stimulating, the imitation of which, end them nearer to Him who said:

Let us glance at the glorious records of the Church, and upon her bead-roll we shall find the names of those who had the same hopes and fears, the same divine aids, the same tempta-tions, as ourselves: men and women with hearts fashioned as are our ownyes, fashioned as are our very ownbut which corresponded to the graces given them; hearts which burned with the love of God. A precious heritage is ours in the lives and examples of these saints.

How wonderful is the life of John the Baptist, that marvellous saint-"a hermit first, then a preacher to a fallen people, and then a martyr!" fairest words fail to paint the tender peauty of the career of the Beloved Disciple — that Disciple whose heart felt the throbbings of the Divine Heart of Love Eternal. St. Peter, eager, impetuous Peter, has stamped all ages with the impress of his ardent zeal, and is a source of holy comfort to us when we think of our own many weakhearted denials of our Blessed Lord. Our contrition is deeper when we mingle our tears with the tears of Mary Magdalen; and her soul-cry, boni!" echoes in our heart when we find Jesus after having lost Him by sin. Dear little St. Agnes, who was a pure lamb offered as a pleasing oblation, puts to shame our cowardice in the petty sufferings of life; and many a young soul has been led to the altar, there to become the spouse of Christ, through the holy influence of that lov ing child-martyr. Wherever the grand strains of the Te Deum are heard, there are called to mind the names of St. Ambrose and St. Augustine; in every school of theology and philosophy is the name of St. Thomas revered: afar in the jungles of India is St. Francis

Xavier venerated; and in the forests

Rose of Lima is held sacred. Every age, as it comes before us presents to our admiration a host of saints - gentle, tender, zealous, holy men and women, who crucified the body that the soul might be glorified. A St. Francis of Assisi in the thir-teenth century, as well as a Cure d'Ars in the nineteenth; a St. Alexis in the year four hundred, and a Benedict Joseph Labre in our own time-all are fruits of Christianity as taught and practiced in the Holy Roman Catholic Church, that Church which rejoices in the eminent holiness of so many of her children. Her treasury has been enriched with the superabundant merits

of thousands of saints; and we, with our half-heartedness, our ungenerous dispositions, our fear of sacrifice, par ticipate in the merits they have secure -merits made estimable by the Blood of Christ. The only admiration worthy the name

is that of imitation; and if we feel that we can not follow closely in the foot-steps which are marked with the crimson sign of martyrdom and heroic mortification, surely we can hearken to the counsels of the gentle St. Francis de Sales, and become meek and humble striving to be "all things to all men" so as to win all to Christ. Everyday paths lead to heaven; and, as he says, sanctity does not consist in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things extraordinarily well." -Ave Maria.

#### FIVE MINUTE SERMON. Third Sunday of Advent.

BAD COMPANY In one of his epistles (2 Timothy iii. -5) St. Paul speaks of dangerous times for Christians, when "men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, haughty, proud, blasphemers, disobedient parents, ungrateful, wicked, without affection, without peace, slanderers, incontinent, unmerciful, without kindess, traitors, stubborn, puffed up, and lovers of pleasure more than of God; having an appearance, indeed, of piety, but denying the power thereof." At the present time there is in the

world, especially in populous cities, no small number of men who have the combination of vices so forcibly described by the Apostle St. Paul. In some places they may be in the major-ity, and have the power to enforce ous neighbors. By their slanders they can revile virtue; by their blasphemie they endeavor to bring odium on God's plan of ruling the world. Their hatred of religion is manifested not only in the regulation of personal affairs, but also in their business methods, and in their utterances on public questions. If these stubborn, puffed-up lovers of sensuality, traitors to God, who are without affection and without peace, could be assigned to a reservation in some corner of the world, their range of influence would be kept within a definite area. But they are like their master the devil, roaming from place to place, every-where seek-ing the destruction of men's souls.

Hence it is an important matter, and especially for Catholic young men, to consider the injurious results of the unavoidable contact with those in the world who are more or less infected with erroneous views, or have become the victims of debasing vices. Such characters are to be found in nearly every department of business. It often happens that a young man, when he begins to work, is obliged to enter a sphere beyond the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim an intity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim an intity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents, where he will be in close proximity to blatant infidels, who claim and the control of his parents. intellectual superiority on account of live over again, he wou their unbelief. Business engagements may compel a Catholic young man to be within hearing of shallow sceptics, who take every opportunity to ask questions—not to get information, but or to come, and there is really nothing merely to ventilate their contempt for all religious teaching. These hostile influences have produced in many of our young men very deplorable results. By a sort of indifference, resembling the dry rot, they have allowed themselves to get into a very unsafe state

of mind regarding their duties to God.

Enlightened self - interest should prompt every young man to keep a lookout for all that is injurious to him. He may have the best religious training, together with the virtuous surroundings of a good home, but these will not be sufficient without his own personal activity. If he selects by preference heretics and freethinkers as the companions of his leisure hours; it he is so puffed up with the idea of his own ability that he can find no Catholic associates worthy of his notice; if he is so confident of his own strength that he habitually neglects to receive Holy Communion, he has become a traitor to the King of Heaven. Our Lord wants his followers to attain the highest standard of human excellence. To those who love Him and fearlessly keep His commandments He gives the courage which belongs to true manliness; and their piety has power to sur mount every obstacle on the way to heaven.

Great Games.

Great Games.

The great American game, Baseball, in the States, and the great English game, Cricket, in the Dominion, are in full career, and it is apropos to consider what a celebrated pitcher says: Mr. Louis Rush, 49 Preston St., Detroit Mich., U. S. A., writes: "In pitching ball I sprained my arm; two applications of St. Jacobs Oil cured me." If you want to be ready for the next day, try it.

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## A DEATH-BED REPENTANCE.

A Strange Incident Related by a Pro-

Dr. B. W. Richardson writes a paper on "Memory as a Test of Age," in a periodical known as the Asclepiad. In that paper he relates the following incident

"I was called once to see a dying man who was advanced in life. was muttering something strangely.
"'What is it he says?' I asked.

"'I do not know, sir,' replied the nurse, 'but it's all about Monday, and see how curiously he moves his hands. "I listened attentively, and soon caught the words repeated many times

mundi, miserere nobis. "I observed thereupon to my medical brother, whom I had been called to meet in consultation: 'He (the patient) saying part of a Romish litany He is a Roman Catholic.

O Jesu, Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata

" Impossible! I have known him for thirty years, and he has been a man of the freest thought, good in every way, but allied to no creed whatever, and opposed to the Roman Catholic faith.

"That may be; but in his early life, I warrant you, he was brought up in that faith and learned its ser-

"On inquiry, my conjectures proved correct. In the first five years of his life he was trained in the Catholic ceremonial, since which age he had come under influences changed the whole tenor of his thoughts.

course, the Doctor is excusable for his use of the terms "Romish litany" and "Catholic ceremonial," etc., as he knows no better, and does not appear to have used these offens-

ively.

This is not the purpose of our writing, however; neither have we any thing to say upon the subject of the doctor's paper, but simply to recall that here was a dying man, far advanced in life, born and reared Catholic, and who had become, doubt less through the evil influences of bad company, a free-thinker; but, finding himself on his death-bed, turns his thoughts to the Rosary he had learned when a child. The nurse remarked, "how curiously he moves his hands," but neither she nor the doctor were able to account for this; neither did it cause any remark by the doctor, nor his companion, called in for con sultation.

Doctor Richardson is evidently of the opinion that memory in old age takes cognizance chiefly of things that happened in early youth. This may be so, but it has got nothing whatever to do with the incident he relates. was simply a case of death-bed repent-

Approaching death is the touchstone that tries men, and there never yet was an instance known of those who were born and reared Catholics dying in unbelief, without some manifesta tion of their former faith, if only those who were present understood it.

It was a beautiful prayer, and one well selected by this man on his death-

bed :

"O, Jesus, Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy on us!" Let us hope, too, that his prayer was heard.
"Good in every way, but allied to no

ereed whatever, and opposed to the Roman Catholic faith," is not just the description of a man's character that suits the solemn hour of death. The

it differently.

This is the difficulty. We have but one life, and possess but one moment of it at a time. All the rest is passed of genuine importance in this world but the preparation for a good death.

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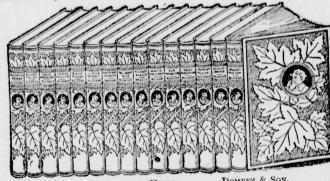
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