We have careful thought for the stranger,
And smiles for the semetime guest;
But oft for our own the bitter tone,
Trough we love our own the best.
Ah! up with the curve impatient.
Ah! brow with the shade of scorn.
Twere cruel fair were the night too late
To undo the work of the mora.

—M. E. SANGSTER. -M. E SANGSTER.

Success in the practical affairs of life depends upon temperament more than upon talent; for decision, courage, industry, and perseverance are temperamental .- Bishop Spalding.

Discipline Yourse'f. Train yourself to speak properly. Patient, continued watching of one's thought and speech, with the purpose of obtaining a correct mode of thinking and a good vocabulary, will in time give one a command over his thought and speech that will add greatly to his Refrain from speaking who power. Refrain from speaking when inclined to make half digested or light remarks. Indulge in the self-denial of keeping quiet and thinking while others are talking. Choose your words. Get rid of the unfit words that make up so large a part of your stock. Reprove yourself when you have used an unfit Discipline is worth in results

Unselfishness the Key to True Success. Many a successful merchant will look in vain for the name of an idolized and over-indulged son, but will find that of a despised office boy, an unnoticed clerk, or an overworked and underpaid

stenographer.

No one will live long in the world's No one will live long in the world's memory, or find a place on the honor roll, who has not done something be-sides selfishly grasping and holding the "almighty dollar," or working within the narrow sphere of personal interests and ambitions.

Achievement is not always success while reputed failure often is. It is honest endeavor, persistent effort to do the best possible under any and all circumstances, daily practice of the Golden Rule, scattering little deeds of love and kindness along life's pathway, and aspiration to be of use in the world that will win a place in the ranks of

Fame, wealth, position, worldly honors,—these have nothing to do with real success. The most successful Man that ever lived was despised of men, and so poor that He had not whereon to lay His head.—Success.

Maxims for Success.

The president of the London Cham the president of the London Cham-ber of Commerce gives these maxims, which he has tested through years of business experience and which he re-commends as tending to insure success: Have a definite aim.

Master all details.

Always know more than you are expected to know.

Remember that difficulties are only

made to be overcome.

Treat failures as stepping-stones to further effort.

Listen well, answer cautiously, decide promptly.

Preserve by all means in your power
"a sound mind in a sound body."

Tact and Gentleness. Of all the gifts to be prayed for, next to grace at heart, tact and gentleness in manner are the most desirable. A que, shy, curt manner, a cold indifference, a snappish petulance, a brutal appearance of stolidity, antagonize and would and rob even really kind

actions of half their value.

It is worth while to do a kind thing gracefully and tactfully. There is a certain propriety of demeanor which

Dignity is a matter of character, rather than of appearance. It cannot be assumed. Yet many a person thinks that dignity can be put on on occasion, even though it is not shown in one's uniform conduct and hearing.

Carl Gueldig, a small boy, about "Still he did not know the reason why he had been given this task. At this moment the king returned and, as he bade the man keep the ring which he had drawn from the well, he said:

"Because thou hast been faithful in a n one's uniform conduct and bearing.
Dignity' is, in its root meaning,
'worth,' or "worthiness." He who has dignity has a consciousness of real worth, a prevailing sense of what is worthy in himself, and of what is worthy of him in his relation to others. Dignity is not haughty; it is modest and unassuming. Dignity shows itself in lowly service rather than in proud self-assertion. Dignity is always quiet, always self-composed, always gentle, and, therefore, always admirable. Wordsworth says:

True dignity abides with him alone
Who, in the shear nour of inward thought, Who, in the shear bour of heward thous Can still respect, can still revere himself In lowliness of heart.

There is a charm in true dignitya charm that shows itself more clearly in one who has no thought of claiming dignity or of appearing dignified.

An Important Lesson. If you would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget your neighbor's faults. Forget all the slander you have ever heard. Forget the temptations. Forget the fault-finding give little thought to the cause and give little thought to the cause which provoked it. Forget the peeu-liarities of of your friends and only remember the good points which make you fond of them. For all personal quarrels or histories you may heard by accident. But out, as far as ssible, all the disagreeable things of life; they will grow larger when you remember them. Obliterate everything lisagreeable from yesterday, start ou with a clean sheet every morning, and write upon it, for sweet memory's sake, only those things which are lovely and lovable. Do you not know some per-sons, who make their lives miserable by not obeying these rules of Christian Don't make yourself un-

happy. Specialists Wanted.

When a young college graduate enters the shops, no matter what are his scholastic attainments his advancement depends wholly on the merit of his work from day to day. A device that will increase the efficiency of a piece of machinery by the smallest fraction is more highly prized than the most learned degree. Results are wanted. Original research is rewarded.

Every opportunity is given the individual to direct his energy into the most favorable channel. Some men are born to lead, but more seem destined to follow. Industrial leaders—captains of industry, of the first order, — are few. They are worth almost any price, When men of executive ability are dis covered among the five hundred young engineers, they are carefully nurtured as are the eldest sons of royal families. Specializing, likewise, is strongly encouraged; for, in the broad field of electrical engineering, no man can hope to be master of all. The brilliant work is done by specialists. It is pecu-liarly characteristic of our American life that we specialize in everything. A large measure of our industrial supremacy is due to this western practice of training the individual and building the machine to do one thing as well as it can be done. A "jack-at-all-trades" is a nobody.—Success.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Child to the Father.

BY ROBERT BRIDGES.

Father, it's your lave that safely guides me; Always it's around me night and day Is shelters me, and soothes, but never chides Yet, father, there's a shadow in my way.

All the day, my father, I am playing
Under trees where sunbeams cance and dart—
But often just at night when I am praying
I feel this awful hunger ia my heart.

Father, there is something - it has missed me-I've felt it through my little days and years; And even when you petted me and kissed me I've cri'd myself to sleep with burning

To-day I saw a child and mother walking, I caught a gentle shining in her eye. And music in her voice when she was talk-ing—

Oh, father, is it that that makes me cry? Oh, never can I put my arms around her, Or never cuadic closer in the night; Mother, sh. my mother!-I've not found he I look for her and cry from dark to light!

Honesty Pays. Honesty pays not only from a Christian, but from a business standpoint as well. A gentleman tells the following:

I was acquainted with a young man in New York. His employer once asked him to engage in some crooked trans-action. This young man said: "I re-fuse." His complexer ages: His employer never again asked him to commit an unprincipled act. A few weeks later the young man was promoted, then he was made man-ager of a branch house. At last he deded to start in business for himsel His sterling Christian character had won for him a friend who loaned him the necessary money without security, and to-day, at twenty-seven, he is the owner of a large establishment in New York, with branches in Boston and Philadelphia. His former employer is one of his clerks. Christianity helped that young man in business.

Conscience. Heed your conscience. Not many years ago a student, desiring to rise early the morning, bought an alarm clock. For a few days it worked well. But one morning, after being aroused by its alarm, he turned over and went to sleep again. On subsequent mornings the clock failed to awaken him. He placed it under the head of his bed, in close proximity to his ear. Then it woke him till the time he disobeyed its summons; ever afterwards it was a failure; he slept through its call with perare; he slept through its can with perfect regularity. Yet on the other hand, many a mother wakes on the faintest voice of her child, and many a watcher on the slightest movement of the

patient. They have trained themselves patient. They have trained themsetves to heed such a call. In like manner the conscience may be deadened and trained. Let the Christian disregard its voice, and soon it will become units voice, and soon it will be them. never makes a mistake, which guards the feeling of a loved one as carefully as a mother cherishes her little delicate child. In time such tact becomes natural, and one who has it makes others happy without trying to do so.

Dignity.

Thus did this wise king succeed in finding a servant worthy of his confidence; and thus was the faithful oblewing a remainder of his party being afraid. When he was in the middle of the pond, the jee broke and remand when the ideal problem and remand the ideal problem. Thus did this wise king succeed in finding a servant worthy of his confidence; and thus was the faithful obleme, and the jee health and the je the ice broke and young Wilson fell through.

Vain were the attempts made to throw him a rope, the ice being too thin to warrant any one to venture upon it. After being in the icy water upon it. After being in the icy water for over an hour, the young man was almost exhausted, and the crowd of spectators began to abandon hope, when Carl Gueldig pushed through. Throwing aside his hat and coat, he caught the end of the rope, and began to cook the end of the rope, and began to crawl toward Wilson, the ice wavering as if it would break. When within about ten feet of the hole, Gueldig pushed the rope inch by inch forward until within reach of Wilson. He then turned and crawled to the bank, amid a volley of cheers. As soon as he was safe, Wilson was drawn to the shore by eager hands

A Humble Hero. "Oh, how cold!" escaped my lips as I stumbled through the door of a miserable attic tenement, says a writer in

Watchman. The mother was out, but her twelve years old boy was mounted guard over the other children as they played about the poorly furnished room. I shivered as the wind whistled through the broken window panes, causing me to pull my overcoat over my ears. The boy was in his shirt sleeves, but I refrained from asking questions as to the where-about of his coat, in case its absence might have been the means of providing a crust of bread for the fatherless

family.
"Are you not cold, my boy?" I
"Yo." said he, "not very."

thing. But here was a hero, on a bitter cold day, in his shirt sleeves because he wanted to shield his little brother from the bitting effect of a cold Dec ember wind.

Men say the age of heroism is past. It is false! So long as a nation raises boys like this one, she has within herself the germs of a boyhood that will keep her forever in the very foremost world's history.

His Recompense.

The sad, weird melody which grew struggle for fame. Instead of some a well-known pianist and composer, tainty, for it may depend on a number of things, which no man can foresee.

The other classes of future events, the other classes of future events, and the other classes of future events.

lie Annual.

A Test of Worth.

There was once a king who lived in far away Eastern land, and he needed trustworthy man to put into a posi-tion of great responsibility; but he could not find any one of whose worth he felt assured; so he devised a means of trying those who applied for the position. He gave notice that he wanted a day's work dose and many applicants came, some of them having a large number of letters signed by en in high position.

The king choose two of the appli-cants and set them to work filling a basket with water from the neighboring well. After putting in a few buck-etfuls, one of the men became disgusted and stopped working, saying that he ed and stopped working, saying that he would not waste his time on such fool's work. The other continued, saying: "The master has hired me for wages, and the use of the work is his business, not mine. I will work faithfully until he comes."

All day long he carried buckets of water from the well to the basket which ran out almost as soon as it was put in.
About sundown the well was nearly dry, and looking down he saw some-thing shining on the bottom. The next time the let down the bucket, he drew

up a very precious diamond ring.

"Now I see the use of pouring the water in the basket," said he, "if the ring had been drawn up before the well was dry, I should not have seen it in the bucket, but it would have been found in the basket. Now I see that the day's work was not thrown away though it seemed so useless."

"Still he did not know the reaso

in a greater. Henceforward thou shalt stand at my right hand." Thus did this wise king succeed in

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Because thou hast been faithful in few things, I will place thee over many. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

A Point Worth Considering. There are many Catholics and Pro-

testants who congratulate themselves on the fact that prejudice against Cathon the fact that prejudice against Cath-olics and the Church has so greatly diministed in the last few years in this country. We have no doubt that much good will result to the Church in many ways from this change, but let us not deceive ourselves either as to the sources of this change or as to its results. It has not come from any lightenment or truer knowledge of religious principles on the part of Protest-Protestants have simply grown ants. more religiously indifferent. They have been corrupted more by the world, the flesh and the devil. They have fallen religiously far lower than they used to be; they have ceased to care in many cases about religious belief of any kind, and for this they are putting them and for this they are putting them-selves on the back and congratulating

FORTUNE TELLING.

Australian Messenger for November.

Future events, especially those that depend in any way on the action of man's free-will, are known only to God. and to those to whom He may choose for His own wise ends to reveal them. There is, no doubt, one class of future events which can be predicted with what is called moral or physical, though not with absolute certainty. Such are the motions of the heavenly bodies, the changes of the moon, the flow and ebb beneath his touch might have served as a requiem over the man's own dead hopes and slain ambition. It was the old story of genius which the world rofused to recognize, and an unavailing weather in the far future cannot, how struggle for fame. Instead of being ever, be predicted with any great cer

musician.

A boy, leaning upon a crutch, stood in the doorway, listening with an engapt look on his pale, sickly face. Suddenly Waldemar looked up and saw self and those enlightened mediately or the being but God Himself and those enlightened mediately or absolutely on the will of the control of the contr frowaed and abruptly ceased immediately by Him can know or foreaying.

'My uncle is here, father,' said the with them more or less of probability in without a pang, Waldemar saw his

Ny unite and the proportion to the experience or natural shrewdness of him who makes them.

Thus the devil, on account of his long

who had undertaken to have him educated abroad. He had always regarded the crippled boy as part of the ill-luck which had ever overshadowed his lick. During the ten years that passed he sometimes forgot that he had a son.

One night he sat with the rest of the musicians, in a concert hall. A young pianist, recently sprung into fame, came upon the stage, and was greeted by a tumult of applause. Waideman never lifted his eyes until the notes of a strange sweet melody, marvelously rendered, quivered through the vast 100m. That melody! it was his! he had composed it! and no one had ever heard it save his son!

Pale, trembling, he leaned forward and looked, for the first time, upon the player. One glance at the pale face, the crutch beside the piano, and Waldemar covered his face and wept tears of joy. It had come at last—his recompense.—Marion Ames Taggart, in Catholic Annual.

ity, may sometimes hit upon the truth.

It is easy to see the reasonableness of what has just been stated. God alone is the Ruler of the universe, and He rules it according to His own unfathoms be wisdom. He is the Father and Guide of men, and He will modify His plans in whatever way He sees best for the good of mankind at large. Who can enter into His counsel" in such a matter as this? Again, future events frequently depend on the use which an individual is make of their free-will. Now who can tell beforehand what changes may come over the will of even a single individual, only God, with Whom alone there is no to speak of thousands, in the space of a single day or hour? Manifestly, only God, with Whom alone there is no to speak of thousands, in the space of a single day or hour? Manifestly, only God, with Whom alone there is no to to speak of thousands, in the space of a single day or hour? Manifestly, only God, with Whom alone there is no to to speak of thousands, in the space of many time of micro day the rule.

A Jewish Opiaion.

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A Jewish Opiaion. Marion Ames Taggart, in Cath-nual. — Marion Ames Taggart, in Cath-space of even one hour? Many unfore-seen things may oceur to make him change in the very opposite direction. Millions and millions of free-wills are thus at work throughout the world. The actions and sudden decisions of one may modify in an instant the actions and decisions of others, and thus we arrive at a complex series of permutations and combinations which no human or created intellect can possibly unsubstitute of the control of the or created intellect can possibly un- show similar pride and self-respec

of those who consult so-called fortune-tellers, and put a greater or less amount of credence in their predictions? If those fortune-tellers were men and women of blameless lives, and with undoubted signs of being the intimate basement, usually the work of Jewis friends of God, there would be reason veneration. God has made known many future events to His prophets and to many of His saints, and their words have been verified by events. But these men carried their conductivity these men carried their credentials with them in the sanctity of their lives and in their spirit of prayer and union

with the Almighty.

It is quite otherwise with those who are known to the world as "fortune-tellers." No one ever dreams of their having their knowledge from God, for the tenor of their lives is not such as to warrant the supposition. Whence, then, are they supposed to have their knowledge? Either from themselves or from the devil. If from themselves, how can they possibly know things that depend on the action of perhaps thoudepend on the action of perhaps thou-sands of wills that are absolutely free, and all of which have the power to change in a single hour! Are they powerful enough to put a spell on all wills? And if they were, is God, these wills? And if they were, is God, Who Himself respects the free-will of His creatures, likely to permit them? If their knowledge comes from the known in this world. carl Gueldig, a small boy, about eight years old, of New Albany, Indiana, is a hero for having saved a young man from drowning, at the risk of his own in the greater. Henceforward thou shalt stand at my right hand."

"Because thou hast been faithful in a devil, we must remember, first, that the dayll is the "father of lies." and, secondly, that he possesses only a stand at my right hand."

"Because thou hast been faithful in a devil is the "father of lies." and, secondly, that he possesses only a stand at my right hand." infallibly foresee those things that depend on men's free will or the free decisions of the Most High. Only one thing is certain regarding him, and that s, that he hates men with an implacable Not a few of us have just such tasks given us to do. The daily duties of life seem often irksome and disgusting, and the myriads of angels he drew down hatred, as being created to fill the places left vacant in heaven by himself

seem often irksome and disgusting, and we are tempted to ask many a time, "What's the use?" It will comfort us then to think of this little story and to remember that even if the work we are doing is really useless—and it is hardly likely to be so—the fact that we are doing it in obedience and from a pure motive gives it great worth in the sight of God who will one day say to us:

"Well done, good and faithful serstrange gods before Me." Is it not to show distrust in Him to act thus? But it will be said: "It is only done for amusement; we not really believe in these prophecies. All the same, we r.ply, such practices are really dangerous, and the imagination may be so impressed as to lead to the most disastrous. results. To put it on the lowest ground, might not the shilling that is thus thrown away be usefully employed in relieving some of God's deserving poor, instead of fostering superstition and encouraging lazy and idle impost-

ors ? Character-reading from an examina tion of the lines of the hand, called "palmistry," has some little foundation in truth. The hand of the vigorous and robust will be found to differ from tho of the weak and nervously constituted.
There science may be said to cease;
the rest is but fanciful guesswork.
which may be permitted occasionally by way of recreation or amusement. This

way of recreation or amusement. This,

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden
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owever, is altogether a different que tion from the indulgence in that morbid curiosity and senseless, as well as sinful superstition, which leads persons particularly the young and impression able, to consult "gypsies" and profes sional fortune-tellers, and to put a kind of belief in their predictions. To thu "tempt God" is far indeed remove motherless son depart with the uncle who had undertaken to have him educated abroad. He had always regarded the crippled boy as part of the ill-luck which had ever overshadowed his life.

Design the ten years that reased he is the Design that the cripple of the ill-luck which had ever overshadowed his life.

Design the ten years that reased he is the Design to account of his long tempt God is far indeed removed from that filial confidence we ought to have in His bountful Goodness and ever-watchful Providence. He has told us that the very "hairs of our heads what has just been stated. God alone when the time of the moved is far indeed removed to have in His bountful Goodness and ever-watchful Providence. He has told us that the very "hairs of our heads are numbered," and that "not a spar-

cott idea, but applaud as courageous in view of all this, what shall we say those who consult so-called fortuneactors and Jewish artists, verifying the words of Isaiah: "Thy destroyers and

IMITATION OF CHRIST.

A PRAYER FOR THE FULFILLING THE WILL OF GOD.

Grant me thy grace, most merciful Jesus, that it may be with me, and con-tinue with me to the end. Grant me always to will and desire

that which is most acceptable to Thee and which pleases thee best. Let Tay will be mire, and let my will lways follow thine and agree perfectly

Let me always will or not will the same with Thee; and let me be unable to will or not will otherwise than as

Thou willest or willest not. Grant that I may die to all things, which are in the world: and for Thy UNDERTAKERS AND EMBALMERS

Thou art the true peace of the heart,
Thou art its only rest: out of Thee all
things are hard and uneasy.

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is in thee, the one Sovereign Eternal Good, I will sleep and I will rest. (Ps.

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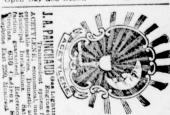
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