## OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Mother's Birthday. It was a frosty morning in November when Paul Ellis uncermoniously en-tered the home of his friend, John ' he cried, " Hello Jack !" Markham. "Hello Jack!" he cried, "may I ask what it is you are conceal-ing from view, sir! Been into mis-chief, probably, after the manner of chief, probably, after the mainer of small boys whose mothers are gone. This is said by way of pleasantry, for both lads were strapping boys of fifteen or thereabouts.

For answer Jack drew forth a partly finished shelf, on which he was putting rnamental work. Did you do all that with your

Jack nodded.

It must have taken a long time.

What's it for, anyway?"

"Well, to-morrow is mother's birthday, you know, and I am making it for
her. She doesn't knew a thing about it; and now, while she is gone, I'm putting in the time to good advantage. When I heard you I thought she had come back, and that's why I hid it." "Do you always do this sort of thing?" asked Paul, as Jack fell to

thing?" asked Paul, as Jack fell to whittling and whistling together.
"What sort of thing—making shelves?" inquired Jack, with a laugh.
"No I mean giving research laugh."
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make her "Why, I always try to make her rthday different from other days. eems to me I'd feel real sneaking mean not to notice it at all. As little money as mother has, she always manages to have something extra for me when my

Paul's face flushed crimson at the unconscious rebuke these words contained Never in his life had he given his mother anything, or taken any notice of her birthday. Indeed, he was not quite sure when the day came, though he thought it was some time during that same month. Jack's voice broke in upon his thoughts.
"Some years I can't give her much,

but this time I have something really nice, I think. Come and see it,' opening his trunk, he disclosed to view a very pretty little clock. "Cost \$4.50," said he, proudly; "I've been saving the money for ever so long. You see the clock we have is about worn out, and mother needs one badly. I'm going to get up after she's asleep to-night, fasten the shelf to the wall here, and put the clock on it. My, now surprised she'll be, when she sees it in the morning!" to his feelings in a prolonged whistle To him it seemed nothing remarkable that a boy should think of his mother, and do things for her; but a new train of thought had been started in Paul's mind, which was kept up all the His mother had always made the anniversary of his birthday a day to be remembered with pleasure; she was always planning, and working for him. He had taken it for granted that that was what mothers were for; but now he began to wonder whether such kindness did not merit some re-

He knew her birthday came soon, and somehow he found this fact connecting itself with the \$6 he had saved toward bicycle. But could he relinquish this long-cherished desire? Then something seemed to rein him up sharply, and to ask him whether he really cared enough for his mother to make any sacrifice for her; and whether, after all, such things as this were not the things that showed the stuff one was many things she needed, too. But it was not wavering. Irresolution is the great needed, too wavering. Irresolution is the great needed wavering the great needed wavering. was a severe struggle; and it was not ended until that evening, when, sitting alone by the fire, he brought his hand down upon the table with an emphatic ing little else than thriftless and shift-

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Madge thought a moment. "Yes, I

Well, mother has been teaching you

to cook lately, and you do first rate. How would it do to get her off some How would it do to get her off some where in the forenoon, and you have tions are left behind. You cannot do dinner ready when she comes back?"

"That will do, if I can manage it. I believe I can get Mrs. Jones down on the contributes more to the

the corner to make a birthday cake. You know she bakes for people some-times, and she makes good cakes. I think I have enough money for that. I'll find out in the morning.'

The birthday dawned clear and beau-A neighbor, who was in the sec-secret for Mrs. Ellis during the forenoon, and kept her till the dinner hour. When she returned, what was her sur-prise to see the table laid with a snowy cloth, and a tempting dinner prepared very creditable meal indeed, for a

brightened. It was exactly what she had wanted.

"But, Paul, dear, how did you get it? Not with your bicycle money?" as the truth suddenly flashed upon her. "O Paul! what made you?"
"You don't want me to be selfish old

curmudgeon all the days of my life, do you? I think it is time I I spent more thought on my mother.' Then the poor little woman, overcome emotions, sank into a chair and

"Why, what's the matter?" asked both, in dismay. "Don't you like it?"
"Oh, yes! the dress—and dinnerand cake—are all beautiful. I think, said she, smiles breaking through her tears, "that I am crying because I am happy. You are such dear children,

and it is so good to be remembered. Madge threw her arms around her mother and kissed her, while Paul stood awkwardly by, trying hard to keep the tears from his eyes.
"The truth is mother, I am going to

In truth is mother, I am going to be a better son to you than I have been. I guess I've just waked up to the fact that I've got a mother. But I'm not going to forget it again, see if I do."

## CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Try always to succeed in whatever you undertake. Do not be discouraged by obstacles. Endeavor to overcome be all right, but you must make your acts correspond with them. This is the way the successful men you see around you have acted. Half-hearted efforts avail but little. It is the long and de-termined work or study that produces the best results. All may not be equally successful, but when you have done your best you have met the obligation that rested upon you and are sure of a certain degree of success. In God's great cathedral there are many stones. All have their places and all stones. fit well. it well. You may bring many or few to the construction thereof, but in the day of the completion, your share of the work will be acknowledged. So persevere faithfully in well doing through

good or ill fortune.

Struggle, the Rule of Life. Struggle is the rule of life. Were it otherwise it would seem as though we might all of us have been put upon the planet in conditions of luxury and ease and eminence that would require no effort on our part, and leaves us free for But what soft, untempered worthless metal we should be in such case! It is the fire that tempers the steel; it is the hammer that welds it; the grinding, whirling stone that brings it to an edge.

Irresolution. Every young man going ont into the ould have a given object in life. They should, of all things, be practical. It will not do to be cloud-sailing and ging like dromios, "waiting," Mr. Macawber, "for something to turn up." They must be active and turn up something themselves. They must select some given course, and stick to steadfastly till they are masters of the situation. Then they will be a suc-cess, and not till then. What the given course of life, alluded to, is to be, must be judged from their own temperament. It will probably be the course for which Poor mother! there were so which they are apt to find out their voca less and utterly aimless lives in con-

"Do what, Paul?" asked his sister Madge, who was just entering the room. She was two years younger than Paul. Their father had died several years before, and the family had had a hard time financially ever since.

Paul told his sister of his own half-formed plans for their mother.

"Oh, that will be splendid!" she eried. "Why didn't we ever think of something like that before?" These who conduct their something like that before?" These who conduct their similar like that before?" These who conduct their similar like that before? Those who conduct their similar like that before the find do.

"As good fortune would have it, I want down to the dock and made one more application and was told that if I went down to the dock and made one in after dinner—our noon day meal was dinner in those days—they would see if I could come to work they would see if I could come to work the dock and made on I would come in after dinner—our noon day meal was dinner in those days—they would see if I could come to work the caching on the Church as an indispensable or persons ruled by the grade of God co "T've a strong suspicion, sis, that its because we've been so busy thinking about ourselves that we haven't had much time for any one else. Made and the strong suspicion, sis, that its piritual affairs as they would an ordinary business transaction, or as they would like to appear in the estimation. much time for any one else. Madge, do of their friends and associates in society, you know what mother needs? I don't that is, to try to please all, are catering to public opinion; are not trying to serve God. If you wish to serve God as you should, you must defy public opinion, care nothing for it. It matters as you should, you must defy public believe she needs a new dress most of anything. The best dress she has is getting really shabby. But what can I do? I haven't any money to amount to approves of your conduct; do that which your conscience tells you is right; then your conscience tells you is right; then you know you are pleasing your heavenly father and He will provide for you

Nothing contributes more to the highest success than the formation of a highest success than the formation of a habit of enjoying things. Whatever your calling in life may be, whatever misfortunes or hardships may come to you, make up your mind resolutely that, come what may, you will get the most possible real enjoyment out of every day; that you will increase your capacday; that you will increase your capacity for enjoying life, by trying to find the sunny side of every experience of the day. Resolutely determine that you will see the humorous side of

morose, fault-finding person.—Novem-

True Courage. Colonel Higginson, when asked to name the incident of the Civil War that he considered the most remarkable for brayery, said that there was in his regibracy; said that there was in his regibracy and the considered the most remarkable for brayery, said that there was in his regibracy and not to use a faculty is to lose it.

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"Get to work; to be sure 'tis better of the civil was the control of the civil was that the control of the civil was that the considered the most remarkable for brayery, and not to use a faculty is to lose it. name the incident of the Civil War that he considered the most remarkable for brayery, said that there was in his regiment a man whom everyone liked—a man who was brave and noble, who was pure in his daily life, absolutely free from the dissipations in which most of the other men indulged. One night at a champagne supper, when many were becoming intoxicated, some one in jest called for a toast from this young man. Colonel Higginson said that the young man arose, pale, but with perfect self-possession, and said: "Gentlemen, I will drink, if you please, in water. The toast that I have to give is 'Our Mothers.'" Instantly a strange spell seemed to come that he works to get.

Like breathing and all the processes of name and provided the toast in silence; there was no more to aughter, no more song, and one by one they slunk out of the room. The lamp of memory had begun to burn; and the august to burn; and the name 'Revults.

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into the world, and falling in with others equally thoughtless—or reckless —frequents saloons and indulges in the sham pleasures of those resorts, without stopping to compute what the possible and probable results of such a course

may be.
One of the first results will be the loss one of the first results will be the loss of that integrity with which he left the parental roof-tree. Losing that gem—and he will pay it for his first "spree"—he will find himself so much less free, so much less his own master, and will sensibly sink in his own respect as well in wrong-doing never have for one another that exalted respect subsisting between comrades in virtue, and it will not take long for disrespect to cause another and a worse plunge into the pool

of intemperance.
Sometimes the result is total wreck for life. In fact, it is rarely otherwise. Step after step in the slippery path is taken, until the brilliant, promising boy is only an outcast, scarcely a shadow of the lad who started on the road to

There are instances where young men have reformed after a few years of intemperance, thereafter leading lives of sobriety. But in every instance a scar has remained—a result has abided. One young man who reformed never dared taste a drop of liquor in all the forty-five subsequent years of his life. The result of early indulgence was loss of confidence in his own ability to resist temptation in this form, and the dread of lapsing never left him for a day. Think what it means to live always in the shadow of a fear such as this, and hesitate before you take the first step towards its realization.

A Lesson to Young Men.

The members of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of that organization. We think many young men could draw a useful industrial lesson from some of the remarks made by the Standard Oil magnate, John D. Rockefeller, one of oldest members of that Church.

In speaking of his early struggles in Cleveland, Mr. Rockefeller on last Wed-

secure a position. I had completed my studies and was looking for something to do, but was unsuccessful. That was in 1855, a time of extreme depression in Cleveland. It was very difficult to find

got the position and was permitted to remain in the city and the church. I was grateful to the man who gave me that work to do. If there ever was anything I was thankful for in the world, it was to have something to do, and I have been thankful for that ever since. I am sorry for the man who hasn't anything to do and who doesn't want to do anything in the world. I am profoundly grateful to have had something to do."

There is a lesson here for our young There is a lesson here for our young men. The indolent can never be happy and can never gain the respect of their fellowmen. The habits of industry practiced by Mr. Rockefeller in those his good fortune and wealth, and no doubt help him to carry the burden of his riches. Vast possessions do not imply unlimited leisure, and, as a rule, their acquirement indicates industry and perseverance on the part of their

and perseverance on the part of the fortunate or unfortunate possessors.

Too many young men are looking for little work and large pay, and idle their days waiting for the whirlygig of time to bring them that rare combination. "I am sorry for the man who hasn't anything to do and who dosen't want to do anything in the world."

want to do anything in the world."

The man who has plenty of work, good health and just compensation need not envy those whe waste their days in idle luxury. Sloth is rust, is sin and death. "The sluggard is pelted with a dirty stone, and all men will speak of his disgrace."—Cleveland Universe.

tion is the normal condition of all ani-mate creation. Nature abhors inertia

We quote with pleasure from Our Young People this article on "Results," well pleased to find it in a periand healthier nerve-cells. It writes the body and the bo and healther nerve-cells. It writes on the did not be a periodical devoted to the rising generation:

An inexperienced youth going out into the world, and falling in with instant, deft and accurate obedience to instant, which is the provided such an object of the world.

We can not bring ourselves to believe the results of the such as a periodic such as a periodi As well hope to live without eating as As well hope to five without eating as to live without working. It is a condition imposed upon all life by the Supreme Scientist. Not only is work inevitable, and essential to the safety, health and growth of the whole being, who prosecutes it under proper condi-tions, derives real and constant gratifistant gratification from it, although, from necessity,

proper diversions, could prove of bene whole heart into it is the second.

Sacred Heart Review.

Last July the President of Harvard contributed to the Independent an article entitled "The Voluntary Church in a Democracy," in which he stated that "the uniform teaching of the Church down to the French Revolution." was that "human gavenments." ion" was that "human governments received Divine authority through the Church," and "received their principal sanction from the Church, and that

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lief and teaching on this point, he quoted at length from Leo XIII., and concluded as follows:

"God, according to the Catholic Church of to-day, does not appoint for a people any particular form of government; nor does He select the particular men who are to rule. The people select both the form of government and the process under it."

rulers under it. President Eliot, it may be noted, President Eliot, it may be noted, quoted from the Pope to prove what the doctrine of the Church on this subject is in our day, but when he stated what the Church's doctrine was previous to the French Revolution, he quoted no authority. Any one can see that the method of quoting authorities is a much safer one, as well as a fairer manner of sater one, as well as a tarter manner of proceeding. As our readers know, Rev. Mr. Starbuck, our learned Protestant theologian, noted once or twice this omission of Dr. Eliot's, and going back in the control of the c omission of Dr. Ellows, and going back several hundred years, quoted on the issue raised by the President of Harvard a Pope who is popularly supposed to favor the contention of the President, but who, in fact, agrees in substance with the doctrine of Leo XIII. Judging from the last issue of the Independ-ent, Rev. Mr. Starbuck's articles must have been brought to its notice. Here

is the way it defends Dr. Eliot:
"In an article in the Independent

ALCOHOLISM CAN BE CURED. Rev. Father Quinlivan's Opinion.

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mind and body reveals the fact that acmade the statement that down to the time of the French Revolution it was the uniform teaching of both the Protestant and the Catholic Church that the divine sanction of civil government comes through the Church. We have

"Possibly President Eliot would re

on the brain. It schools the body to instant, deft and accurate obedience to the mind. Watching the moral, we cannot fail to see that work is necessary to health and sanity, to growth and culture. It is accurately an element of the property of the proper according to the Church, human govern ments received their authority prior to the French Revolution, and the answer in his own words, was; The uniforn teaching of the Church was that such authority came through the Church Rev. Mr. Starbuck does for the perio prior to the French Revolution what Dr. Eliot himself did for the subsequent but it is one of the greatest sources of pleasure. Indirectly it adds to enjoyment because the change from effort, application and monotony lends double zest to recreation. But it gives also still still be an additional control of the Church's doctors. direct pleasure. All enjoyment arises in the use of some faculty. Conversely the normal use of any faculty is pleasurable. The man who has found him.

able. The man who has found his natural and congenial sphere of work, and that event? We believe it does settle that event? for scholarly Protestants like the President of Harvard and the Rev. Mr. Starbuck. President Eliot is a busy man and can not be expected to have he does not recognize it with the same effervescent enthusiasm with which he recognizes the pleasures of a holiday. recognizes the pleasures of a holiday. Taken from his work, he would suffer more from the loss than ever he suffered from drudgery. There is nothing like hard and systematic work to keep the emotions under proper control. It is the best oblivion in which to bury sold emotions under proper control. It is fessors, say of history or any other the best oblivion in which to bury self branch of knowledge—supposed special-or sorrow. It broadens the outlook and ists in that line of work—and very nadistracts the mind from petty personal- turally the information he gets he looks ism. Like a brisk walk or a plunge in upon as the best attainable and in every

the ocean, an exacting duty steadies respect reliable. It never occurs to him that Professor Toy, for instance, illusions. No one is so foolish as to whatever his scholarship in Hebrew, is argue that unremitting work, work be-yond the strength, work unrelieved by into error. It is really too bad. It is But properly limited it is the salon of man. To find one's work is laughing at our eminent—and very devation of man. To find one's work is laughing at our eminent with somehow the first duty of life, and to throw his servedly eminent—men, who blandow or other manage to make such blunders. or other manage to make such blunders.
One thing, we feel very sure, will be found true, Dr. Eliot must be displeased at the lame and irrelevant defence set up for him by the Independent.
He is, above all, a candid and honorable man, who will be found most willing to acknowledge a palpable error. We PRESIDENT ELIOT AND HIS DEacknowledge a palpable error. We have no intention of discussing the general questions involved or of defending Rev. Mr. Starbuck. We simply wish to defend the President of Harvard from the lame and weak defence mistakenly set up by our esteemed friend, the Independent. President Eliot made a te in that Independent article and,

## no doubt, he is willing to admit it Labor is Essential.

To Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden God gave the work of tilling and dressing the garden, because labor was essential to happiness and progress. Indolence is a great curse. God has blessed human beings with nerves, organs and muscles, and they are not to be allowed to deteriorate be are not to be allowed to deteriorate be-cause of inaction, but are to be strengthened and kept in health by ex-ercise. To have nothing to do is a great misfortune, for idleness ever has been and ever will be a curse to the human family. When men and women are divested of pride and selfishness, the Sacred Heart of Jesus will make them vessels unto honor, and honor comes in being accepted for the work

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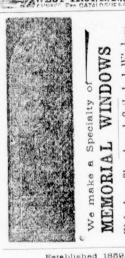
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