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# OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Last Shall be First. There came along, too, a poor little maid, hunchbacked and lame. She was

amazed that such delight should welcome her, since none had ever taken delight in her on earth. She held her delight in ner on carth. She held her crutches tight, thinking she could not walk without them, and wondered much to feel her feet hoo nergy.

'Am I really in heaven?"

"Aye, in heaven, where thou hast often longed to be." "How was that known to thee ?" so oft

"All things concerning thee are known to me. I was thy guardian angel in thy lifetime, and whatsoever angel in thy motions, and whatsbever thought of gladness was ever thine 'twas I who whispered it." "But how did I come here?" she

asked, bewildered. "I am not good enough. I have done nothing to deserve reward." "Nothing?" The angel's voice was

"Nothing?" The angel's voice was low and tender. "I watched thee when thy little fingers stitched untir-ingly from morn till night, for thy poor old mother's sake. I saw thee bear the sharpest pain in silence that to act as if their work were done and bear the sharpest pain in shence that others might not grieve. I know that in thy direst poverty thou always hadst thy mite to spare for those yet poorer than thyself. If none else knew or understood, I at least know how -From "A well thou hast deserved." Festival in Heaven," by the Queen of

Roumania. Training a Watch Dog.

In Berlin one Herr Strauss has established an academy from which watch dogs are turned out by the hundred every year. His system is educa-tional, and is applied to almost every kind of dog. He first teaches the an imal obedience by training it to perform certain "tricks" at command, and then trains it to distinguish beand then trains it to distinguish be-tween a visitor and a burglar, and what part of a man's body shou d be attacked to render a man helpless. Outside of the gate the trainer places a dummy representing a burglar, and to the latch is attached a string. By means of the string the gate is opened slowly and the head of the dummy be very particular about this; he makes the dog attack the throat or the upper part of the body always. Sometimes a real man, well padded, takes the place of the dummy, and of course is well paid for his services. All dogs may be made good watch dogs, but the St. Bernards and the Russian wolf hounds are the best where property of great value is to be guarded. For dogs not value is to be guarded. For dogs not so fierce as they are a different system of training is used. They soon learn to guard anything committed to their

care, but are not so quick to attack an intruder as the fiercer dogs are. Old Faithful.

Many hundred years ago their lived at Athens a dog whose faithfuiness has caused him to be mentioned in history, and in the Grecian city his story is often repeated. The dog guarded one of the heathen temples at Athens. One night a thief stole into this building and carried off some of the most valu able treasures. The dog vainly barked his loudest to frighten the thief and to reuse the keepers, so the man went off with the jawels. But the faithful dog did not mean to lose sight

of the rascal and all through the night he followed him. By daybreak the ne ionowed nim. By daybreak the poor animal had become very weary, but still he kept the robber in sight. The latter tried to feed him, but the dog refused all feed from him, and as

her sleeping children that it was time The little seed heard, and to be astir. tried hard to obey that it burst its hard shell in the effort and sent a tiny shoot up toward the light. Mother Nature knew that was just what would happen, so she had softened the hard earth to let it through.

Heart Review. Soon there were small green leaves and then in a little while a nice grow-ing plant. The sun smiled on it and the rain wept over it, and one morning a small lady in green CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

One secret of a sweet and happy Christian life is learning to live by the day. It is the long stretches that tire us. We think of life as a whole, appared between the green leaves. Tailer and taller she grew, and day by day her green gown began to take on running on for us. We cannot carry this load until we are three score and ten. We cannot fight this battle con-

a yellow tint. The long sunny days grew shorter tinually for half a century. But really there are no long stretches. Life does not come to us all at one time ; it comes only a day at a time. Even to morrow is never ours till it becomes to day, to act as if their work were done and slowly let go their hold on their leaves. and we have nothing whatever to do beautiful, her gown changed into a with it but to pass down to it a fair and But the lady in green only grew more a good inheritance in to day's work well done and to day's life well lived. lovely shade of yellow, and the lady in green became a beautiful feathery branch of golden rod.

But, strange though it may seem, The man who has worked for twenty cents an hour and has been obliged to the golien rod was not really happy. Though she had not seen all kinds of do a certain amount of work in ten flowers, she knew what was going on hours at the bench and to be at work through all the floral kingdom. She had heard how the shy violet was so loved for its fragrance that friends at 7 in the morning, gets an idea of the value of time and the necessity of keeping constantly at his work, which stays sent them to each other as gifts, to be treasured carefully in costly vases or perhaps to be lovingly worn by the re-ceiver. She had heard of the fame of and days alip by with little to show for their service. All need a goad to keep the roses ; how they grew so beautiful them at their work. that brides were glad to carry them and they were sought in the most elegant homes. There were carnations, too, bringing cheer to sick rooms and making all who knew them glad with

their spicy odor. At last she could bear it no longer and cried to Mother Nature to know if she must always be a lonely spray of comes visible, when the dog is taught to fly at his throat. Herr Strauss is could do? Field daisies and clovers were often gathered and sent to cheer poor little city waifs, but away in that dark forest no one could see her, not even a wild bee came to gather her

ate duty, rather than regret honey. Mother Nature smiled as she heard the sorrowful cry. Then she answered: white sorrowid cry. Inch she answered: "Wait a little longer, dear, and you will find your work. Everything in this whole round world has something to do. Just be brave and patient and myself, The goldenyours will come to you." DeWitt Hyde. rod knew that, like all good mothers Mother Nature always tells the truth, so she tried to wait and hope. But it

eemed to her the cold days were coming fast.

enator Hoar : One day a strange sound was heard, different from the birds and wild animals or from the sighing of the leaves, to fit you to hunt the grizzly bear. Foot-ball and athletes are manly sports and for the first time in golden rod's short life a human voice was heard near her. A hunter had followed a deer far from the paths he knew quite into the heart of the forest, and now, try as he would, he could not find the right way. Night was near and what was the poor hunter to do? "If I could but find a bit of golden-

the hunter looked that way. "Ah, here is some, thank God! pointing straight toward the north, as I know the he made friends with the passers by he took it from them instead. Whenever golden rod always does. I know the right direction now. The golden-rod hung her feathery the thief stopped to rest the dog remained near him, and soon a report went through the counhead, for now she understood that her work had been greater than that of any of the flowers she had envied, for she had saved a human life.—Sunbeams. men. try of the animal's strange be-havior. The keepers of the temple, hearing the story, went in search of the dog, and they found him still at the heeis of the thief at a town called

THE CATHOLIC RECORD rains came and softened the earth the seed sank down into it until it was quite covered, and it seemed hardly possible that it would ever see the light again. It lay there through the long, cold winter, but when the mild spring days came Mother Nature whispered to all her sleeping children that it was time nesitation in warning Cathonics against and what they have cost, but while of the order and went back to a world' such wolves in sheep's clothing. they are living and acting. A man There are books on sale in Catholic whose life is exhausted may well con-bookstores, at comparatively low price, clude that what he has won is vanity; the margins of which Anthony had but it was not vanity to him while which contain more facts about the Church than these expensive subscrip-tion volumes which are generally filled of his powers, he believed that life was was winning it, and, in full possession

with gush and misinformation. Do not be imposed upon. Avoid the ponderous subscription book.-Sacred Who shall weigh the value of the loves Who shall weigh the value of the loves of life? There are very few who do not see a time in life when all their stells would be available and the struction.

trials would be considered a cheap price to pay for the love they exercise and possesses. The lover who wins and possesses his mistress, and the mother who carries a man child upon her bosom, drink of a cup so full and so de-

licious that, whatever may be the ills of life, they sink into insignificance by its side. A single year of a great satisfying

love spreads its charm over all the period that follows, and often sweetens a whole life. We have said that there is a great pleasure in conscious being, and the statement covers more ground for all than at first view appears, pleasures are simply augmentations of the consciousness of being.

the consciousness of being. The pleasure that comes of wine is of this character-it raises and inten-sifies the consciousness of being, and makes the treasure of life itself for the

mement more abundant. It is so not only with all sensual delights, but with all mental and spiritual pleasures. They stimulate and enlarge the sense of life-the consciousness of living ex-Men who istence-conferring upon it only forms with him throughout life. Men who have lacked this training let the hours and flavors.

The pursuit of money is only one of the pursuits of life. Fame, power, literary achievement, art in a hundred forms, social eminence-all these and more are objects of pursuit, so absorb ing and delightful that men find abun-I have never been much of a hand at dant reward in them. Life is quite worth living to all those who find enmaking resolutions; still less at keep ing them; but if I were to throw some gaging objects of pursuits, and esof my ideals into that form for a New Year's gift to my friends, I suppose it would run something like this: Rethat, by almost a unanimous vote, the solved, to live in the active voice, inhuman race practically decides every tent on what I can do, rather than what happens to me in consequence; in the indicative mood, concerning day that life is worth living. We should be the last to claim that what is, rather than what might be, more to my liking; in the present a failure, and not worth living. tense, with concentration on immedi

happiness is the highest aim of life, and that unless that is secured, life is To do right, to sacrifice one's self for lovethese are better things than pleasure the past, or anxiety for the future; in the first person, criticizing myself, rather than condemning To love and to be loved-these are things that pay. To be conscious of nobility of character and unselfishness others ; in the singular number, obey of life; to be conscious that our lives are brought into affectionate relations ing my own conscience, rather than the demands of the many .- William with other and harmonious life-what are these but life's highest values?

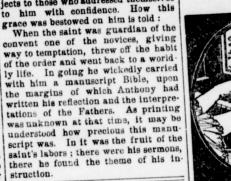
What are these but the higheit satisfactions of conscious being ? If this be true, -that character and

That was a timely word of advice given to Harvard students recently by duty and love are better than pleasure and better than any success without We hear much in these days of the strenuous life. Your work is to be them-then there is no human being with the brain. Your education is not who needs to say that life is not worth

### KEYHOLE CATHOLICS.

Foot-ball and atnietes are many sports and have many elements, but they belong to the period of youth and do not develop the brain. No high place can now be filled without good Eng-The Catholics, says The Sacred Heart Review, who fight for front seats at theatrical shows are quite content to heatrical shows within the unit is the save of the Mass. Nay, they is barely enter within the unit is bound of the Mass. Nay, they is barely enter within the unit is bound of the Mass as an ordeal work of the Mass as a work of the Mass as an ordeal work of the Mass of the Mass as an ordeal work of the Mass of the Mass as an ordeal work of the Mass of the Mass as an ordeal work of the Mass of the Mass and the first ordea work of the Mass of the Ma lish good speaking, the use of a foreign tongue, and good reasoning. You will probably get them in your Little Golden rod waved her feathery head with all her might, and at last the hunter looked that way. "Ah, here is some, thank God!! capacity who have done their bast.

LIGIOUS FAITH.



#### THE SPRING FEELING. Not Eactly Sick-But Neither are you Well.

CLOSE CONFINEMENT DURING THE WINTER MONTHS HAS LEFT YOU WEAK, EASILY DEPRESSED.

The words "weak and distressed '

expresses the condition of thousands of people in the spring time. It is one of nature's signs that humanity cannot undergo months of indoor life in badly ventilated buildings with impunity. Sometimes you have a headache; slight exercise fatigues you; your appetite is variable; you are easily irritated or depressed; perhaps there are pimples or slight eruptions that indicate the blood needs attention. Whatever the symptom may be it should be attended to at once, else you will fall an easy prey to graver disease. Do not use a pur gative in the hope that it will put you right. Any doctor will tell you that purgatives weaken, that they impair the action of the liver and create chronic constipation. A tonic is what is needed to help nature fight your battle for health, and there is only one always reliable, never failing tonic, and that is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills have no purgative action . They make rich, red blood, strengthen the tired and jaded nerves, and make pecially to those who win success in weak, depressed, easily tired people, their pursuits. We repeat, therefore, whether old or young, bright, active whether old or young, bright, active and strong. Among those who have proved the heart-bringing qualities of Dr Williams' Pink Pills is Miss Emma Chaput, of Lake Talon, Oat., who says : "I cannot thank you enough says: "I cannot thank you enough for the good I have derived through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I honestly believe that but for them I would now be in my grave. health was completely broken down. My face as white as chalk, and if I made the least effort to do any housework I would almost faint from the exertion, and my heart would beat violently so that I feared I would drop where I stood. I was a great sufferen from headaches and dizziness as well and my appetite was so poor that I scarcely ate at all. I tried several scarcely ate at all. I tried several medicines, but they did, not help me, and then I decided to send for some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I got six boxes and before I used them all I was

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and his best to gain his dinner. At last, just as he was settling down to dumb and despairing patience, a bright faced boy of perhaps ten or twelve years of age happened along. Seeing the dilemma of the horse, the little fellow stopped and said : "Hallos, rap't room of the or the set can't get your oats can you? Never mind, I'll fix you !" And straightway

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she other day a horse was trying to get a very small quantity of cats from the depths of a very small nosebag. In vain the poorfellow tossed his head and did his best to gain his dinner. At and tricks that are vain the agents or canvassers of some of these utterly usecanvassers of some of these utterly use-less publications are certainly peculiar. They generally visit Catholic homes when the men of the household are away, and they palaver and insist and talk so persistently and glibly (some-times even so piously) that they distimes even so piously) that they dis-pose of their wares even against the better judgment of the people who but is very attractive looking, so book is very attractive looking, so bedizoned with gilt, and so crowded i with highly - colored illustrations i and so Catholic. Some of these agents i the second of the people who better judgment of the people who but or fifty cents a week, and the book is very attractive looking, so with highly - colored illustrations i and so Catholic. Some of these agents i the second of these agents i A reaction of the same of entropy of the same of the

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What to Teach Boys. A philosopher has said that true education of boys is to teach them what they ought to know when they become

dreamed of. Move up, gentlemen, and take your religion at short To be true and to be genuine.

1. To be true and to be genuine. At tak No education is worth anything that does not include this. A man had better never learn a letter in the al-better never learn a letter in the al-phabet, and be true, and genuine in phabet, and be true, and genuine in RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AND REintention and in action, rather than be learned in all sciences and in all languages, and be at the same time false in heart and counterfeit in life. Commenting on Sanator's Hoar's recent remarks before the Massachussetts Legislature on the advance in religi-Above all thing, teach boys, that the truth is more than riches, more than earthly power of possession. 2. To be pure in thought, language

and life-pure in mind and body. S. To be unselfish. To care for the

5. To be unseinsn. To care for the feelings and comforts of others. To be polite, to be just in all dealings with others. To be generous, noble and manly. This will include a genness of two hundred years ago would not recognize their posterity were they to return to earth now. The advance of religious freedom, nine reverence for the aged and for things sacred.

things sacred. 4. To be self reliant and self-help-ful even from childhood. To be in-dustrious always and self-supporting in so far as it implies advance in en lightenment, is to be prized as a bless ing from heaven ; in so far as it argues at the earliest age. Teach them that al honest work is honorable, that an idle life of dependence on others is honest for the second se

disgraceful. When a boy has learned these four things, when he has made these ideas a part of his being -however poor or however rich-he has learned the

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