

APRIL 27, 1901.

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 crutches tight, thinking she could not walk without them...

Soon there were small green leaves and then in a little while a nice growing plant. The sun smiled on it and the rain wept over it, and one morning a small lady in green appeared between the green leaves...

Many hundred years ago their lived at Athens a dog whose faithfulness 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...

The other day a horse was trying to get a very small quantity of oats from the depths of a very small nosebag. In vain the poor fellow tossed his head and did his best to gain his dinner...

Once upon a time a small seed was dropped upon the earth far away in the midst of a dim forest. As the heavy 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.

tion agency whose communications, filled with awesome legal verbiage, frightened people into keeping and paying for a book which they have no use for, and which would be dear to any price. Again we say we have no hesitation in warning Catholics against such wolves in sheep's clothing.

At last she could bear it no longer and cried to Mother Nature to know if she must always be a lonely spray of golden-rod, if there were nothing she 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 honey.

One day a strange sound was heard, different from the birds and wild animals or from the sighing of the leaves, and at the first time in golden-rod's short life a hunter 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, as he would, he could not find the deer.

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enormous tolls and sacrifices the love and pursuit of money urge a great multitude of men! The judgment of these men as to whether life is worth living is not to be taken at life's close, when they sum up their possessions and what they have cost, but while they are living and acting. A man whose life is exhausted may well conclude that what he has won is vanity, but it was not vanity to him while he was winning it, and, in full possession of his powers, he believed that life was worth living.

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, running on for us. We cannot carry this load until we are three score and ten. We cannot fight this battle continually for half a century.

The man who has worked for twenty cents an hour and has been obliged to do a certain amount of work in ten hours at the bench and to be at work at 7 in the morning, gets an idea of the value of time and the necessity of keeping constantly at his work, which stays with him throughout life.

I have never been much of a hand at making resolutions; still less at keeping them; but if I were to throw some of my ideas into that form for a New Year's gift to my friends, I suppose it would run something like this: Resolved, to live in the active voice, in so far as I can do, rather than in the indicative mood, concerning what happens to me in consequence of my own making.

They Did Their Best. That was a timely word of advice given to Harvard students recently by Senator Hoar.

We hear much in these days of the strenuous life. Your work is to be with the brain. Your education is not to fit you to hunt the grizzly bear. Foot-ball and athletics are many sports and have many elements, but they belong to the period of youth and do not develop the brain.

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

SOME UNSCRUPULOUS METHODS OF BOOKSELLING.

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Is It Worth While? Men find their way for living in various ways. Hope may lie to them, but they always believe her, nevertheless. The better things to come of which she tells all men, become, indeed, the substance of the things desired; that is, expectation is a constant joy and inspiration.

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jects to those who addressed themselves to him with confidence. How this grace was bestowed on him we do not know. When the saint was guardian of the convent one of the novices, giving way to temptation, threw off the habit of the order and went back to a worldly life. In going he wickedly carried with him a manuscript Bible, upon the margins of which Anthony had written his reflections and the interpretations of the Fathers. As printing was unknown at that time, it may be understood how precious this manuscript was. In it was the fruit of the saint's labors; there were his sermons, there he found the theme of his instruction.

THE SPRING FEELING.

Close confinement during the winter months has left you weak, easily depressed. The words "weak and distressed" express 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.

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 absorbing and delightful that men find enjoyment in them. Life is quite dead to all these things who find enjoyment in their pursuits.

It is the highest aim of life, and that unless that is secured, life is a failure, and not worth living. To do right, to sacrifice one's self for love, these are better things than pleasure. To love and to be loved—these are things that pay. To be conscious of nobility of character and unselfishness of life; to be conscious that our lives are brought into affectionate relations with other people; these are the highest values of life.

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Intense faith is prone to be intolerant. One is willing to stand a little narrower from such a cause. But when intolerance and unbelief join hands the bridge becomes positively hazardous and no reprobation can be too severe. You must at least believe if you desire to strike the attitude of the bigot. No one is satisfied to indulge you to the extent of renouncing your own religion and persecuting others for adhering to theirs.

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