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Which of these three, in thy opinion, was neighbor to him that fell among robbers ? But He said, He that showed mercy to him. (Gospel of the Day). We are taught in the Gospel of to day to love our neighbors as ourselves. Now, if we have this love it shows it-

self in deeds. If, when we see our neighbors in distress, we pass by, thinking some one else may help him, but we cannot, we are like the proud priest and the Levite, not like the good Samaritan. Our Lord, after describing the charity of this Samar-itan, says: "Go and do thou in like manner." We cannot pass by our neighbor when he is in extrame proceneighbor when he is in extreme neces-sity without sin; and if his necessity be great we must help him, at least out of our abundance. It is a mistake to think that we are free of obligation in this matter. St. John "He that hath the substance says : of this world and shall see his brother in need, and shall shut up his bowels from him, how doth the charity of God

abide in him ?" Are not all men creatures of God? Are not all men redeemed by the Blood of Christ? Does God give more of this world's goods to one man than to another because He loves one more than another? Not at all. The poorest in this world's goods may be rich in God's grace, It is plain, then, that if God has charity for all men, we cannot have His grace if we do not exercise charity towards all, and particularly our neighbor in distress. We must love those whom God loves if love God, and this love must be active-" not in word nor in tongue," says St. John, but in deed and in Doz. truth.

We all pray to God for mercy ; but 2 70 if we would find mercy we must show mercy. "Blessed are the merciful," says our Lord, "for they shall obtain 63 says cur Lord, 'for they shall obtain mercy." But, says St. James, "judg-ment without mercy to him that hath not done mercy." Mercy shall be granted to the merciful, but it shall mercy.' "Deal be denied to the hard of heart. thy bread to the hungry," says Isaias, "and bring the needy and the harbor-2 40 less into thy house. Then t call and the Lord shall hear. Then thou shalt

St. Jerome says: " I have never known a merciful man to have a bad The word of God encourages death. us "to redeem our sins with alms and us "to redeem our sins when mercy to our iniquities with works of mercy to ". It says, further: "For It says, further : the poor." It says, further: "For alms deliver from all sin and from death, and will not suffer the soul to go into darkness." We are taught also in Holy Scripture that Christ considers as done to Himself what we do 1 35 for the poor, but that if we refuse to 4 8 help those in distress it is as if charity were refused to Christ Himself. The help the 27 sentence which shall decide our eternal happiness or woe will be according to

our behavior towards our neighbor in 6 0

brought the Son of God down from heaven to us, and it was mercy which carries us up to Him." He calls "Mercy the favorite daughter of the great King." The reward of the merciful will be very great. "He that hat mercy on the poor lendeth to the Lord, and He will repay him." Those of us who labor in the sacred 16 sand

that hath mercy on the poor lendeth to the Lord, and He will repay him." Those of us who labor in the sacred ministry and those who do work in the Conference of St. Vincent de Paul meet continually with persons whose distress appeals most powerfully to our charity.

BY MAURICE F. EGAN, LL. D. III.

THE CATHOLIC RECORD.

Time passed. Johnny had three naxims pasted up in his work-shop. Father Freno had given him this-"Remember the presence of God and imitate t. Joseph." His father this-

'Do everything as well as you can.' His mother this-

"Speak kindly." Father Freno said that the two latter were contained in his, for St. Joseph

did even the smallest thing for the glory of God, and never spoke an un-

them in practice. He began by driv-ing every nail carefully. "Thor-oughness" was his motto. The Smythes and the other boys occasionally dropped in to see him at work. But, as Johnny did not read the flash story papers, and as he made them work when they came, their visits be-

came less frequent. The aristocratic Smythes said he had the tastes of a mechanic, and then Sarah, whose tongue was rather sharp, told them, "They'd better go to work on the farm and help their father, instead of 'loafing' about and smoking cigarettes Johnny-or rather, John, as he liked

to be called now-sometimes went to visit his cousin Frank, in town. Frank thought of nothing but theatres and novels and clothes. He had a drawerful of neckties of all colors. "Just like a girl," Johnny said, with some disdain. "He says, too, he doesn't intend to kill himself with work so long as his 'governor' lives, and wonders why I should potter about my trade, when I have a rich father. Is

father rich, mother ?" "No, indeed," said his mother. "But I think he and I together, will be able to send you to college next year.

"Thank you, mother," John said. He was fond of books. But being a boy of common-sense he had already seen that much misery comes because people do not learn to earn their living -because they spend all the money they have for oranges and almonds, and have nothing left to pay for the

solid parts of their dinner. John's mother had never become quite reconciled to the carpenter's shop, until he made her a pretty cab-inet of ebonized wood, nicely carved, for John had added wood carving to his other accomplishments. Then he had done so many odd jobs so neatly that she began to feel that it was not such an evil, after all, to have a son

with mechanical tastes. John had read all the books he could get, on wood-carving, and he was be-coming an adept. He had just put the finishing touches to a hat rack, in-Let us take care not to be deaf to the cries of the suffering poor; let us rather embrace with affection the lovely virtue of mercy. Bishop Challoner says: "It was mercy which brought the Son of God down from heaven to us, and it was mercy which

hands and thick muscles ; the man across the road had some money in his pocket, and Mrs. O'Neill had a pretty dark stone house, two story high, "pointed" with white mortar. John had been very careful with the mortar, and had made it fresh every day; so his house was well put together. The wood-work in the interior was

unlike ordinary wood-work. John had driven every nail with care and love. It had taken him six months, instead of three, to build his house; he had done several jobs of carpentry for the neighbors, and put together a cabinet for an old friend of his father THR kind word. Johnny, having these maxims before him every day—he had written them in large red letters and pasted them upon his bench—did his best to put them in practice. He began by dain

V. John's mother was pleased with the new house. "It had so many closets," she said. There was a little sideboard in the dining room, and a dumb-waiter, worked by an ingeniously constructed pulley, that lifted dishes from the kitchen. These and other improvements soon attracted the curious neighbors. The Smytheville houses, although ornamental without, were not particularly comfortable within; so John's labor saving devices were soon noised abroad. His was a little house, built with many fears and in the face of obstacles that would have discouraged anybody who was "thorough," and who was inclined to think of his own case or comfort.

The house that John O'Neill built was even noticed in the town newspaper. It was much for a boy of seventeen to have done. It did not seem much to him.

At last, his mother and sister had a home

The first night they spent there was a happy one. Father Freno came over and blessed the house. They had a nice little tea-party, and Mrs. O'Neill's waffles added life to the occasion. "And now I must work hard," said

John to the priest. "If anybody wants a box or a barn built in this

county, I'm your boy, Father." Mr. Smythe put John to work at mending his fences. He had not time to do it himself, and he did not care to ask his boys to do it. John went went about it cheerfully, and did it well. Just at this time, Augustus and Reginald Smythe were lounging about the farm, having been graduated from the "select" school. Their father had no money with which to pay for them at college. They were on his hands "I don't know," he said with a sigh " whether education amounts to much. if there is no 'grit' with it. That O'Neill boy works like a bee.'

"He has low tastes," answered Mrs. Smythe, helping her husband to a slice of roast beef. "Your boys are gentlemen. I'm so tired of getting gentlemen. I'm so tired of getting up these big dinners for the farm hands, I think we'll have to get an-other servant." "I can't pay my debts now," said

Mr. Smythe, with a worried look. "Matilda ought to help you." "Matilda!" cried Mrs. Smythe, dropping the carving knife. "Matilda

must practice, and she has painted a volcano in action, which is beautifulbeautiful !"

Mr. Symthe groaned.

tented, John has left them ; but, her credit. strange as it may seem, they are glad The Smy in which he is studying to become a priest. The dream of Mrs. O'Neill's life will soon come true : the answer to mother.

The house that John built is hers,

The House that John Built was not too tired, or read aloud to his mother and Mary. By MAURICE F. EGAN, LL. D. In July, John had very hard, rough Mark or O'Neill and Mary are very con-

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city, where they have joined that large class, the "genteel" lounger, who are the prayer of her later years will soon afraid to steal, who will neither beg



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did not give him a great deal to do. He had lived up to his income. This This were more generous! How we wish God would inspire pious Christians to a healthy man, he had expected to live

a healthy han, he had expected to hve many years to come. The truth was that when Mr. O'Neill's debts were paid, there was little left, except the furniture of the house in which his family lived.

They had three months in which "to look around them." After that, the house and lot would pass to strangers. Mrs. O'Neill had still the little sum in bank, intended for John's course in

college. That, of course, must be given up now. This thought cost Mrs. given up now. This thou, O'Neill many bitter tears.

John thought a great deal and prayed a great deal. Nobody knew about the latter, though ; he didn't wear his heart on his sleeve "for daws to peck at.'

There was the sum of \$500 in bank. How was this to be made to help his mother and Mary along in the world ?

The Smythes had a two-acre lot for sale. They wanted \$200 for it. John said to himself, "I will buy it and build a house. Stone is cheap around here, and I can get all the wood I want

for very little money." Mrs. O'Neill would not consider this at first. John build a house. Ridicul-ous! Little Mary thought it funny, too. At last, however, when John showed that they must be without a house, if he did not build it, Mrs. O'Neill consented.

All Smytheville thought John crazy, when he went to work himself one

when he went to work himself one spring day, with the man across the road, to build his house. The Smythe boys told everybody how much they despised a boy, who likked to work as if he were a "for-eigner," instead of "going in" for more suitable pursuits. They dropped him out of the Smytherille Base-ball club, and when he went to the meeting of the singing-school, the Smythe girls club, and when he went to the meeting of the singing-school, the Smythe girls declared that they didn't want "laborers and mechanics" coming there. Others, led by the Smythes, did similar things. The O'Neills were soon left alone. John did not care for this. At night he studied, when he

vulgar as to offer me soup twice. It's not good form, you know." "Dear me !" said the mother. "I'll

remember that next time. "I hear that lawyer Squibbs has hired young O'Neill to make all the frames, doors and windows for his new house. That ought to bring him 8500," said Mr. Smythe. "Let the carpenter stick to his

plane," sneered Augustus Smythe.

VI. It is spring time. The honeysuckles cluster around the house that John built. Ten years have passed, and Mrs. O'Neill, with many more wrinkles in her face, but looking calm and placid, sits on the porch. Mary has prought her a cup of tea and some rolls Mary is a sweet, gentle-looking girl,



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