

A BOY'S MANNERS.

"His manners are worth a hundred thousand dollars to him!" This is what one of the chief men of the nation lately said about a boy.

The boy was a distant relative to the man, and had been brought up by careful parents in a far-off city. Among other things he had been taught to be friendly; and to think of other persons before himself.

The boy had not been in society a great deal. He had not learned orthodox selfishness. He positively can't be easy at the table until his neighbours are waited on; a chair is torture if he thinks any one else is less comfortably seated.

Do not misunderstand, boys. You may wish to do things for others, and yet feel that you do not know how. The only way to learn is to try; to hesitate for no feeling of bashfulness or awkwardness, but to put into direct and instantaneous practise whatever kind, helpful thoughts occur to you.

IT GROWS BY USING.

A little boy sat in a shaded corner of a piazza, his small hands clasped tightly together, and his forehead drawn into an anxious wrinkle.

The answer came in a very melancholy little voice. "I'm trying awfully hard to love Jimmie Bradley. But instead I keep thinking all the time how mean he is, and I don't love him a bit better."

The wise grandmother smiled. "Instead of trying so hard, Joe," she answered, "suppose you do Jimmie some kindness. Sitting down and thinking will not help matters very much. Love grows by using."

Are there not a good many of us who need just this advice? Instead of stopping to wonder whether we really love our neighbours as we should, it is better to start right in with deeds of loving kindness. Just as the muscles of the arm grow big by exercise and the brain gets new power to think through constant

practice, so love grows by using. You would think a man a very foolish farmer who spent his time grieving because he had so little grain. You would tell him to plant that little, and by another year he would have many times as much.

HOW THE CHINESE DO THINGS.

The Chinese do everything backward. They exactly reverse the usual order of civilization, says the Richmond Christian Advocate.

Note, first, that the Chinese compass points to the south instead of the north.

Men wear skirts, the women trousers.

The men wear their hair long, and the women wear it short.

The men carry on dress-making, and the women carry burdens.

The spoken language is not written, and the written language is not spoken.

Books are read backward. What we call foot-notes are inserted at the top of the page.

The Chinese dress in white at funerals, and in mourning at weddings, while old women always serve as bridesmaids.

The Chinese launch their vessels sideways, and mount their horses from the off side.

The Chinese begin their dinner with dessert and end with soup and fish.

In China the hands of the clocks are immovable; it is the dial that revolves.

LIKE GOD.

If we would be "like Him" in glory, we must in our degree be "like Him" here by grace. If we would have His Image for ever, we must bear even now the Image of the Heavenly, after which, by His mercy, we have been renewed; if we would behold Him in bliss, our heart must be made pure here, that by faith it may here see, Whom by the eye of the body it sees not.

As to Him, so to us, if we are His, the grave is the vestibule to glory. "The tokens of decay are the cock-crowing to the Resurrection." "We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Picture to yourself then, as ye may, the glory of His Glorified Body. Picture it to yourselves, a Body, yet with such glory as eye could not look upon. View it, transparent with Divine Light, arrayed with Divine Beauty, looking sweetly upon thee with Divine Loveliness, Majestic with Divine Glory, Intelligent with Divine Wisdom, Tender with Divine Compassion and Love Itself, for God is Love: such, in thy measure, mayest thou be, if thou wilt; such may be those whom thou lovest.

-In the true life we are to be occupied less in celebrating victories than in winning them.

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SLIGHTING A DUTY.

"You haven't made things look very neat and orderly here in the back shop," said a merchant to a young clerk.

"Well I thought it was good enough for back there, where things cannot be seen very plainly, and where customers seldom go."

"That won't do," said the merchant sharply, and then added in a kinder tone: "You must get ideas of that kind out of your head, my boy, if you hope to succeed in life. That kind of 'good enough' isn't much better than 'bad enough.'"

And the merchant made the boy go and do all the cleaning over again.

The girls who don't sweep in the corners or dust under things, and the boys that dispose of things as quickly as possible, saying that things will do if they are not well done, are girls and boys who will not turn out to be great men and useful women.

-Liberty is not doing what you like, but liking to do what you ought.

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