

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

A PEARL ROSARY. BY VIOLET. It was the first day of St. Joseph's month...

When you hear that our young friend does not believe in our Holy Faith...

After many little incidents relating to school-life, came the words: "Dearest Lillian, may I ask you to carry these beads with you, wherever you go?"

And her many friends would have known exceedingly surprised if they had been told...

Nearly a year has passed away, and meanwhile many letters have been exchanged between our two young friends...

Pray on, dear Cecilia, in your convent home, for remember "no one ever imitated Mary's intercession without obtaining relief."

Again it is the month of March, and Lillian and her parents have completed their arrangements for a trip to the West.

The morning, on which they are to leave for their journey, dawns fair and bright and sitting in the depot, waiting for their train...

Suddenly, Lillian exclaimed, as she drew her hand from her pocket—"I have forgotten my rosary."

"Well, you will be obliged to go without them as the train is due in fifteen minutes," said her father.

"Oh, I know I shall have time to return home for them," answered Lillian.

"They have been with me every place during the past year, and I cannot begin this long journey without them."

"What superstition, Lillian, said her mother, but if you are determined to have them I shall go home with you, as I think we shall be back in time for the train."

So Lillian and her mother returned for the rosary, but imagine Mr. C.'s impatience as the minutes passed rapidly away, and his displeasure when the train arrived...

Do you wonder that Lillian pressed those dear little beads to her lips in heartfelt thanksgiving, and do you wonder that instead of her western trip she returned to her Alma Mater to receive religious instruction...

One lovely morning in May witnessed Lillian's baptism, she returned to the world with the name of Mary as a guard from all evil.

In a few months, through the efficacy of many fervent prayers, Mr. and Mrs. C. were also baptized.

It is twilight on a balmy May day, and on a broad veranda a young and happy children are sunbathing.

Lillian, lying on her lap is a picture of a religious, in whose sweet and holy face we recognize Cecilia.

The children are pleading for a story, and grandma takes from a rosary case, a pearl chaplet, and having kissed it devoutly, tells them the story of "A Pearl Rosary."

AMERICAN DEVOTION TO THE MOTHER OF GOD.

Devotion to the Blessed Virgin is well suited to the genius of the American people. They believe with the poet...

Cardinal Crooke has well and eloquently remarked that devotion to the Mother of God will last as long as Christianity itself. In principle it is just, in practice it is gratifying, its results most glorious.

less books published in her praise! We honor her because she is the Mother of God. We honor her because, powerful as we have known her to be with her Son on earth, we believe her to be infinitely more powerful with Him in Heaven.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

As an example is more powerful than advice, some of the young fellows, who now are aimless, may take inspiration by this account of how a poor, ignorant boy, a blacksmith's helper, without education or wealth, acquired a taste for reading...

Once while in company with Mr. Hall our conversation drifted into books and literature in general, and I told him of the effort I had made to become the possessor of a large number of books.

I am compelled in my own defense to say that I very reluctantly consented to speak upon this subject, not because I did not highly appreciate the honor, for I did, but for the simple and sole reason that to me it had the car-marks of self-laudation, and if there is one thing more offensive to gentlemen of good sense and taste than another, it is the weakness and vanity of self-advertising.

Generally speaking, the building of a private library would cause little or no comment or surprise, but sometimes men with limited resources and in humble positions in life accomplish more than others who have been more blessed with wealth and social position.

I am the owner of quite a large library—about 2,500 volumes. My father came to Madison with his family in the month of March, 1858, from the state of Rhode Island, where I was born.

My love for books grew almost to a passion, but I was unable to gratify it. I began to reflect and wonder where I could economize and use the amount saved in the buying of good books.

The plan seemed to be working so well that I thought I could start another fund, and I said to myself if I were a drinking man I must spend at least 15 cents a day for my drink.

I was now in a sure way of getting books, but they did not come quite as fast as I wanted them. Sometimes one a week and sometimes one a month. I reasoned with myself and wondered if there was any other scheme I could devise that would justify me in making a larger investment in books.

But after revolving the matter in my mind and reflecting seriously upon it, I discovered a plan that helped me out wonderfully, and it was this: My soliloquy ran thus: If I were a drinking man, I would get upon a spree now and then, and I never could get out of it for less than \$15 or \$20.

At times I was compelled to restrain my intellectual appetite, but it would break out again with greater fury than ever. While on them, I always bought whole sets of books, such as the works of Bacon, the Ancient Classics, Hawthorne, Burke, Bulwer, and such like.

In this way I purchased the collection of books I have, which contain the works of philosophers, historians, orators and poets. I read the books as fast as I got them. I always kept several of them in my shop and read while not working at the forge.

I never regret kind acts, but often grieve over unkindly and unloving ones when friends who have passed away can feel our love no more.

was published in thirty-two numbers. I read it from Genesis to the Apocalypse. I need not say that I derived more knowledge and wisdom from its reading and study than all the other books I have read since.

The second book I bought was a cheap edition of Shakespeare. I need hardly tell this audience that Shakespeare was one of the greatest geniuses that God ever gave to this world.

The third book I bought was an abridged edition of Webster's Dictionary. The fourth was the Autobiography of Franklin. This was a great help to me, for it taught me economy and practical wisdom.

Christ's ascension is the guarantee of our own, if we only follow His footsteps, as those impressions evidently inculcate.

At the place where Christ ascended He left the imprint of His sacred feet. That part of the rock showing His right foot was taken into a Turkish mosque erected on Mount Olivet.

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Books are the voices of the distant dead. If Homer will cross my threshold and sing to me of the Siege of Troy, if Demosthenes will thunder to me his philippic, if Dante will tell me of his Divine Comedy, if Milton will sing to me of Paradise Lost, and Shakespeare open to me the world of imagination and the workings of the human heart, and Webster will expound to me the Constitution, and Franklin enrich me with his practical wisdom, I shall not pine for want of intellectual companionship, and when the misfortunes of life multiply upon me and the clouds of adversity settle low, and my heart is cast down before the rugged realities of life, I may restore my spirits in the sweet fields of divine fancy.

THE ASCENSION. On Thursday, May 8th, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension of our Blessed Lord. Jesus was not taken up as was the Blessed Virgin; He ascended by His own power, because He is God.

On that day He opened heaven again, which till then was closed on account of the sin of our first parents. It was on that glorious day, also, that the souls of the just who Jesus liberated from Limbo, entered with Him.

Christ did not ascend into Heaven seated on a fiery chariot as was Elias, but seated on a swift cloud.

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