

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Winter Birds. These are the natives and the Polar visitors—the little Northern birds that do not care to migrate farther southward when Jack Frost sharpens his spears.

The most striking in appearance of these birds is the pine grosbeak, a robust, heavy-shouldered fellow about the size of a robin. He is short billed, short-legged, with wings and tail of black, and for the rest of his clothing wears an entire suit of deep, rich crimson, a little rusty in places, as though he had neglected to dust his jacket.

Their visits seem to be a matter of chance rather than the result of the severe weather, for often several seasons will lapse without their appearance; then perhaps for several successive winters they will be more or less abundant.

The evening grosbeak is a smaller bird of the same family. It is yellowish green, blotched after the fashion of a harlequin with black, white and yellow. It is a resident of the far Northwest, and may hardly be termed a regular winter visitor to this State.

Probably the most common of our winter visitors are the crossbills. Of these there are two varieties. They are slightly larger than a bluebird and in color and general habits much resemble the pine grosbeak.

The crossbills arrive each year in October or early in November and remain sometimes as late as the middle of May; they are quiet birds, doing everything with an air of mystery like strange people in a strange land.

Another interesting group are the red polls, so called because of a crimson crown, a tinge that also marks the throat with a bright splash of color.

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ing across it, alone or with an irregular detachment of companions, walking gravely about some spruce or swamp or in and out among the rustling "shocks" of a cornfield, or perched on the topmost branch of a tree taking a general inventory of all visible objects and reporting his discoveries with that rough "caw, caw?"

Frequent callers in the orchard and the trees about the house are the woodpeckers, the nuthatches and chickadees. The hairy woodpecker is the big speckled fellow with the loud, brisk chirp and the wide awake manner of "scuffling" about the trees.

The nuthatches, with their white fronts, reddish-brown vest and black coats, with black trimmings, are very quiet little fellows. They run woodpecker like up and down tree trunks, uttering their peculiar little squeak or grunt, a sound which, when they wish to summon a companion, is prolonged into a loud and rather cheerful call.

But the busiest of the busy are the chickadees, rightly known as black-capped titmice. They are fearless of man or beast, too much occupied to notice whether they are head up or head down, picking here and prying there, checking and twittering to themselves, uttering at times their plaintive whistles as though they said, "Oa, dear," and then reassuring themselves and every one within hearing with their cheerful, comforting "Chick-chick-chick chickadee-dee-dee."

A half day's walk through the fields and along the hedges and bushes will often discover many of the shy birds who keep well away from the doorways. As you pass a bunch of hawthorn trees you may see a flock of the quiet, exclusive, drab coated cedar birds busily picking at the red fruit.

In some fields where the weeds left standing in the autumn still reach above the snow you can across two varieties of the small bird dining together in the greatest harmony. The little fellows clinging to the weeds are yellow birds or goldfinches, males and females clad alike in sober colors. The larger birds on the ground are shore larks. Their backs and crowns are light brown with a decidedly pinkish tinge, breast lighter and throat yellow, with black markings somewhat resembling a necktie.

Perhaps in your walk you pass through a swamp of cedar or hemlock and a harsh, impudent voice tells you that a blue jay is on your trail and will scoff and swear at you until you leave the woods in disgust. Then he will praise his own conduct with soft, bell-like notes that would really sound very clear and mellow if they were not so conceited.

All these birds, both residents and visitors, have a fairly comfortable time and pick up a good living. A sleek storm is about the only calamity to be dreaded, for the frozen rain covers everything with an impenetrable armor, so that the birds, like Tanialus, can often see the things they seek, but are unable to overcome the difficulties in a way.

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often a legend than a reality, is the great snowy owl, the white, silent spectre of the grim Northern wastes, who, like the Arctic robbers of old, comes at long intervals, unexpectedly, slays, destroys and disappears.

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

Though a man have comparatively little culture, slender abilities, and but small wealth, yet, if his character be of sterling worth, he will always command an influence whether it be in the workshop, the counting house, the mart, or the senate.

Improving Opportunities. Few people live up to all the privileges that they might enjoy. To illustrate, one well written, business-like letter might open up a line of business that would be far reaching in its effects, yet that letter is never written. A determination to investigate some new idea in ascertaining the cost of production or increasing the value of a product might mean the difference between success and failure, but the step is never taken.

"I'm my Own Master." "No, sir, I come and go as I please," said a young man on the street corner, speaking boastfully to a companion.

Self-Control. All young people who have ambition enough to advance themselves in life desire to command others, to be captains in civil or military life.

The Gospel of Saving. In the Christmas number of the Saturday Evening Post Russell Sage presents some of the best advice that has ever been given to young men regarding the handling of their money.

"No matter how fast a man may make money, he owes it to society as well as to himself to be economical.

"Get up at regular hours every morning, and work until the things that are before you are finished. Don't drop what you have in hand because it is 5 o'clock.

"Be honest; always have the courage to tell the truth.

"Be clean and decent. Don't do anything that you would be ashamed to discuss with your mother.

"Be circumspect in your amusements.

The Value of Perfect Work. The tragedy of to-day is of the man who has the best intentions and the best character and a fair equipment for his work, but who has not a thorough equipment, and who cannot do the thing he starts to do in the best possible way.

half equipped workers, with men who are honest and earnest and not incapable, but who are not up to the level of the very best work. It is amazing, in view of the immense number of those who are seeking for positions, how few persons there are competent to fill a position of any particular position. To fill a position of any importance requires often most diligent searching in many directions.

There is a host of thoroughly well equipped people, but there seems to be, at the moment when they are needed, few perfectly equipped persons. When one has a piece of work to be done it is easy to get it fairly well done, but it is extremely difficult to get it thoroughly well done.

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CONVERTS FORM A LEAGUE.

An organization composed of men and women of New York City and vicinity who have been converted from Protestantism to the Catholic faith has been formed. The organization was effected when twenty-two recent converts met a few evenings since at the Church of the Paulist Fathers.

RENEWED VIGOR.

MRS. PETER BEAMER TELLS HOW THESE PILLS RELEASED HER FROM YEARS OF NEURALGIC PAINS AFTER DOCTORS AND OTHER MEDICINES HAD FAILED.

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THE CATHOLIC RECORD

ARCHDIOCESE OF OTTAWA

News was received at the University during the week of the Right Rev. Dr. ...

DIocese of Hamilton

REGULATIONS FOR LENT TO BE READ BY THE ...

DIocese of London

THE BISHOP AT WINDSOR AND WALKERVILLE ...

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DEAFNESS HEAD NOISES

van, S. J. began the funeral service. The ...

EAR WAS DISCHARGING

Mr. Sleigh had been ill for fifteen months ...

DEATH OF MOTHER M ROSE

Ursuline Religious, CHATEAU, ONT.

OUT OF SCHOOL NINE MONTHS

Weak and Thin - from Ulcerated Throat ...

INDESCRIBABLE NOISES

GRADUALLY AFFECTING HEARING - HAD ...

A MINISTER CURED

CATARHIT DEAFNESS AND HEAD NOISES ...

ARCHDIOCESE OF KINGSTON

On Thursday before the Queen's funeral ...

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