

Deaths.

WOOD.—At Escanaba, L. S. Michigan, on Oct. 31st, Rev. Charles Taylor Wood, Deacon, aged 29 years.

PARKE.—At Christ Church Rectory, Binghamton, N. Y., on the 4th of November, A. Theodosia Parke, the beloved wife of Rev. R. M. Parke, D. D.

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At Rest.

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." It is the evening hour, And thankfully, Father, Thy weary child Has come to Thee. I lean my aching head Upon Thy breast, And there, and only there, I am at rest.

Stories on the Catechism

By A. C. Jones.

THE END OF A GOLD CHAIN.

Continued.

A December afternoon so cold, that old folks said that they have never in all their long lives remembered such. I daresay the little Wentworths were very warm and comfortable in their snug school-room; the bright fire blazing in the ample grate, the cheerful light of the lamp falling upon the children's favorite picture as they hung upon the walls. The little Wentworths drew aside one of the thick curtains in the school-room on that December evening, and laughed merrily, as they saw the snow falling thick and fast upon the trees in the garden, and wondered whether the frost would last, and whether Horace and Bob, who were coming home the next day, would take them on the ice; it would be so jolly, if they did.

us without a bit of fire, and we ought to bear it patient like, and not want what we can't have. I know you don't want things for yourself, dear," continued the boy, kissing his sister lovingly; "but you do want for me what God don't give us; that's why I asked you if I was your pomp and vanity." Janie did not laugh now; only a look that had in it something of awe came upon her face. "Oh, Joe, Joe," she said, "you're a deal better than I am. I'll try to be patient, but it's mortal hard. If father could only get some work, the little I earns could be for you; but if they takes away our things, Joe, what shall we do?" "Our things!" Oh such things as they were! An old bedstead, a table, very unsteady on its legs; three chairs, and a big box. And the landlord had vowed that if the rent were not paid by the end of the week, this assortment of rubbish must be seized to satisfy his claims.

favorite brother, who sat by her side in the carriage on the drive from the station, asked her if she had seen a ghost. She only laughed; and when her mother got out at a shop, she asked if she might go in with her. "Why, dear, I shall only be a minute, I hardly think it is worth it." "Please let me, mother dear." And something in the child's face made Mrs. Wentworth tell her she might do as she liked. "Mother, dear mother, please take the money, I don't want the chain, at least I can do without it; and those poor little children are starving, and Joe will die." "My darling, I will take some of it, not all; and I think, perhaps it may be better to wait for the chain." That was all that passed. Perhaps in Mrs. Wentworth's heart was a secret wish that Maude, too, might offer to forego her purchase; but the idea did not seem to strike the elder sister. Mrs. Wentworth went back to the house in Cooper Street by herself, and saw Joe, and found out the truth of all Miss King had told her; and then she paid the landlady her rent, and made the children happy by telling them that her little girl had sent the money, because she was so sorry for them; and Janie was desired to come to Kensington Gardens, to get some soup for her brother.

The Duke and the Cow-Boy.

One day the Duke of Buccleuch, a Scotch nobleman, bought a cow in the neighborhood of Dalkeith, where he lived. The cow was to be sent home the next day. Early in the morning, as the duke was taking a walk in a very common dress, he saw a boy trying in vain to drive the cow to his residence. The cow was very unruly, and the poor boy could not get on with her at all. The boy, not knowing the duke, bawled out at him, in broad Scotch accent, "Hie, mun, come here and gie's a hand wi' this beast!" The duke walked slowly on, not seeing the boy, who still kept calling for his help. At last, finding that he could not get on with the cow, he cried out, in distress, "Come here, mun, and help us, and as sure as anything, I'll gie ye half I get." The duke went and lent a helping hand.

And What Then?

While Philip De Neri was living in an Italian university, a young man ran to him with a face full of delight, and told him that he had come to the law-school of that place on account of its great fame, and that he intended to spare no pains or labor to get through his studies as soon as possible. Philip waited for his conclusion with great patience, and then said,— "Well, and when you have got through your course of studies what do you mean to do?" "Then I shall take my Doctor's degree," answered the young man. "And then?" asked Phillip again. "And then," continued the youth, "I shall have a number of difficult questions to manage, shall catch people's notice by my eloquence, my zeal, my learning, my acuteness, and gain a great reputation."

Will He Succeed?

In nine cases out of ten, a man's life will not be a success, if he does not bear burdens in his childhood. If the fondness or the vanity of father or mother has kept him from hard work; if another always helped him out at the end of his row; if instead of taking his turn at pitching off, he stowed away, all the time—in short, if what was light fell to him, and what was heavy about the work to some one else; if he has been permitted to shirk, until shirking has become a habit; unless a miracle has been wrought, his life will be a failure, and the blame will not be half so much his, as that of his weak and foolish parents. On the other hand, if a boy has been brought up to do his part, never allowed to shirk his responsibility, or to dodge work whether or not it made his head ache, or soiled his hands, until bearing burdens has become a matter of pride, the heavy end of the wood his choice, parents, as they bid him good-by, may dismiss their fear. The elements of success are his; and, at some time, and in some way, the world will recognize his capacity.—Young Folk's World.

What Mary Gave.

When the collection is taken up in church, boys and girls put in money which their parents have given them for that purpose. The money is not their gift, but that of their father and mother. They have just as much to spend for their pleasure as they had before. And so I once heard a kind hearted girl complain that she had nothing of her own that she could give. I will tell you what she gave in one day, and you will see that she was mistaken. She gave an hour of patient care to her little baby sister who was cutting teeth. She gave a string and a crooked pin and a great deal of advice to the little three year old brother who wanted to play at fishing. She gave Ellen, the maid, the precious hour to go and visit her sick baby at home; for Ellen was a widow, and left her child with its grandmother, while she worked to get bread for both. She could not have seen them very often, if our generous Mary had not offered to attend the door and look after the kitchen fire while she was away.

The sunshine of life is made up of very few beams that are bright all the time.

Men, not having been able to cure death, misery and ignorance, have imagined to make themselves happy by not thinking of these things.—Pascal.

Christ is the Sun of Righteousness; His Church is the moon, which has no light of her own, but sweetly and quietly reflects that of the greater orb. The horseshoe doesn't bring good luck when the horse applies it. There is no promise to the sluggard.

