

OUR BOYS' AND GIRLS' CORNER.

The Child's Good-Night to Her Guardian Angel.

Good-night, good-night, dear Angel!
I cannot see your wings,
But I hear you in the echoes
Whenever mamma sings.
And when she stoops to kiss me,
And leaves me in your care,
I do not feel the darkness,
For you are always there.

Good-night, good-night, dear Angel!
I cannot see your face,
But I know that you are near me
In this dim and silent place.
And I think you hung the stars
For God up in the sky
To cheer at lonely bedtime
Such little ones as I.

Good-night, good-night, sweet Angel!
I cannot touch your hand:
But I fancy in the silence
I know just where you stand—
Close, close beside my pillow,
In that long line of light,
I'll fold my hands together,
And say once more, good-night.

Donahue's Magazine.

Children in their prayers should ever remember the souls in Purgatory and intercede for them. The earnest prayers of children, pure of heart, must be most acceptable to God, who, in His all-wise mercy, will give heed to their appeals.—*Catholic Youth.*

Choosing a Trade.

First of all make sure of what you are best fitted for in the long run. Remember that some kind of work may be in demand now and in a few years the demand may die out. Don't choose a trade of this sort if you can help it. You may spend years learning to make something by hand and as soon as you have learned, a machine may be invented that will make it better, and thus throw you out of employment, unless you have learned a great deal about the whole business connected with your work.

Choose what you can do and what you have a taste for. If you are a mechanic, don't try to be a blacksmith; don't try to be a painter if you are color blind. If you are fond of reading, that is good reason to become a printer, providing there is no other good reason against it. If you have a natural mechanical turn and inventive genius you may make a good machinist. Resolve to make yourself a thorough master of your trade and all the machinery and tools used in and about it. They don't be afraid of learning too much. You will be a better painter for being able to handle the saw; a better joiner for knowing how to use a brush; a better machinist by acquiring the use of the pencil.

Be willing to plod and work hard for a time, for the sake of learning your business thoroughly. If you start as a carpenter, have in mind to become a builder; if you start as a machinist, expect to become a manufacturer; if you start as a type-setter, aim at becoming a printer and publisher. Or, if you are willing to be always a workman, employed by some one else, make up your mind to become so very expert in your line as to command a high price.—*Selected.*

Donahue's Monthly Magazine for February comprises many articles of interest. What is Agnosticism? is the leading article. Edward C. Donahue has a poem on What Shall the New Year Bring? Father Kostelnik closes his interesting series of articles. Theology and Natural Science. Thomas M. Murray has an article on The Criticism and Opinion. Rev. C. Donahue, a new contributor, writes a story told by Rev. C. Donahue. Donahue's Magazine is published in Boston. It gives some interesting information on an article on a British and Judge Fallon has an article on the school system.

NEW CONVENT BLESSED.

Bishop McQuaid Officiates at Holy Redeemer Last Sunday.

The Holy Redeemer parish is now complete. With its handsome church, priest's house and school, it needed but the new convent recently finished to make it one of the model parishes of the city. Work was begun on the convent edifice in June last, and it is now occupied. The ceremony of blessing the new edifice took place on Sunday last at 4 p. m., in presence of a large congregation. Bishop McQuaid officiated, assisted by Very Rev. Mgr. DeRogge, F. Oberholzer, M. R., and Revs. J. E. Straub, of Holy Redeemer church, J. H. Straton, of St. Michael's, and M. J. Hargraves, of St. Francis Xavier's.

The following sketch, published in the *JOURNAL* of October 19th, may be of interest: "The new structure cost nearly \$15,000; the heating apparatus \$1,100, and the stained glass windows \$250. It is three stories high, and covers a space of ground 50x100 feet. The material used is brick, and a handsome entrance adorns the front; a bay window and a side entrance add beauty to the side. Going up the steps to the main entrance we open the door, which is surmounted by a pretty arch, and pass into a roomy vestibule. On either side is a reception room, 14x16 feet. In the rear of the vestibule is the stair-case and hall; going through this we come to a passage, five feet wide; to the right are a parlor and sitting room, each 17x20 feet; to the left are the dining room and kitchen, the latter supplied with a large pantry and necessary utensils. All the rooms on the first floor have large fireplaces. At the rear of the first floor and back of the passageway, are two school rooms, each 24x32 feet, fitted with a ventilating shaft and sanitary arrangements of the latest approved pattern. The direct entrance to the school rooms is from the rear through an entry about ten feet wide. In the front of this second floor are two chambers, each 12x15 feet. In the rear of the main part is a lovely little chapel, 24x37 feet; this has a vestry, altar and all necessary appointments. The south side of this floor is entirely given up to the dormitory, 24x67 feet, off which are bath rooms and closets. The plans for this edifice, which will be used as a sister's residence, were prepared by Oscar Knebel. The new convent has now seven sisters and six postulants."

A QUESTION FOR THE TRIBUNE.

Will the *Chicago Tribune* tell us why it is not just as much within the competency of the State to prescribe one uniform type of religion as it is to enact one uniform type of education? If a compulsory education law is right, simply "because the State after mature consideration" has enacted it, why should not a compulsory religious law be right for the same reason? If all "natural rights" and "rights of conscience" are in the last resort subject and subordinate to the voice of the State or Community, what is there to prevent the State from setting up its own Sunday school and its own church, and compelling all citizens to patronize them? Should the community, after mature consideration, establish a State religion, would that be binding on the conscience of the citizen? If not why not?—*Chicago-Catholic Hour.*

Illness of Two Prelates.

Archbishop Heiss, of Milwaukee, who is in the hospital at the Hospital of St. Francis, is said to be in very poor health. Those familiar with the Archbishop's condition fear that he will not live long. Rt. Rev. Jas. O'Connor, Bishop of Omaha, is seriously ill.

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