

yards. Make as great effort to prevent their going astray, and search as diligently for their restoration should it come to pass.

### MAN AND EVOLUTION.

And then man took up the work of evolution. As the Father had life and will, love, wisdom in himself, so had He given to the son to have life, will, wisdom, love, thinking-power in himself.

Then he drove him out of the garden of Eden to work out the dominion given him; dominion over every beast of the field and every beast of his own breast; dominion over earth, fire, water and air within and without.

And man has evolved things apace: it is a far cry from the first fig leaf apron to the ready-to-wear clothing a man buys on sight; from flint and tinder fires to lucifer matches and Gurney heaters; from cave dwellings to twentieth century mansions and hotels; from wooden sticks to chilled plows; from pine knots to electric lighting; from the spring at the roadside to the springs piped into your kitchen; from the pony express to the twentieth century limited, the telegraph, telephone and wireless; from the log and paddle of Ab to the Mauritania and the Wright brothers; from the stone and spear head to United Steel and our navy's tour of the world; from the jungle of Eden to a New York of spy-scrapers; from hieroglyphs on stone to the Congressional library and Carnegie; from Adam to Christ, and to Roosevelt, Padrewski, Ben Lindsey, Rockefeller.

It takes man to help God put on the finishing touches. That's what God made man for—to help Him think still farther and better, and to enjoy doing it forever; to make a paradise out of this earth and then conquer the stars.

### HELPING YOUNG AMERICA

The personal efforts of Mrs. Frederick C. Schoff, the "kid's judge" of Philadelphia, to assist the cause of juvenile reforms have never relaxed for a day. She visits the Juvenile Court so often that she has come to know nearly all the young offenders, and through them, she has made acquaintance with the parents. "I am ready to affirm," she declared once, "that much of a child's wrong doing is due to the ignorance and neglect of parents." Satisfied on this point, she turned her energies toward bettering the conditions in that quarter.

The mothers were to be taught a few facts about their own children. To this end, Mrs. Schoff began the organization of the Parent-Teachers' Association which has exerted large influence on the manner of living in homes all over the Union. Child study is the chief theme with which the association concerns itself, and in Washington, a Parents' Educational Bureau is in process of building, which will supply outlines of study and reading and offer a form of education for parents, largely unobtainable elsewhere.—*Sylvia Green in Oct. Nautilus.*

### STRUCK BY OPPORTUNITY.

When a man who has engaged in rail-roading and interurban transportation all his life, suddenly takes up a new idea he is likely to take it up hard. That is what Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railway, has done. Shortly after his appointment to the office, he made a series of inspection trips, and during one of these he observed that just before trains entered Suffolk county, there was a forty mile stretch of perfectly barren land so far as any agricultural purposes were concerned, and that this territory was covered with scrub oak, pines and chestnuts. It was a dreary waste of unprofitable land.

That struck Mr. Peters, he began to think about it. It struck him, too, that if scrub oak, pines and chestnuts could grow in such apparently barren land, other things would. From that his fancy leaped to the inner vision of fertile, well cultivated farms such as were seen in other parts of Long Island and from that vision he began to take the practical steps necessary to carry out an experiment.

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