Christian Life Column When a young man atarts out to get shead of a man double his age, ms tol .
An old farmer was onoe invited to s dinner, and, before sitting down,
he reverently said grace, as was his On of the young men at the tabl ootioed this, and said sneeringly to "That's not the new fashion; bu see you oling to the old fashioned ways. I suppoee
"No," said the old farmer gravely,
"How is that?' inquired the young obe able to have things as you
order them." Well, explained the farmer, "I never say grace before their meals.
Isappose they do things in the new. sobioned way."-Seleoted.

The leader at a prayer meating tel nigrsag and Jacob. We were
tbont Isaat
pesed at the outspolken way in rhioh he spoke of the sins of some
ei the patriarohs. The name of the peopie who look apon these oharao
ters as perfeot is legion. In striving 10 reconche the lapses of the patri-
arohs with perfeotion, these people tumble and of ten fall into elkeptioa
gloom. It is the duty of all Chria fisn teschers to teach that tha Bibli-
al obaracters were men and women wiseourselves-who transgressed and
rere punished, and who finslly Bile is a history of life, not a photogruph album of angels.-Raleig
Caritian Advocate.

God has his plans in providence ad grace. They do not develop in
iday. They ripen by degrees. This sll for the speedier processes. They eming delays or slow movements. God takes his own time. He makes seither will he foroe his oreatures.
will not deviate from his ordained yprations. He will not shorten the kps between the beginning and the
wid of his parposes. Every man mast live out his appointed life. Be-
tween his birth and the grave lies an nd development, and whether the acaping it. The intervening prooess
tis mas much deoreed as are the begin
aing and the ending it
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thing work together for good to
them that love Goo, who are the
called according to his parpose."


Children's Column. thought when I'd learned my let That ars my troubles were done;
But I find myself muoh mistaikenBat I find myself muoh mistaik
Thay have only just begun.
Larning to read was a wful, But nothing like learning to write
Id bory to have you tell it,
But my oopy-book is a sight.
The ink gets over my fingers,
The pen outs all sorts of shines The letters won't stay on the lin But oo up and down and all over
As though they were danoing jig-
They
are there
sizes Medim,
If one boould get through; instead Of that there are books awaiting, Quite enough to oraze my head And grammar, and-oh, dear me
There's no good place for stopping
When one has begun, I see.
My teaoher says, little by little,
To the mountain top we olimb. It isn't all done in a minute,
Bat only a step at a time, But only a step at a time;
She says that all the soholars And all the wise and learned me
If eaoh to begin as I do ;
If that's so-where's


THE BOY WITH THE Hog.
The man with the hoe has been during the past two years, and it seems to us that the boy with the
hoe is deserving of a word on his
wn acoount. We have caught evn aocount. We have oanght and the more we have seen of him
the better we have liked him. His oheeks are as brown as a nut, his
oyes bright, his manner full of onergy. has plans whioh he will tell to one
who takes a little pains to win his
oonflidence. Sometimes he intends
to be a farmer, but he does not fancy oonidence. Sometimes he intends
to be a farmer, but he does not fancy
that in suoh a oase brains and stady and oultivation are of no oonse-
quence. Instead he has an idea that the more of a man he makes of himself, the more he learns, the better
he keeps abreast of modern idess,
the more sucoessful he will be in his chosen calling. And while he wields the hoe he is planning how he oan
take the agrioultaral oourse at the State University, and so get the
benefit of the latest scientifloinvestiSations.
Sometimes as the boy with the hoe lead him away from the farm. But on that acoount work less faithfully know that farm life, bringing him into a nearness to nature whioh he is
unlikely to find anywhere else, is the
very best preparatory sohool a boy can ask for. He hoes away as
patiently and perseveringly as if he meant to spend his life at that oocu-
pation, and his faithfal work is fit
ting him for snocessfal work in anting him for sucoessfal work in an-
other field.
There is another sort of a boy with There is another sort of a boy with
the hoe, - the boy whose feet drag
and who lifts his hoe as if it weighed at least a handred pounds; the same father's baok will be tarned, so he
oan take a recess from labor. But n the whole we would rather not
it much about him. It quite im possible to prediot for his slaok shiftless self the pleasant things we
prophesy so confidently for his brothers in the hoe brigade - Young Peo
ple's Weekly.

## begin as you meat to comtinue.

 Begin as you mean to oontinue. Dnot plan to go back over your life some day, and make ap for defioien
oies. The end seems a long way from
the beginning, bat there is a vital the beginning, but there is a vital
oonneotion between the two. Some oople always seem to think they
an go baok and fix up their reoord. der who left big gaps in his foundaing them in by and by when the you had a house to build, would you
give suoh a man your patronage? And yet perhaps some of you who road this are looking indulgently on
oertain faults and failings, telling oursel ves that there will be time to Life is all of a piece. are will influeno us ten years from start with oarelessness or indiffer. enoe and reaoh a satisfaotory ending.
Seleoted. enoe and re
-Seleoted.

## Nature Study.

 mRS. BTEVERE' MATURE STUDY LETTERE are silken soft as they begin to a
fold. Find one when the buds b gin to grow. Note the large black sh soale that oovers the bud as frat and falls when the "pussy" rat begins to appear.
the bud oovering. Not only are the buds ready
formed and ready fed but they are oovered. Seourely is the tender gaowing point protected. Pull away Lne soales of a winter bud one by
one. Observe how olosely they are placed. Often the little spaces are alled with a paoking or wool, or are water : then see if the Dip the bud in tes the oovering. The ohief palne of the bud oovering is not to proteo from freezing as is commonly supparts from drying out.
adeline Chapman Strvens.
Miscellaneous. aotivity, but before the staroh oan
nourish the bad, it is ohanged to sugar and passes
developing twig.
It is an excellent praotioe to colleo
winter twigs of different winter twigs of different kinds of form and color of the shoote, the size, shape, oolor and make-up of the laet year? Notioe the ring at the base of last year's growth. Are all
the bads equally advanced on the the buds equally advanoed on the
twig? Are the buds all equally advanoed in all parts of the tree? Com pare the opposite sides with the top
and bottom of the tree. Do all of is the looation of those that remain
dormant? Is there any advantage to the plant in having dormant bude?

DIFFERENT Classes of buds. As to position in the twig those
buds at the end of the twig are called terminal buds, those arranged along are those in the leaf axil that is in the apper angle between the leaf and times olustered about the axillary
buds. Adventitions buds often develop when the regalary arrange buds are destroyed.
As to aotivity buds are active and
dormant. Aotive buds develon dormant. Aotive buds develop
dormant buds ordinarily do not Destroy the sotive buds of a twig
and note the effeot apon the dor mant bads.
As to oovering, buds are soaly
when they are covered with dry, tongh bark like layers. They ar oalled naked buds when they are
without this soaly oovering. Some. times buds are hidden under th
bark, then they are hidden buds. As to arrangement when there ar
two buds at the same node and op posite they are called opposite. They
are whorled when there are three or more arranged around the same
node. Alternate buds are in ranks As THE BUDS UNFOLD
whorled.
The unfolding of the bud is not The unfolding of the bud is not
the same process in all trees. In the peach for example, the bud begins to swell at the top, the soales open lining opens. It may be a flower
that we next see or it may be a green
There are, then two kinds of buds, the leaf bud and the flower bud. Can
you tell them apart? The flower ond flower bud stands on each side of the leaf bud. As the bud expands
the flower or leaf appears, the bud the flower or leaf appears, the bud
soales drop away. The soales leave soars and these soars standing to gether makea ring. Do you see tha
this ring marks the beginning of the new growth?
If you will observe the pear bud as the buds swells. You can see the White bases of the soales, marking soales drop off but they oling muoh bud.
The hiokory twig is an interesting one to observe. The leaf soars ar muoh the larger and stronger. It is
the one whioh will grow. The othe buds will remain dormant unless
foroed into growth by the death of the terminal bud. When the hiokory bud expands some of the scales fall
away; bat some of the inner parts
enlarge into leaf like bodies. The common maple behaves in muoh the same way.
With the
With the first breath of spring
ome the pretty pussy willows. And what are the "pussies?" They are
little flower olusters so snugly wrapped in wool that the "pussies"

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the spring, when the green git
And the in the treomes out and stays
and your boots pall on with a good
tight squeeze,
And yout squaeze
When you ort to work, and
to not,
And you and yer wife agree
It's time to spade upthe garreden lot-
When the green gits baok in the
Well, work is the least of all my
idees
When the
When the green, you
back in the trees.
When the green gite baok in the
trees, and bees
Is a.bruzzin' aroun' again,
n that kind o' lazy "sg
Old glease"' gait they ham roun' in.
Ohen the ground's all bald wher
the hayrick stood,
And the oriok's riz, and the breez
oaxes the bloom in the old dog
And the green gits baok in the
Thike, as
these,
The time
ll
When the whole tail feathers o' win-
ter time
Is pulled out and gone,
And the sap it thaws and and begins
and the sap it thaws and and begin
to olimb,
And the sweatit ants
And the sweatit starts ont on
feller's forrid, a.gittin' down
At the old spring on hion
At the old spring on his knee-,
kind o' like jes' aloaferin' roun,
kind o' like jes' a-loaferin' roun'
When the green git back in th
trees-
When the green, you know, gits
baok in the trees.
-James Whitoomb Riley.
relativity of knowledeg
A friend of mipe, a vollege profes sor, went into a crowded restauran
in New York City for lunoheon. The negro in oharge took my friend sha
and gave vo oheok for it in retarn An hour later, when the professo ive way, turned to the shelves, an anded him his hat. The professo
a man that prides himself on hi
owers of observation, so the regro ability to remember to whom each
artiole of olothing belonged, struck
him as something very wonderful. "How did you know that was m sah," was the reply." "Then why
did you give it to me?" the professo

## politiclans bising

 H. Seward was holding the position the elevaryor of going up to his office
laden with citizens of diplomatio aspiration, he remarked: "This is he largest colleotion for foreign mis
ons that I ever eaw taken ap."-
ev. Heman L. Wayland.

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