

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

INVEST YOUR SAVINGS

A banker and broker, who has seen many men begin with very little money and amass a competence by judicious investments, makes these suggestions:

Your future financial condition depends upon what you do now.

Many people will tell you they have no chance to succeed and make money. That they never had the opportunities which more successful men had.

This is absolutely untrue. The difference between the successful and unsuccessful man is purely personal and individual.

Property is the fortune held in common by all.

No form of government will ever be established that can provide prosperity to the man who sits on his doorstep waiting for it to come up the street.

A lot of us blame the country for the state of our own affairs. We forget that the only country there is the sum total of us all.

Let one man by thrift, industry and perseverance become a prosperous citizen, and he is a marked man. People point him out and call him lucky.

Luck is simply another word for good judgment acted upon.

It is not luck that makes men successful or prosperous. Men who are failures are those who are always waiting for something to turn up. They expect some cause outside of themselves to do them a good turn, to bring them fortune, or to turn up unexpectedly with a hot drink on a cold day.

Causes lie within a man. Effects are outside.

You can have more and be more a year, five years or ten years from now, if you think hard enough about it, and do something, or in other words act—save and invest, so as to have a sure income.

NON-CONTRADICTIONARY MAN

The Academy, of London, does not believe in the man who never contradicts.

He is a poor invertebrate fellow at the best, and though he may have opinions of his own he is ready to adopt yours rather than seem unpleasant or ungracious. His mind is compared to a jelly that won't set, and is perpetually ready to take the impression of the mould at hand.

Not for him is the keen conflict of wit, the hammer-and-tongs argument that leaves its participants glowing, unconvinced, pugnacious still, but happy. Strong men regard him with a kindly contempt if they do not pass him by as a cipher, and if he gets on in the world it is because his temperament suits him peculiarly for the position of sycophant—there are always people who are willing to pay for a consistent and complimentary human echo.

Not content to dismiss the non-contradictory man with this reprimand the Academy goes still further, and asserts:

For such men there is little use. The hard work of the world has been done and will be done by men who are not afraid to contradict, and there is more need of them than ever at the present time.

Among other things this writer wants the man who contradicts to do is to contradict other men—and

women, too, no doubt—who think that a play must portray perverted morals in order to be popular. "This is a contradiction that is boldly wanted-to-day," he says, and there are others, but there are not enough men to war against them.

Outspoken contradiction may be "bad form" at times; but it holds tremendous possibilities for good when undertaken by a wise and fearless soul full of conviction. The cry of "good manners" may be exalted unduly until it becomes as the beautiful ignis fatuus that rises from stagnant waters and unwholesome places; gives it its true worth as a guide to social pleasantness and agreeable intercourse; but let us not be afraid, when self-respect incites, to contradict, and to do it emphatically.

A MAN'S AMUSEMENTS

A fair way of measuring a man is by his amusements. Of what grade are they? Do they do any harm to others? Are they clean and wholesome? Do they make his life better while living, or the reverse? The answers to these questions, if honestly given, are often enlightening. —Catholic Columbian.

KIND DEED IS NEVER LOST

Sometimes we become restless and impatient because we do not immediately see the result of our generosity. We seem to think that whatever aid we are able to give should work miracles before our eyes, and we are not content to believe that somewhere and somehow somebody's burden has been lightened because of our faith and generosity.

Sooner or later, often when we least expect it, our deeds of kindness come back to us a thousandfold. They may not be repaid in substantial coin, they may not even bear the stamp of our generosity, but they pour their blessings into our lives with rich interest and help us to understand the readjustment of our natures.

It is a fine thing to be in a position to give freely and generously of those riches which, after all, are only ours during our stewardship, but it is just as gratifying and just as enabling to give proportionately of the more modest means which some of us command. We are not judged by what we give so much as by the manner in which we give it, and happy, indeed, is he who is not afraid to give generously even of his small means. Our charities may not sound around the world, but they are heard by some poor sufferer close at hand and what richer recompense can we ask?—True Voice.

THE SILVER LINING

You may make of your loss not a disablement, but an equipment. You have learned a new, great lesson. Henceforth you should be more competent for that finest, most delicate ministrations, sympathy toward those in trouble. A new temptation has come to you, a drawing toward the self-absorption of sorrow. Resist it bravely; let your loss be not a barrier, but a tie with other lives. And, O my sad-hearted friend, just so surely as behind yonder clouds the sun, is shining, so certain will there issue out of this trial of yours, if only you will meet it as best you can, a good to yourself and to others, greater than you now can think.—Catholic Telegraph.

BE DEPENDABLE

Young man, are you dependable? Is your employer's reliance misplaced or his confidence justified by

your everyday conduct? Are you delivering day by day with all the might that is in you? In the absence of supervision, are you shirking and "soldiering," or are you working at the same high head of pressure and cheerfulness that greets the foreman or employer's eye? There is no trait of character that more surely makes for genuine success than thorough dependability. That implies a degree of capacity, a full measure of integrity and a will to do the thing that lies before you.

FOURTEEN ERRORS OF LIFE

Attention is directed to the following mistakes of life:

To expect to set up our own standard of right and wrong and expect everybody to conform to it.

To try to measure the enjoyment of others by our own.

To expect uniformity of opinion in this world.

To look for judgment and experience in youth.

To endeavor to mould all dispositions alike.

To look for perfections in our own actions.

To worry ourselves and others about what cannot be remedied.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

WANTED—A BOY

Why, what a funny advertisement! Bobby, listen to this! and Mrs. Johnson read from the evening paper as follows:

"Wanted—A good, smart, honest boy. Must be red-haired and freckled. None other need apply. Smith & Thompson."

Bobby laughed. "That's me, sure," he said, "especially the red hair and freckles. Guess I'll go around."

"Well, it really sounds as though it were meant for you," continued his mother, so seriously that Bobby laid down the book he was reading and looked at her in surprise.

"You were just kidding about the red hair and freckles, weren't you, mammy?" he asked.

"No indeed; come and see for yourself."

"Whew—w—w!" whistled Bobby, looking at the paper: "I'll have to try, sure thing. But how queer for Smith & Thompson to put in an ad. like that. It's the very office I've had my eye on for months; but I didn't know there was likely to be a vacancy so soon."

At nine o'clock next morning Bobby found himself one of a row of boys in the waiting room outside Smith & Thompson's private office. The youngsters all had hair of various degrees of redness, and freckles of all sizes and shades of brown. Some were speckled as a turkey's egg, others could only boast of a few of these valuable marks. It seemed so funny to Bobby that he forgot how badly he wanted the place himself and greeted each rival with a friendly smile.

The first boy to be admitted had a fiery red head and as many rust spots as any one could desire. Mr. Smith, the senior partner, opened the door himself to let him in, and swept an amused glance along the line of candidates.

In a few minutes that boy came out and another went in.

"Said my hair was too red, an' I had too many freckles," he intimated, with a grin which showed a front tooth missing. "Maybe you'll do, he added good naturedly to Bobby, "you ain't got too many freckles, and your hair is most brown."

Bobby felt encouraged, although he wondered very much about it all. But surely Mr. Smith was not a man with time to waste in looking over such a lot of boys without a purpose.

"He's got his mother in there with him; a little old lady with white hair and gold-rimmed eyeglasses, an' she said I wasn't the right one at all, I was too cheery lookin', remarked another unsuccessful one on his way out, making a face at Bobby as he passed.

Bobby laughed and grew still more curious. "Why should a business man have his mother in his office helping him to select an office boy. Perhaps—"

"Next!" called a voice from the open door, and Bobby was admitted.

"That's him. I should have known him anywhere. Such a manly little fellow!" exclaimed the old lady sitting by the office window.

"Why didn't you wait a minute after helping me off the car last night?" she continued, motioning the surprised Bobby to come nearer to her.

"What—I beg your pardon. I don't know what you mean," stammered Bobby, knitting his sandy-colored eyebrows. "Oh!" and his freckled face brightened into a smile. "I didn't want anything for just helping a lady. I wouldn't even if I were so poor," and he drew himself up with an air of sturdy pride.

"Would you like work, young man, asked Mr. Smith with a smile, and Bobby replied promptly that he would.

"What can you do?"

"I can't know, sir. I'm just eleven, and I've always been at school; but I'm willing to try anything, and I'll do my best. I can study at nights with my big brother," he added.

"Well, a boy who is so good at looking out for helpless old ladies as I've been told by mother you are, ought to do pretty well in any line," said Mr. Smith. "You may report here at one o'clock this afternoon."

The gentleman opened the door into the outer office and informed the red-headed brigade that they need not wait any longer, as he had found a boy to suit him. Then he turned to his desk, and Bobby, feeling him-

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self dismissed, hurried home to tell his good news.

"Why, I really didn't do anything, mother," he said. "There was such a jam that the poor old lady had no chance to get off, for the conductor was so busy somewhere else and didn't notice, so I just helped her, that was all."

"It was a little thing, but it had big results," said his mother, and Bobby thought so, too.—Pleasant Hours.

THE VALUE OF THOROUGHNESS

There is a certain New England man of great prominence who when a boy of fifteen found it necessary to earn his living by chopping wood in back yards and virgin forests. How he made a ladder of this wood, so to speak, is related by Senator Crane of Massachusetts.

The boy had not been very long at his work before he discovered that every different variety of wood split differently. Maple split one way, oak another, and spruce still differently.

This discovery led him to the knowledge that on certain kinds of wood he did not need to expend one-half the energy which he did on others, and he was able to save his strength for the harder tasks. That is good knowledge for any one to possess.

But this boy was not contented to stop with this knowledge. If one kind of wood would split easily and another kind would buckle against the grain when the axe blade entered it, there must be a reason for it, a reason which nature had hidden in the cells of the wood.

The swinger of the axe began to pick up pieces of pine, oak and maple and take them home for study. Some of these he boiled in water and analyzed their resins. Others he planned down and put under the microscope. Out of his small earnings he managed to purchase several important books on tree culture and nature of woods.

Day after day as he chopped, either in the forest or at the front of some kitchen door, he gained more knowledge of the material which he was handling, until at the end of two years he had become known as an expert wood craftsman.

Later he set up a small shop and advertised in a humble way that he would repair all kinds of woodwork, or would make new creations of chairs, tables, shelving and window-sills. At first patronage came slowly, so in his leisure moments he spent his time in designing artistic rockers, tables and chairs.

He had several of these finished, but there was no bidder for them, owing to the small amount of money in his home town. One day a visitor from Boston chanced to enter the shop, and his eyes fell upon a rocker designed precisely as such chairs were made in the days of Queen Elizabeth. It was so perfect an imitation he thought it to be a genuine antique, but the boy explained to him how it had been made. The

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visitor instantly offered \$50 for it, and gave an order for five duplicates.

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This story is to illustrate the point that there is no task at the command of our hands in the beginning of life that is not worth knowing thoroughly from inside to outside. The very struggle to gain this knowledge, to understand clearly what is being done, may prove to be the one stepping-stone to real success. To go to a thing with half knowledge, to be careless about it, is to open the way for serious blunders and perhaps destruction of character.—Catholic Telegraph.

"CONTINENTAL SUNDAY"

In the British non-Catholic press the oft used phrase "Continental Sunday" is intended to refer exclusively to Catholic countries and to mean that in those countries there is very little, if any observance of the Christian Sabbath in a religious sense, and that the day is given over entirely to amusement or to business and amusement as on ordinary days.

That this understanding is far from being correct is shown by a writer in the Catholic Times who takes Sweden as an example not bearing out the theory of the connection between the "Continental Sunday" and Catholicity. Sweden, as the Times writer says, is Protestant—"rootedly and profoundly Protestant," yet it has its "Continental Sunday" more "Continental" than Paris, and he goes on to describe it:

"Sweden enjoys its day of rest and takes full advantage of it. As a consequence the railway time-table shows no special columns for Sunday traffic, except it be that the trains on Sunday run more frequently than during the week. Pleasure excursions on its many inland lakes are multiplied on the day of rest. The posts are delivered almost as often as on week days. The theaters not only have the usual evening performance, but add an extra matinee performance. One often hears of the riotous gaiety of Paris during Carnival, and in Sweden the carnival and riot extend the whole of Lent through. Her restaurants and cafes, in other words, her public houses (liquor saloons) entertain their lively patrons until the early hours of Monday morning."

Such is the "Continental Sunday" in Protestant Sweden, proving that such is not exclusively Catholic.

The true explanation is not in the religion of the Continental nations, but in the different social conditions and differing temperaments. There is the Continental Sunday (the Times article says) because there is not the (holiday) Saturday afternoon as in England, and also because the temperance and environment in which our Continental neighbors have been reared are far different from our own, perhaps very narrow, certainly insular in the point of view.

But might they not have the required religious observance and ample recreation and relaxation, too? They have it so in Ireland, and it works well both for the spiritual and the temporal interest.—N. Y. Freeman's Journal.

The Apostolate of the Press must be a precept to-day.

There is no liberty without justice, and there is no justice without the fear of God and the love of fellow-man as our brother, because such is the will of God.

Do a little living by the wayside. Stop to consider how much more you are worth to yourself and society when you are actually doing the real thing you feel you must do some day.—Robert Carlton Brown.

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