CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

WAITING

I could say nice things about him I could praise him if I would ; I could tell about his kindness. For he's always doing good.

I could boost him as he journeys O'er the road of life today; But I let him pass in silence And I've not a word to say

For I am one of those now waiting Ere a word of praise is said, Or a word of comfort uttered-Till the friend we love lies dead.

I could speak of yonder brother As a man it's good to know; And perhaps he'd like to hear it, As he journeys here below I could tell the world about him And his virtues all recall-But at present he is living,

And it wouldn's do at all ; So I'm waiting, yes, I'm waiting, Till the spark of life is fled; Ere I raise my voice to praise him I must know that he is dead.

I appreciate the kindness That he's often shown to me, And it will not be forgotten When I speak his enlogy I should like to stand in public And proclaim him "friend of mine."

But that isn't customary, So I give the world no sign Of my love for yonder brother, Who has often helped me here; I am waiting, ere I praise him, Till I stand before his bier.

-Edgar A. Post THIS YEAR'S RESOLUTION

And now, what will you resolve for 1921? Friend, be wiss! Just one resolution; net more. And that is: Have the purest of motives in doing whatever you are supposed to do, whatever duty calls for. That is the key to happiness and contentment. Given a pure motive I am happy and cheerful; I am walking with God and my angel's book is heavy with deeds. No friend's disleyalty can worry me no enemy's dislike can annoy me. No unfair judgment can move me : no sneer or taunt upset me. Like St. Francis, I'll see God everywhere and in everything. I'll see Him in the kitchen fires and in the master's chair : I'll see Him wielding the mop or pounding the keys; I'll discover Him in the preacher's sermon and in mending the preacher's clothes; I'll welcome God in pain and I'll great Him in pleasure; I'll meet God in contempt and I'll honor Him in authority; I'll see Him in advice when asked and I'll listen to Him in advice given; I'll praise Him in cultivating the talents He has given to me and I kneel in prayer of pardon to Him whose gifes I am not using well; I'll discover God in teaching the child and God will have me learn from that child to be simple and sincere I'll bonor God in doing my appointed duties as well as I can, and I'll not interfere with God's plans by med dling in other people's affairs.

I belong to God and for God I'll do my very duty. That is the pure motive that must carry you through this year. That resolution needs no company. It will make a Saint of you. Make it today. Keep it today. And before night falls thank God for keeping it and ask God for strength to keep it tomorrow. Human nature will rebel at times and for the moment seem to cloud your motive, but your resolution will break ugh that cloud and like the heavens' light illumine your path. That pure motive, "All for God," "God's Will be done," will win the

day for you always. 1921 may mark the end of your days and close your career. And when the end comes "Good Deeds" before the judgment-seat of God. And "Good Deeds" is the child of "Pare Motive." All others whom you now call friends and to whom you cling so eagerly must stop at death's door. They would gladly accompany you as their prayers really do; but death halts them and sends them back. Friends may not make the journey with you; Kinstolk will not. Wealth wants none of such company and even Strength and Discretion lose their interest in you when grim death chooses you for his companion. Beauly runs from death.

Make sure of your eternal salva tion. It is the only matter worth serious attention. To stand well with God makes happiness sweet and life perfect. Crosses smile and trials beam in the nearness of God.—St. Anthony Messenger.

FRIENDSHIP

"Friendship is a word, the very sight of which in print makes the heart warm," says an exchange. How eloquently these words express what friendship means to one and all of us in our voyage over the sea of life! Without the pleasure and comfort ing while she repairs some forgotten afforded by true friends up the years damage to her clothes. No one is that having a friend to share our joy some forgotten damage to her doubles it for us, and having one in clothes. No one is ever kept waiting overtakes us, the very thought that puts off doing a thing at the right man. there is a friend who will be delighted time, because she has learned that if we have tasted of the bitter fruits of life, and some trouble or adversity

when a way, there is no need to worry about that particular thing.

She is the girl who is at ber desk of our hopes, and to us that cloud and friends all know that she will be seems black as night and threatens ready for business or pleasure at the to overshedow the sunshine of our appointed time. whole life; but our friend comes to This girl's ne us, uninvited if he is a true friend,

that cloud of sorrow, and instantly her, or making her restless. Charthe trouble seems deprived of half acter is not formed in a minute. its bitterness, not that it is any less This girl has been training herself hard but because a friend has come to bear half the burden on his own ever ready for emergencies, for this shoulders.

But what is a friend? Someone said "it is another name for God," and he is right inasmuch as true friendship is almost divine. A true friend is one who unbosoms freely, advises justly, assists readily, adveuboldly, takes all patiently, defends courageously and remains a friend, unchangeably. What a great blessing is a friend with a breast so stusty that we may safely bury all our secrets in it, whose conscience we may fear less than our own, who can relieve our cares by his cenversation, our doubts by his counsels our sadness by his good humor, and whose very looks give comfort to us.

Commend me to that generous heart, Which like the fire on high Uplifts the same unvarying brow

To every change of sky. Whose friendship does not fade away When wingry tempests blow, But like the winter's icy crown

Looks greener through the snow.' He is the true friend then who is with us in sunshine and storm and that unchanging fidelity is really what is meant by friendship. If it were expediency that cemented friendships, expediency when changed would dissolve them, but because one's nature can never change, there-

fore true friendships are eternal.

Much, certainly, of the happiness and purity of our lives depends on our making a wise choice of our companions and friends. If our friends are badly chosen they will inevitably drag us down; if well, they cannot fail to have an ennobling elevating influence on us and consequently on our lives. And yet the strange thing about it is how few people exercise even a little judgment or take a little trouble in the choice of their friends, and how many seem to trust blindly to chance to make the selection for them. Why, they exercise much greater care in the choice of an office of friends it is always well to remember that "one should never judge a friends for what they are and not for of gentleness to treat everyone with friends betrays a foolish mind .-

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

WHEN PA AND MA GET SICK

When pa is sick

He's scared to death, An' ma au' us Jast hold our breath. He crawls in bed, An' puffs and geunts. An' does all kinds Of crazy stunts. He wants the doctor. An' mighty quick ; For when pa's ill.

He gasps an' groans An' sort of sighs : He talks so queer, An' rolls his eyes. Ma jumpe an' runs An' all of us. An' all the house, Is in a muss;

An' peace an' joy Is mighty skeerce-When pa is sick It's something flerce. When mais sick

She pegs away; She's quiet though Nos much to say. She goes right on A-doing thinge, An' sometimes laughs 'Es even sings. She says she den't

Feel extra well But then it's just A kind of spell She'll be all right Tomorrow, sure : Will be the cure.

An' pa he spiffs An' makes no kick, For women folks Is always sick. An' ma, she smiles, Lat's on she's glad-

When ma is sick, It ain't so bad.

GOOD TRAINING The punctual girl is always a thoughtful girl. She is the girl who does not delay in doing an errand; who never keeps the breakfast waitwould be empty indeed. Lamb says ever kept waiting while she repairs whom we may confide our sorrow, while she sews a rip in her dress or halves its bitter pang. If any great a break in her glove. These things happiness, success or prosperity, are all done in season. She never with our success increases our own when a thing has been attended to,

great or small, has come like a cloud on time it she is one of the great to darken the hitherto bright horizon army of working girls. Her employer

This girl's nerves are in good order because she never has to hursy or for true friends visit us in prosperity worry to catch up some work that only when invited, but in adversity has been neglected at the proper they come without invitation, and time, and her life runs on smoothly points out to us the silver lining (it and happily because no undone task may be tiny, but still it is silver) to or neglected appointment is worrying destined by God for a great work, but Church clings and must cling so question the authenticity of the most

for years to be punctual. habit of punctuality now touches her life in all its relations, and she is making her influence felt, in her own family, at least, for they must come to see the wonderful advantage of being always ready, always on time. The punctual girl, while she is earnest and womanly, has not lost any of her girlish charms. look is encouraging, new chances are constantly opening to her advancement, because it is known that she

can be relied upon .- True Voice. THE ORIGINAL HIAWATHA

The Indian story of Hiawatha is even more beautiful than that which Longfellow has told so charmingly in the justly popular poem bearing that title, but it depicts the hero as a very different man from the bold and tender-hearted warrior of whom the poet writes. The Indian story, though in part fiction, is founded on fact; there is no doubt that such a man as Hiawatha once lived, and that he played a leading part in forming the compact of the Six

According to the story, Hiawatha was the wisest man of the Onondagas and when the different tribes were troubled by the Hurons, who lived to the north of them, and the Algonquins, who were their eastern neighbors, he proposed a meeting of the tribes to form a union for mutual defense. But the scheme was de-feated by Atatarho, the great war chief of the Onondagas, who was jealous of dividing his power, and Hiawatha was driven out of the tribe. He did not give up the plan, however. As he journeyed toward the south he came to a beautiful lake (probably Oneida.) On the shore he picked up a quantity of beautiful white shells

Hiawatha living alone all this time and never seeing any man, learned much from the Great Spirit. It was finally revealed to him that his people were at last ready to unite, boy or indeed of a pet dog than in selecting friends by whom their whole life will be more or less influ-whole life will be more or less influ-who never a word. When at last Hiawatha aross and began to speak the book by iss cover," and choose our people were charmed by his voice and listened in silence, for it seemed what they look or have. It is a sign to them that he spoke with the wisdom of the Great Spirit Himself. ous distinction, with courtesy and consideration, but to treat them as washa unfolded his plan for the union, telling off on each shell the position and power allotted to each tribe and to its chief. Atatarho was to be made the great war chief of the confederacy—which shows that Hiswatha was something of a politician and at this even he gave way and the treaty was adopted.

While the people were celebrating the treaty with the usual feasting, it was observed that Hiawatha was and silent. "Feasting is not for me," he said, when his friends urged

At that moment a beautiful white cance was seen approaching across the lake, driven by some unseen power. When it reached the shore Hiawatha, bidding farewell to those turned by the thrifty and unscrupa-who had crowded about him, stepped lose mediums. into the cance, which moved rapidly away. As it reached the middle of the lake it suddenly rose into the good and sufficient from the days of air. Higher and higher into the Simon Magus even till now. She its single passenger, until it became as sciezce progresses and as men a sincere, constructive criticism. altogether.

conquered by its enemies .- Sunday

A GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SPECIAL SOLEMNITY

Pope Banedict in an Apostolic Latter, dated on the Feast of St. James, raminded us that fifty years solemnly dedicated to the patronage of St. Joseph. The Holy Father of St. Joseph. The Holy Father Doctor A. T. Schofield, in the Doctor A. T. Schofield, in the Samerines was praise.

Samerines was praise. expressed his desire that during the year beginning with the 8th of December, 1920, Catholics should celebrate the Golden Jubilee of that the special object of our devotion and study during this new year just opening.

St. Joseph's chief praise in the inspired word of God is that he was Justice in its comprehensive ing consists in rendering to all what belongs to them, to God what belongs disagree. He has had his eyes the middle course. - Lordman. to God and to man what belongs to opened and he has had his oppor-

St. Joseph, therefore, fulfilled the law; he was, humanly speaking, the ideal Christian man. Though he ber paroxysms of possession and who was the head of the Holy Family, he poured out a flood of obsenity and was ever the servant of those com-mitted to his charge. His life was He has had a case where "hardened

belonged to them, his was a life of belonged to them, his was a life of which they regarded as coming giving not taking. He did not obey the worldly maxim of getting the

into life. St Jeseph's next claim to our

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foundations of that work whose glory he was never to see in this life. Hidden away from the world he subdays in obscurity, in poverty, and in labor. This just man instead of paths of eternal peace and happi-

God Incarnate is the glorious model set before Christians these days of Luke's gospel : social unrest. To those in authority forth how honest toll can be made Nazareth." ArtThou come to destroy precious in the sight of God. To all us? I know Thee who Thou art, the he is the pattern by which they should model their lives, for his life was spent in the company of Jesus and Mary, and all his work was done for them and with them. Today the into the midst, he went world does not want God or His and hurt him not at all. Blessed Mother. Many are vainly Those who invite the unclean attempting to bring peace to the spirit to come and take up his abode world without Him.

have deserted. Through Joseph to Mary, through Mary to Carist, is the to the Most High God. pathway to permanent peace and

happiness. Wisely has the Holy Father acted and self-restraint in all things. May the year 1921, the year of devotion Holy Father, see the baginning of a new movement back to Christ and Christianity, which is the only way to enduring peace.—The Pilot.

ON THE WANE

Reports from England indicate him to join the festivities; "I am to that the epidemic of Spiritism is go on a far journey." Sir Oliver Lodge came here and gave tone and distinction to the craze, for the cult had its followers here and many a dishonest and tainted dollar

The Church condemns Spiritish for reasons that she has considered a dim speck and then vanished claim to be able to explain away all the obscure phenomena. Sha a pleasing shape, and that

> Oftentimes, to win us to our harm, The instruments of darkness tell us truths,

Win us with honest trifles to betray's

that the phenomena are beyond their ago the Church upon earth was province, that they are preternatural rare; the praise of a superior may solemnly dedicated to the patronage and at times they are palpably from have a double value whilst

event with special solemnity. He also pointed out that the ideals be exemplified in the life of St. Joseph should be the ideals by which Catholics should be governed during and spiritual form and too often projec, like too much honey, may there exemplated in the life of St. Joseph should be governed during and spiritual form and too often projec, like too much honey, may the compliance of the spiritual form and too often projec, like too much honey, may these fronblous days. The foster ends in the most terrible fate that produce nausea or a peculiar bitter father of Our Lord and the spouse of can befall a human being, which is ness in the form of pride; whilst a His Blessed Mother is therefore to be absolute possession by an unclean total lack of any praise may stifle spirit.'

It is quite possible that Dector Schofield will be deemed too oldthing as "an unclean spirit."

tunity of studying the phenomens. He speaks of a case in which a "delicate and refined lady who had spent in entire renunciation of self. asylu a nurses declined to remain in In rendering to others what attendance because of utterances

Of course the Doctor and his most out of life, he followed the nurses assume, ignorantly or other higher counsel of putting the most wise, that there is a hell. That too may be counted contrary to modern common sense. It is a mediaeval veneration is his humility. He was ism, however, to which the Catholic

he was content to be buried in the long as she claims to speak for Christ and to interpret His mind.

Christ had His own experiences with the spirits of darkness. They mitted humbly to the will of Gad were suspicious of Him and were that decreed that he should pass his anxious to know what power He days in obscurity, in poverty, and in possessed. One of them took Him to the pinnacle of the temple and later complaining about the hardness of on to the summis of a high mounof his lot, was content to let the tain, and the Lord dismissed him as Divine Wisdom make use of these the davil should always be dismissed. hardships to lead him to higher Another, possibly the same unclean Another, possibly the same unclean spirit of whom Doctor Schofield speaks, addressed Him reproachfully. This just man, hidden away with The record of the strange episode is found in the fourth chapter of St.

"And in the synagogue there was he stands forth as an example of a a man who had an unclean spirit, perfect master and the head of a and he cried out with a loud voice. perfect family. To the workers he is the model workingman, showing have we to do with Thee, Jesus of us? I know Thee who Thou art, the Holy One of God.

And Jesus rebuked him saying : Hold thy peace and get out of him. And when the devil had thrown him into the midst, he went out of him,

with them will not, it is quite sure. But there is still One in the midst be so happily relieved of their of them whom they know not. infernal guest. They court the Quietly and unobtrusively He is danger and Christ will not come to doing His work through the voice of drive the extravagant and erring His Vice-Gerent on earth, leading spirits to their proper confines, men back gently but firmly so the which place is in the lowest pit of paths of righteousness that they hell, where obsenity and blasphemy are put up as an unceasing challenge

Catholics who deal in Spiritism, just fer fun," may be nearer the spirit of evil than they realize. in exhorting us to turn this year to does not show his cloven foot at the St. Joseph, to study his life, and to first scance. He bides his time. He doss not show his cloven foos at the invoke his powerful intercession is wise, far seeing, persuasive, most that we may learn justice, humilisy, sesming innocent. He can quote Secipture and his powers of deceptions are not to be measured by to St. Joseph recommended by the those who are silly enough to parley with him or afford him a coveted opportunity to enter and possess

The faces remain : there is a spirit world. The powers of darkness still go about seeking whom they may devour. They have sworn eternal war upon God and they sask the rare revenge of dragging His divine image in the dust. To play with the devil is to gamble at the very vortex of hell .- Catholic Transcript

IDLE COMPLIMENTS

THE EFFECT OF SINCERE PRAISE AND OF HOLLOW FLATTERY

Men and women who are sufficiently well acquainted with themselves usually dread professional "honey blue sky flew the white cance with finds no reason to modify her decree drippers." They prefer and admire

A rebuke from a real critic may have a certain sting, but it has no That was the last of Hiawatha, but believes that there is a spirit world, hidden poison. A short, hearty "well the league which he founded con- a good spirit world and a bad dene" from a conscientious man or tinued for centuries and was never spirit world, and she believes woman ontweight by far, the flatterconquered by its enemies.—Sunday that the devil hath power to assume ing and often sanseless remarks of a hundred idle talkers.

A sincere compliment is a better stimulus for noble deeds than a thou sand empty flatteries.

The value of a compliment is quite conditional.

In deepest consequence."

The praise of a perpetual "Blarney kisser," is rather cheap, and very scientious study of Spiritism declare of the means nothing at all. The compliment of an equal is quite the compliment of an inferior is

Semesimes we praise others for the sake of a return; this may have United Service Institution of Lon-don, said of Spiritism: "It is the value of a debt and has a little spreading like a poisonous gas among tings of selfishness, but it must not,

nobler aspirations and produce "sour" dispositions.

Paychologists, those ksener judges fashioned by certain of the ultra- of human nature, tell us the value of wise and romantic damsels of the a man or woman depends, to a great a "just man." Today when justice period. They may be unclean of extent, on the manner they give and is at times widely infracted, it is mind, but they are too wise to admit receive compliments. In this, as well to recall this shining fact. that there is in the universe such a well as many other respects, it might be well to stick to the golen rule -Doctor Schofield is bold enough to In media stat virtus—that is, steer

ST. PETER IN THE CATACOMBS

In a charming little book called The Lasson of the Catacombs" (Macmillan) written by the Rev. A. Henderson, an Anglican minister, the author shows that unlike most Protestants he has no doubt what ever that St. Peter ended his days in Roms. Describing the Ostian Cometery, where "the first Chair was set up" and "where Peter the Apostle was wont to baptize," Mr. Henderson well observes; "Nothing is more common

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learned school of Prosestants—with brased the Holy Eucharist in the whom, no doubt, "the wish was father to the thought"—to deny that St. Peter ever was in Rome at all! Blessed Peter first sat," are the words overwhelming convincing, and Hendersoa's devont study of

ancient remains of the Primitive John Lateran, which has been in Church, in the City of Rome ; and a continual use since the fourth cengeneration or so sgo . . . it was tury, is the actual altar table on the fashion amongst a not very which the Apostle St. Peter cele-

To archeologists of unquestioned we find set down by "the priest repute, and to scholars of nature and John" in the list of cil phials from unblased judgment, however, the the lamps on the martyre' tombs evidence of the fact of his rejourn which he draw up in the days of and martrydom in the Eternal City St. Gregory the Great. The Rev. Mr. there is little doubt that one of the Catacombs, let us hope, will lead most precious treasures of the him and his Protestant readers back Roman Church, namely the wooden to the feet of the Bishop who now Mensa inset for the high altar of St. site in Peter's Chair, -- America.

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