

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

What System Will Do? It will promote health by eliminating worry and that petty anxiety which comes from not feeling the absolute ability to clear the atmosphere about you of little vexing, harassing details.

How Much Shall I Read? The amount of reading to be done cannot be settled offhand. Times differ; so do opportunities. Some people read faster than others and get as much profit from their reading.

And Coleridge says again: "Some readers are like the hour-glass—their reading is as the sand. It runs in and out, but leaves not a vestige behind."

An excellent way is to fix upon some epoch in history or some noted figure in biography or some important department of science and art.

It is well to re-read good books. Almost every one has some author or authors to whom he turns with unflagging interest.

The Stimulus of Poverty. The struggle to get away from poverty has been a great man developer. Every human being being born with a silver spoon in his mouth—had there been no necessity of it.

Every one ought consciously to have an aim in life. Whether he is conscious of it or not, every one has a ruling tendency; but every one should have a controlling and persistent purpose in life.

He is not worthy to live who only vegetates; he does not truly live who drifts aimlessly through the years from youth to age.

The Man You Work For. The man you work for is either interested in your welfare, aside from his own, or else he belongs to the class which is so selfish.

after you have decided, is to take steps that will bring you in touch with the right man. And the right man for you to work for is he who reciprocates.

From the employer's standpoint very little has been said concerning reciprocity; on the other hand, from the employer's point of view, too much comment has already been made.

It is my contention, in the face of contrary assertions, that many employers virtually stifle the ambition of young workers in the ranks.

As has been said before, it is easy to determine the attitude of your employer toward you—whether he is anxious for your advancement, or whether he is regarding your progress.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. Poverty no Barrier to Success. A Vassar graduate of 1899, Miss Helen D. Thompson, is turning her knowledge of sanitation and social work to the advantage of a whole community at Orange, New Jersey, where she has been made sanitary inspector.

Pretty Legends About Flowers. As it seems are Nature's chief beauty, it is always interesting to know a little about them, such as how their names originated and to which country they belong.

St. Stephen and the Boy Christ. When little Jesus lived with Joseph and Mary at Nazareth, assisting them in their humble labors, there lived not far from their poor but a woman who had a son of the same age as Jesus.

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saying, "This one shall be My brother; he will suffer and die for My sake. Weep not, O privileged mother, but rejoice." The woman went home, pondering on what she had seen and heard, and blessing God in her heart.

The Scholar of the Rosary. A sweet legend tells of a galleon boy who grieved so much because he could not compete with his fellow students in the composition of verses; and that he deemed the art of any intrinsic value, but that, notwithstanding his proficiency in other studies, his deficiency in this particular branch deprived him of the literary honors which he longed for.

SCOTLAND'S IMMORTAL BIRD. I confess with pride to a kinship of love in all that tends to the glory of the Celtic race and especially in its Gaelic branches, whether that glory comes from the banks and broads of Bonnie Scotia or the purple heathered hills of Erin.

How tender the heart that wrote "To the Mountain Daisy," the bonnie gem, the wee, modest, crimson-tipped flower which

Or "The Auld Farmer's Salutation to his Auld Mare, Maggie," with whom he will share his last bushel;

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How he felt his heart torn when he had to leave it!

A rustic school gave him his letters and auld Betty Davidson's weird stories furnished him with all his legends.

How he cried out to them again and said: "And honest man's the noblest work of God; The cottage leaves the palace far behind; A virtuous populace may rise the while And stand a wall of fire around their much-loved Isle."

destiny to be the singer of toll, to cheer up honest labor, and make the world feel that manhood is God's gift to man and inhumanity is man's great crime.

Well might Henry Giles say of Burns: "He saw nothing to venerate in a title when it was but the nickname of a fool, and he was undazzled by a star when it glittered on the breast of a ruffian or a dunce."

Burns had all the enthusiasm of the Scotch nature for religion and country, a love of the brave and a hatred of tyranny.

He believed in God and he believed in man, and he spoke to the simple peasants because he knew that they had souls and sought the beautiful and true.

He paid the heavy penalty of his faults, and the world whom he has cheered can afford to be kind and forgiving to him.

Burns was gifted by nature and he loved the Giver of the gift. He was a merryman among men, but his fame came after he had paid the debt of nature.

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How sweet the tribute to his "Mary in Heaven," written as he lay among the sheaves in the fields that harvest night and gazed upon a bright star in the skies!

He could touch the people with fires of patriotism in favor of Bonnie Charlie,

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or against tyranny, or fill them with enthusiasm at the deeds at Bannockburn, where "Scots who have y' Wallace bled." He has pleased the world with "Comin Thro' the Rye," and welded the friendships of mankind with "Auld Lang Syne."

How strong his hope of pardon for his faults according as he believed: "Where with intention I have erred, No other plea I have; But Thou art good and Goodness still Distinguisheth to forgive."

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