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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN.

The life of such a man affords food for thought in an assembly of Catholic lay-men, because he is declared "blessed" by the Church and because he is pre-eminently a model Catholic layman. Sir Thomas More was born in London

in 1480. He was educated at Oxford and afterwards followed the profession of the law. He entered Parliament in Henry VII's. reign. Henry VIII. in 1518 invited him to enter the service of the State. He remained in the service of the King eighteen years. In that period he was Speaker of the House of Commons and Chancellor of

After the divorce of Henry VIII. be came a burning question in England Sir Thomas More resigned his Chancellorship and went into private life. Henry VIII., having failed to obtain Papal sanction for his separation from Papal sanction for his separation from Eatherine of Aragon, finally, in defiance of all right and justice, put her aside and made Ann Boleyn his Queen and reputed wife. The refusal of More to take the oath that was required of the King's subjects by the Act of Supremacy caused his arrest, imprisonment, trial and execution on July 6, 1535.

The characteristic virtue of his life was loyalty to truth and principle. No spectacle more inspiring than this

No spectacle more inspiring than this No spectacie more inspiring than this hero and saint—almostalone, abandoned by friends, surrounded by enemies, threatened, deceived by promises, foul and fair—and his loving heart, stirred to its depths by the tears and entreaties of an affectionate wife and an idol-

sed daughter. It is easy to cling to truth when all around are a justice loving people. But when Iniquity sits in high places, when the leaders of Israel disgracefully and cowardly betray their high trust, when loss of earthly goods, imprison-ment and death threaten us, then is the day that tries men's souls, and only the traly noble come forth conquerors.

How heroically and grandly does Sir Thomas More stand forth, the model Catholic layman, devout, religious, theroughly Catholic in belief and pracloyal to his country, his Church and his God and giving up cheerfully and willingly his life for the principles

of right and justice.

Fortunate indeed for us if the one great lesson of his life — his loyalty to principle—sink deeply into our hearts. In these modern days there is need of men who love truth and righteousness and who are not deceived by specicus arguments that would make right wrong and wrong right, but whose guiding ight is always the white light of truth

Often live in spirit with the noble dead. Dwell upon their heroic lives. We become like our ideals. Unconsciously they mold and fashion our char-

Ever remember that the only truly courageous man is the one who believes in God and the accountability of the reature to his Creator and ever follows in the steps of the Divine Exampler Who is the Way, the Truth and the Light. — Rev. Philip R. McDevitt, Catholic Young Men's Union, Philadel

As to "Swearing Off."

Says the Rev. A. B. O'Neil, C. S. in the New Freeman of St. John,

While it is, of course, most desirable that the man who swears off on January 1st, should keep his good resolations, not merely for a week or a fortnight, but throughout the full cycle of 05, still it is an excellent thing take a good resolution, even if it be kept for only a brief period. It is dis-tinctly better to resolve and fail, than mever to resolve at all; and the man who turns aside from the broad road of drankenness, licentiousness, profanity, dishonesty, or similar vicious high-ways, if only for a week or two at New ways, if only for a week or two at New Year's, has very surely gained sonething. While we may lament the instability of purpose that occasions his allow speedy return to the old routine, the speedy return to the old routine, and the sacristy through was filled with clerical students, many of whom were friends of the orator. he has made an effort which will cer tainly facilitate his future permanent reformation, that there is within him the still living consciousness that his life needs reforming—a truth less gener-ally recognized by inconsistent Christians than is commonly believed to be the case. Viewed from the standpoint of Catholic theology, any course of ac-tion that diminishes the number of one's mortal or venial sins, is to be commended; and no genuine Christian philosopher will deery the practice of rarning over a new leaf at New Year's, even though that leaf may too soon be as soiled as those that preceded it."

Greatness and Smartness My young friends, do not mistake smartness for greatness. As a rule, a smart boy makes a shrewd, long headed ner, a man of questionable

wretches, now wearing the striped suits of disgrace, spent more time and energy in trying to get a living by cunning, long-headed methods, and questionable pursuits, than would have secured for them an ample competence and an

honorable reputation.
Clean, straight methods are always best. The moment a young man shows the least sign of crookedness, he arouses suspicion and challenges confidence; he works at a great disadvantage, a disadvantage which it will require an enornous amount of hard work to counter act. When suspicion is aroused, confidence is lost, or credit is questioned, complete rehabilitation of character is very difficult. A broken piece of china may be mended so that it will look almost as good as new, but one is always distrustful of it and never feels perfectly safe in using it. So there is always a doubt of the character which has once been smirched, badly wrenched, marred. Most people are afraid of a mended, patched up character. They dare not trust it. The world keeps its eyes on the weak places in one's armor. and the fact that a man is constant!

under the ban of suspicion makes his complete success extremely difficult. My young friends, especially the "smart" ones, you should not forget that the only sure and safe road to worthy achievement of any kind is straightforwardness, honesty, and absolute rectitude of purpose, and that anything else is not only questionable, but is also risky and sure to be fatal to the only real success-character.

The truly great man, who esteems manhood beyond riches, does not do things by indirection, and does not make stealing legal by accomplishing it with a long head instead of a long arm. He keeps to the straight road, no matter what temptations assail him or what in-ducements urge him to wander into crooked bypaths. He shows in his every act the difference between smartness and greatness.

After all, the great thing in a career is the development of manhood. The lawyer is nothing without the man. Of what value is a merchant who has made fortune but has left his manhood behind, has dropped his character on the way, and has belittled his nobler self by cunning, scheming, round about methods to get dollars? The clergyman, the physician, the teacher, the writer, the artist—what do they amount to if their manhood is not larger than their vocation?

The first object of a vocation should be to unfold and enlarge the man, and bring out all that is true in his nature. The bread and-butter part of it, the mere money making side, is of secondary

mportance.-Success. His One True Church

We must be Christian gentlemed firm in the upholding and pronouncement of our faith, but prayerful and charitable to our fellow-men, looking to God the Holy Ghost to enlighten, guide and strengthen us in our puny efforts, so that we may live such earnest and holy live as they should live, who have re-ceived the marvelous grace of the Catholic faith in Christ's one true

IMITATION OF CHRIST.

HOW A DESOLATE PERSON OUGHT TO OFFER HIMSELF INTO THE HANDS OF

For this is a favor to Thy friend, that he should suffer and be afflicted in this world for the love of Thee, how often soever and by whomsoever Thou per-mittest it to fall upon him. Without Thy counsel and providence,

and without cause, nothing is done upon earth.
It is good for me, O Lord, that Thou

hast humbled me, that I may learn Thy justifications (Ps. exviii. 71.) and that I may cast away from me all pride of heart and presumption. It is advantageous for me that shame

has covered my face, that I may seek my comfort rather from Thee than from

YOUNG PREACHER'S EMBAR-

RASSING MOMENT. By Rev. L. C. P. Fox, in Donahue s for October. An amusing story is told of Scattery Island, in connection with St. Patrick. A newly-ordained priest was invited to give the panegyric of the saint on his of whom were friends of the orator. As he threaded his way through them he whispered to one of them who was a bit of a wag, "Tell me where St.
Patrick was born?" "In Scattery
Island, of course. Surely you know
that." The preacher delivered a wellprepared and eloquent discourse which was highly appreciated by all those who were listening to him and who were like himself citizens of Limerick of the Violated Treaty. The aged Bishop, who was very deaf, had been wheeled to the front of the pulpitstairs from whence, with his ear trumpet, he could follow the discourse of the preachcould follow the discourse of the preach-er, who was a protegee of his. Every thing was right until near the close when the young priest wished to speak of St. Patrick's birthplace. He then delivered himself somewhat in this manner: "What an encouragement it ought to be to you to lead holy lives, you faithful Catholies of Limerick, to methods.

A smart boy is in great danger of being spoiled by being told so often that he is smart, and also, because by canning, shrewd methods he frequently can do, quickly and easily, things which other boys can only accomplish by a great deal of hard work.

It is a sorry day for a boy when he discovers that he can achieve his ends by cunning and indirection instead of by hard work. He thinks he has found a short cut to success, or a substitute for plodding, and the moment he becomes possessed with this idea that he sacred by his footsteps and hallowed services and substitute for plodding, and the moment he becomes possessed with this idea that he sacred by his footsteps and hallowed by hard work. He thinks he has found a short cut to success, or a substitute for plodding, and the moment he becomes possessed with this idea that he can get his living more easily than other people he is doomed to failure. It is a danger us business, this trying to find short cuts to one's geal. Our prisons and jails are full of men who thought they had found an easy way to the substitute of the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and jails are full of men who there were the prisons and prisons are the prisons and prisons and prisons are the priso thought they had found an easy way to success, and tried to shorten the road to the goal. Hundreds of these Patrick was never on Scattery Island,

his foot at all on County Clare, but he blessed that county from Limerick.

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OUR BOYS AND GIRLS. STORIES ON THE ROSARY

BY LOUISA EMILY DOBRER The Crowning of our Blessed Lord With Thorns

For two days Cyril had noticed that his aunt seemed unlike herself, but he did not like to ask her if anything had vexed her. As they sat on the terrace after a long silence the cause of her being disturbed came out. "I have had a letter from your uncle,

Cyril," said Mrs. Chilton, after giving her nephew some quick, auxious "Have you, Aunt Helen? I hope he had good news to tell you," said Cyril. Letters between his two guard

ians were generally extremely rare, and he had completely forgotten what Dr. Dering, whom he had last seen when four years old, was like, and they had no photograph of him. "Of course, you know that he is as much your guardian as I am," said Mrs. Chilton, "and though he has never seemed to take any particular interest in you, he now wants to see you. You

remember my telling you that he mar-ried two years ago a widow with four children, and that he has settled down in Yorkshire?" Yes, I think you did," said Cyril, whose eyes were fixed on one of the steamers which was coming down the

"And he thinks, Cyril, that it would Yand he thinks, Cyril, that it would be nice for you to go over and spend your holidays there this summer," said Mrs. Chilton nervously, for she was quite uncertain how the news would be received by Cyril, who, since he came to her as a little child, had virtually rever left her side.

to her as a little child, had virtually never left her side. "To see England — oh, I should like that," said Cyril, his face lighting up.
"I want to see Westminster Abbey and

"Your uncle says he is coming to Switzerland, and he will probably be here to meet us in a day or two, unless his plans change and he comes sooner."
"And are I to go back with him?" "And am I to go back with him ?" asked Cyril.

Yes-I suppose so." "Shan't you be lonely, Aunt Helen?" asked Cyril, suddenly remembering that he was his aunt's constant companion. "But perhaps you are coming too?"

"Oh, no," said Mrs. Chilton. "I do not want to go back to England, but of course it is right that you should go and see your father's country and know your uncle. I shall miss you, Cyril," she continued, "but it will but be until the autumn, and then you will reuntil the autumn, and then you will re-turn to Rome and settle down with the Padre for your winter lessons."
"Yes," said Cyril, "and—"
He did not continue, for a servant

came up at that moment, and addressing herself to Mrs. Chilton said an English gentleman—here was his card—was inquiring for her. "Your uncle has come," said Mrs. Chilton, and in a few moments a short, kindly-looking man in travelling tweeds joined them, for happening to look out of the window, he had seen the servant go up to Mrs. Chilton. Brother and sister had not met for years, but Dr. Dering, who was the very opposite of Mrs. Chilton in almost every respect, did not share her emotional emberosement on find it as emotional embarrassment or find it, as

he apparently did, difficult to talk. He plunged into a long description of his journey, his misadventures with a German porter, the heat of the post-wagon up from Brunnen. "Picked up my letters on the way from the steamer and find I must go back to England to morrow. Can the youngster get his

traps put together by then?"
"Oh, I am sure I can," said Cyril, flushing up with excitement,

"Speaks with quite a foreign accent," said his uncle looking the boy all over, and the color on Cyril's cheek deepened. "Like his father - very ' added the doctor with a quick sigh at the thought of his only b other whose grave was so far away. "I wish you would come too, Helen. Dora would welcome you heartily, and we have a nice little place—belongs to my wiie, you know—

and we are a lively party, what with the boys and Jennie and the baby." "Thank you, thank you, Charles," "Thank you, thank you, Charles," said Mrs. Chilton, whose whole being shrank at the very idea of a merry household of young people all let loose for the holidays. "I lead so very quiet and retired a life—I am afraid—perhaps some day—" and she hesitated. "Now, I must go in and get some food," said Dr. Dering. "Hope I shall find a waiter who speaks English, I am nowhere in foreign tongues."
"Cyril, go with your uncle," said Mrs. Chilton, and Cyril went, ordered what his uncle wanted—at his request sat by him.

sat by him.

The suddenness of the arrival of his uncle succeeding the strange news that he was to go to England all seemed very wonderful to Cyril, whose life had been so extremely uneventful hitherto. Everything was arranged so quickly that almost before he knew what he was about he found himself on board the Monta Rosa pushing away from the Brunnen pier and watching the tall lanky figure of his aunt who had come down to see them off. He felt a pang of regret as he realised their first part-

nor for the matter of that did he set father, to whom they were one and all

The first impression was of three boys all much about the same height with very red hair and sunburnt faces, and a girl of about fourteen with a mane of

"Pater, you'll come with us-we've

"Shut up, there's the dogcart with

" All this great mercy of Thine" We will meditate on this thought till it penetrates into our inmost heart, and as it takes possession of our soul and we realize more vividly what great need we have of our Father's infinite mercy, we shall be impelled to something higher than mere admiration. Imitation is the highest praise, and in our daily life have we not constantly, occasion to show mercy to others? We have to deal with our fellow creatures. Often they try our patience, their sins and imperfections weary us and we are tempted to be irritable and harsh. Then perhaps the gentle voice of the Spirit of God may recall to our mind all that great wears of God and we all that great mercy of God, and we feel that " if God hath so loved us, we also ought to love one another," for if we act otherwise, how can we the prayer which Jesus taught His disciples, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us." Teach us, dear Lord, in our dark hours to confide in all that great mercy

A Protestant, writing in an English paper, gives credit to Catholics for their stand on behalf of religious eduon. "Whatever her faults may he says, "the Catholic Church does not make compromises over the instruction of her children in the Christian faith. She does not allow the Bible to be taught 'without creed or dogma—the non conformist demand— and she never intrusts holy things to teachers appointed without religious tests. The Roman Church in this country will stand firm as a rock long after Church of England has compromised with error. And she will reap her re ward. Terms will have to be made with her. She will be teaching her children the Christian faith in her schools when we have sunk in the waves of undenom

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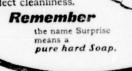
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