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CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

KINDNESS IS THE WORD What is the real good ?" I asked in musing mood.

Order, said the law court ; Koo wledge, said the school ; Truth, said the wise man ; Piensure, said the fool : Love, said the maiden ; Beauty, said the page ; Freedom, said the dreamer Home, said the sage : Fame, said the soldier ; Equity, said the seer.

Spake my heart full sadly ; The answer is not here.

Then within my bosom, Sofily this I heard ; Each heart bolds the secret. Kindness is the word. JOHN BOYLE O'REILLY

FAITH AND WORKS

Two ciergymen, it is said, once had occasion to cross a river in a small boat with only two cars used in propelling it. On getting into the boat, they saw that the boatman had painted on one car the word Faith, and on the other Works. This device induced them to inquire of the boat-man what it meant. "Well," said he," I have a great many people to take across this stream, and I wish them all to learn a lesson taught us in the Scriptures, which is, that faith without works is dead-being alone; and that works is deal bright is equally eff. See, when I take hold of Faith and pull only on that, I simply go round in a circle, and make no progress; so also when I take hold of Works, the same result follows. But when I take hold of Faith and Works together, and pull with a steady pull, I shoot rapidly across the stream."-Young Catholic Messenger.

THREE CHEERS FOR JOHNNY BUTLER

The following interesting editorial is taken from Commerce Comments, the publication of the National Bank of Commerce of New York :

"There is something downright inspiring in the story of Johnny Butler. You all know him — for many months an able member of the Night Force, just recently transferred to the Loan Department. If you have followed the fortunes of Commerce in athletes you know another side of him, for he has been one of the most dependable men on the basketball and baseball teems.

"The other night the graduation exercises of St. John's College in Brooklyn were held and one of the recipients of the B. A. degree was We take off our editorial hat to any man who can complete a four-year college course in the regular period, when he works during the last two years at a regular job, with regular hours, from midnight to breakfast time. When Butler had time to sleep and est, When not to mention studying and becom-ing so actively interested in the affairs of Commerce Club, is quite beyond our understanding. Incidentally, he has not been absent from the bank once this year.

But dosen't his record prove pretty conclusively that a fellow can get anything it only he wants it badly enough? And doesn't it make you laugh when you compare this story with the complaints of some of the other folks in the bank, that they 'haven't time' to study three or four nights a week ?"

This clipping is an editorial in This clipping is an entorial in itself and its lesson is so convincing that further comment would be superfluour. All we can say is: "Three cheers for Johnny Butler."

It is a most unfortunate thing for a boy to lock upon his father as a seeing the reverence paid by the boy task master instead of a companion, to the housa of God, began to laugb, and the following dialogue ensued: always expects criticism or scolding from him. Some fathers constantly neg, find fault, and never think of praising their sons or expressing any appreciation of their work, even when they do it well. Yet there is nothing so

encouraging to a boy, especially if he finds it hard to do what is right, as This real appreciation of his effort. is a tonic to youth. Boys thrive on praise. This is why most of them think more of their mothers than their fathers-because their mothers same with you.' are more considerate, more apprectative, more affectionate, and do not hesitate to praise them when they do well. They are naturally more gen-Trinity ? erous with them; less exacting than

their fathers. I know a man who takes a great deal of pains to keep the confidence of his pet dog. He would not think of whipping or scolding him because he would not risk losing his affec-tion, but he is always scolding his boy, finding fault with everything he does, criticising his conduct, associater, and telling him that he will never amount to anything. Now, what chance has a boy to grow to develop the best thing in him in such an atmosphere ? You should regard the confidential relation between yourself and your son as one of the most precious things in your life, and should never take chances of forfeiting it. It costs something to keep it, but it is worth everything to you and to the boy. I never knew a boy to go very far wrong who regards hi-father and mother as his best friends and keeps no secrets from them .-

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Success.

THE CHILD AND THE MOTHER O Mother.my love, if you'll give me your band.

And go where I ask you to wander, I will lead you away to a beautiful land-

The Dreamland that's waiting out yonder. We'll walk in a sweet-posie garden

out there, Where moonlight and starlight are

streaming, And the flowers and birds are filling the air

With fragrance and music of dream. ing. There'll be no tired out boy to

undress, No questions or cares to perplex

you ; There'll be no little bruises or bumps to caress,

Nor patching of stockings to vex vou.

For I'll rock you away on a silverdew stream, And sing you asleep when you're

weary, And no one shall know of our beautiful dream

But you and your own little dearie. And when I am tired I'll nestle my head In the bosom that soothed me so

often, And the wide-awake stars shall sing

in my stead A song which our dreaming shall soften.

So, Mother my-love, let me take your dear hand, And away through the starlight we'll

THE CATHOLIC RECORD

They have been rebuffed, enubbed passing before a Catholic Church the and scolded, so unkindly treated that boy uncovered his head in honor of they would never think of going to him for advice, or with any confiden-tial matters. had been reading a newspaper, on

> 'To be sure, my little friend, you most be an altar boy ? 'Yes, sir," replied the boy, " and I

am just preparing for my First Com-And would you please tell me what the curate teaches you ?" "Well, he is just instructing me in

the mysteries of religion." "And, please, what are those mysteries? I have forgotten all about those mysteries a long time ago, and

in a couple of years it will be the "No, sir; I will never forget the mysteries of the Holy Trinity, of the for the woes of men and nations.

Incarnation and of the Redemption. What do you mean by the Holy One God in three Persons.' " Do you understand that now, my little friend ?" Where there is a question of mysteries three things are to be distin-guished: to know, to believe, to understand. I know and I believe, but I do not understand. We will

understand only in heaven."

happiness. Is may seem just a little queer to speak of happiness as a duty, but it is nothing less than that. Men and women should make it a part of their daily existence to spread a little joy slong the paths they tread. Aunt Busy's "Good Morn-ing" club, which has the simple requirement of cheerfulness as one of the principle qualifications for membership, may lay the foundation of cheerfulness throughout life. It is almost a crime to spread bitter.

> come in coutac*. It is really a joy to some in contact with sweet-tempered children or men and women-people who care for their fellows and com panions, and who spread the doc-trine of "Chesz up" wherever they There is p'enty of room for improvement in this busy world. Too often we come in contact with men

and women who have parmitted their burdens to sour their dispositions and who go about spreading their discontent, treading on the toes of those about them, saying unpleasant in religion theory, to all who believe things when it were better that that there is a Divine Revelation. nothing were said. It is not neces. sary that one should carry a vacuous smile about upon his beaming countenance at all times nor that he it does not matter whether a man should be forever talking about has legs so long as he can walk. To things which would be pleasant if do right, as an American Catholic true. The person who can remain rector says, means more than keeping decently sociable in all walks of life out of jail and getting on pleasantly is the one who has learned the secret of hastriness and of giving happiness.

It is the little things which count, and it everybody would devote a little time to little helpful thinge, the sum total of little things would soon mount up to a very sizable pile of pleasantness and happiness. It is a comely fashion to be glad, anyway. So cheer up .-- Intermountain Catho-

THE CRIMSON TIDE

neighbor. In other words, we are morally bound both to believe right The ground was wet with it. There was a pool, too, which looked as if it might be Blood and water. a man believes in God and in God's They had to avoid it as they passed true revelation taught by His back and forth. One of the soldiers picked up a garment, and bis hand came away curiously stained. Then they began to cast lots. The gar-in divorce and hence many of them



eternal advantage; benefits it would ors to be as St. Paul counsels, be utterly unreasonable to decline, "zealous of good works" (Citus ii. we the power to do so. 14), and in following the counsel he The spirit of the "Shirker" antmates believes he no more errs nor the passage quoted ; he is pleased to "derogates from the Saviour" than be alive only as long as things go the Apostle did in giving it. well and to his precise liking, a cannot bear the crossing of his will, COURAGE THE ONE THING

We have a great world before us-

very little time and much to do. Let

us do it with all our hearts, and we

must succeed. However smooth and steep the precipice may appear in the

distance, as we approach fissures that

we may form into steps stand out,

and nothing is wanting but the

courage to mount upward .-- Donn

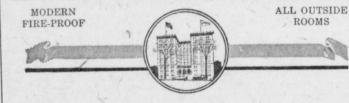
How do s our will become sancti-

or physical pain, or bereavement. With regard to the Catholic doctrine Merit," as to which "Unin structed," another correspondent. inquires, with a somewhat Protestant

even had

bias in the query, it is an article of faith with Catholics that of ourselves we can do no good action, nor even have a good thought; that there is no merit that is not a gift of God, through Christ, and of which no man may boast. the best servants of God are the most indebted to Him, and are therefore the most humble.

Catholics believe that Faith, Hope and Charity, and good works, to fied? By conforming itself unre-which God has mercifully promised servedly to that of God. We will all reward through the Redeemer's that He wills, and nothing that He merits, and which proceed from does not will; we attach our feeble Divine grace in us, are acceptable to will to that all powerful Will which Him, and will be rewarded in His performs everything.



Platt.

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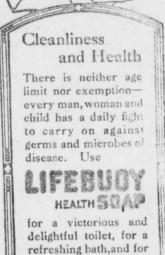
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ciples preached with undying elo-quence by the silent Figure of Jesus Christ Crucified.- America.

IS ONE RELIGION AS GOOD AS ANOTHER ?

WHY THE CATHOLIC'S ANSWER IS "NO!"

pain of condemnation (St. Mark xvi. 16), and the promise that the Holy

spirit shall teach the Church all truth, dispose of the go as you please.

To say that "it does not matter what

a man's religion is as long as he does

right" is as sensible as saying that

with one's own neighbors and fellow

men. To do right means determined

effort to give God due honor and obedience in all things, to seek His kingdom and His justice before aught

we like about our relations to the Al-

mighty, to make a religion to suit our own limited views, convenience,

and human interests. We are bound

to obey the Divine Will in the matter

of religious belief as well as in the matter of our conduct towards our

We are not free to believe as

(By "M. C. L." in Catholic Herald) A correspondent forwards a press

ness among those with whom we cutting, which contains what is merely a variation of the fallacy : "One religion is as good as another." If that be so indeed, why did Our Lord teach one definite religion, and command the Apostles to teach the whole of it to all nations, to be ob served by all? The command itself (St. Matthew xxviii. 19; St. Mark xvi. 15), the obligation of believing under

and may the story of this young hero's deeds inspire others. - The Tablet.

NEGLECT YOUR BUSINESS BUT NOT YOUR BOY

Every boy is going to have a confidant, some one to whom he can tell his secrets and whisper his hopes and ambitions which he would not breathe to others. We take it for

granted that his mother will stand nearer to him than any other person. but every boy will have some male friend who will stand in a peculiar relation to him. This friend, this confidant, should be his father.

You cannot afford to have your boy feel that you are too buey or too of simple human kinduess. To be indifferent to tell him how to fly his always or to play games with him.

begin early enough, it is one else can take your place; that said: you stand in a peculiar relation to "I

him, which no one else can fill. Any business man would be horri fied at the suggestion that he would ruin his boy by neglect, that his in the andoing of his own son. But, it is the easiest thing in the world to well as she does hers when is forleit a boy's confidence. It will to what she says about others." take only a little enubbing, a little scolding, a little indifference, a little unkind criticism, a little nagging and upreasonableness to shut off forever

any intimacy between you and your discovery, after he has made his Echo. money, that he has lost his hold THE

upon his boy, and he would give a large part of his fortune to recover his los'.

I have been in homes where the relation between father and sons was newspaper:

so strained and formal that the latter would no more think of making a confidant of their father than they would of a perfect stranger. an infidel school inspector.

wander Away through the mist to the beautiful land-The Dreamland that's waiting out

yonder! -EUGENE FIELD

SIMPLE KINDNESS

'The best thing you can say about her is that she is just plain kind. When you say that about a body you've said one of the best things it

of greater value than the attribute was worthless. But they saw some same correspondent quotes a sen-of simple human kinduces. To be value in the material out of which tence which a popular novelist puts "just plain kind" is to give the seamless robe was woven. To into the mouth of his hero, to the

comparatively easy for you to gain your boy's confidence. From infancy he should grow up to feel that no that she had heard that another had upon the Cross. It has given the world all It could give, at the price

'I do not believe that Mary ever said that," replied the other wome, "she is too kind ever to eay a thing like that. I don't believe that any of the Cross, or the commercial is is to be done? How could his ruin his boy by neglect, that his one ever heard Mary say a down possibilities as real estate, of the consent have been obtained? Prob absorption in business would result right unkind thing in her life. I Hill whereon was wrought the ably, writes a Catholic theologian, world's salvation. wish I could guard my own tongue as

well as she does hers when is comes source of encouragement to those who have many troubles and cares. One cannot be constantly kind with

One of the bitterest things in many a business man's life has been the and being helpful in the world.-The

THE CATHOLIC BOY AND THE ATHEIST

The following interesting anecdote is related in a Belgium Catholic

Not long ago a Catholic boy was

ment, scamless, well made, might be have several "wives" or "husbands" valuable. This was not work for in rotation ; that is a crime against soldiers, this execution of a tribal trouble-maker. They would get what they could out of it. Here and there, on the shoulders and there is a crime against the family, against the human race, as well as a sin against God. So also is race suicide. Many other examples might be cited to show along the arms, the texture was stiff that it does make a decided differ. with clotted Blood. That removed, ence what a man believes, that even An old woman of simple ways was speaking of another in the same community who was noted for her many good deeds, and she said of they grumbled, had almost spoiled it. bis conduct is usually guided by his belief. Do right and believe as you

Alea

The world has not greatly changed right who both accept God's revela is possible to say about them," of Jesus Christ, fit object of adora-Of all human attributes none are tion for men and angels, to them and what He has revealed. The

indifferent to teil him how to by his saways just phin kind is to give the scalares too the world, gone mad in the did not ask to be born, or to play games with him. If you begin early enough, it is assures the doing of kind deeds. nothing of the values which are have been brought into a world of should have been consulted as t

of Its Blood. But men pass by whether he would like to exist or there neither is, nor ever was, nor

Today the world looks out upon ever will be, a man who was never fields still wet with human blood, glad of life, but through the whole of Here was some one else who was and in anguish mothers ask why his existence positively wished not "just plain kind" and therefore a this price must be paid in every age to be. In any case, we have no proof doer of good. Simple kindness is a for a freedom which to most of them whatsoever that any person ever ceans only a continued struggle was, or will be, called into existence means only a continued struggle against starvalion. The answer is found on Calvery and the soldiers casting lots. All childgen of the one Heavenly Father, brethren ars massed against wrethren because into Heaven, as well as all those who the world and its wisdom and its governments refore to marshal at the Foet of the Crofs. In human devices alone and in those com prices of principle with expediency child covernments call states of the components call states of the components call states of the covernments call which governments call statecraft, prive their children of supernatural the world seeks to find, and always happiness.) These who are doomed traveling in a train between Brussels and Namur. In the same train was an infidel school inspector. On



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