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### CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

GOD GIVE US MEN

God give us men! A time like this demands Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands; Men whom the lust of office does

Men whom the spoils of office can-

not buy; Men who possess opinions and a

Men who have the honor-men who

will not lie; Men who can stand before a dema-

gogue, damn his treacherous flatteries without winking!

men, sun crowned, who live above the fog

In public duty, and in private thinking:
For while the rabble, with their

thumb-worn creeds. large professions and their little deeds,—

weeps, Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps!

-John G. Holland

### DO YOU KNOW YOUR CATECHISM

"Joe," said the priest to the young man, "do you know your catechism?"

"Why, Father, when I was a boy of fourteen, I knew my catechism from cover to cover."
"I did not ask you what you

knew when you were fourteen. Do you know it now?" Well, Father, I'm afraid I have

as I did when I was fourteen."
"Isn't that a shame? In every other line of knowledge you have advanced except in knowledge of your religion, and that is the most important of all subjects. Get a Church wishes you to be thoroughly equipped with religious knowledge. The more you know about her and her doctrines, the more you will love her and the more determined you will be to live up to your holy Faith. Such knowledge is especially necessary in our country, where we are brought into contact with so non-Catholics and our lay people have so many opportunities across at her.

The little boy's philosophy would

AS TAUGHT BY A CIRCUS MAN

"It was my old friend with the circus who taught me these things," says the hero of a story in the current number of a widely-read popular weekly. "Old Alec said I should never let a day pass without doing something I didn't want to do,—or doing without something I wanted. He said it was better than developing muscle." One is not accust med to associate such sound philosophy with circus-men, But "old Alec," whoever he was, whether a creation of fiction or an actual follower of the sawdust tents, was a wise man, and pro-pounded very wise doctrine. It was true mother heart when he wrote:

"A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies, husfor the formation of worth-while has yet been found for it, for the formation of worth-while bands may desert their wives, wives

"A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and sisters may become inveterate enemies, husbands may desert their wives, wives

"A father may turn his back on his child, brothers and sisters may be one overheard him tell his teacher bands may desert their wives, wives for the formation of worth-while character. If any one, of whatso-ever station in life, be he a circus man, a churchman, a captain or a clerk, — would forge himself so strong a character as to render himself independent in the face of all harm, be capable of with-standing every unlawful influence, be been but to follow the following the he has but to follow one method. Let him practice daily and voluntarily self-denial in regard to some one thing which, even without sin, is free to accord himself. The Divine Teacher, who knew mankind best, preached that doctrine and practised it, too, in season and out of season. And the Church that speaks in His Name has continued to emphasize its worth throughout nineteen long centuries. As her faithful children know, it is the peculiar lesson upon which she lays particular stress during these passing days of Lent. Though there has come a mitigation of the oldtime Lenten regulations, because of the unusual conditions which prevail amongst us, the authorities of the Church do not fail to insist on the necessity of voluntary works of penance and self-denial which the faithful must assume. From these there can be no escape, as long as we are travelers in this valley of tears. We have divine warrant for it that unless man will deny him-self, he can attain to no lasting happiness.—Catholic Transcript.

### THE EDUCATED MAN'S FIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Recently a correspondent asked the question of The Bombay Ex-

aminer:

"What are the accomplishments which make up an educated man?"

The root idea of education, says Father Hull, S. J., is the drawing out or development of a man's faculties or powers, so that he acquires the habit of using them for the purposes of life. The more fully these faculties and powers are drawn out or evolved and applied, the more educated a man is, and the more educated a man is, and the more he can make both out of himself and out of his environ-

Education thus admits of many degrees, beginning with something quite elementary; and there is no human being (except a complete idiot) who is not educated in some degree — even if he only knows

rationally how to stand and walk and eat and speak and do anything for himself or for others. Hence when we divide a certain community into the educated and the uneducated, we are speaking relatively to a certain aggregate standing which has established itself in that com-

Taking the general standard which will fit in with the condition of those who are likely to read this answer, we may say succinctly that the accomplishments which make up an educated man may be enumerated under five heads: Knowledge, judgment, talent, taste and

manners.
(1) Knowledge means the perception of facts, truths or realities as the materials on which judgment can be exercised. (2) Judgment means a right estimation of these facts, truths or realities in themselves and in relation to each other.
(3) Talent means the power of the faculties to acquire and retain knowledge and to add to it; and then to apply it practically to action or production. (4) Taste means Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom the perception not merely of things in their useful aspect but in their ornamental aspect, so as to embrace or adopt what is beautiful, and to avoid and repudiate what is ugly.

(5) Manners means the regulation

oneself agreeably to others.
A man begins to be an educated man as soon as he possesses some-thing of these elements.

HOME AND MOTHER A man may own a handsome and well furnished residence and yet may not posses a home—that is, a "Well, Father, I'm afraid I have to say that I don't know it as well where domes ic felicity reigns as I did when I was fourteen." roundings can we find the happy

So understood, there is no sweeter your religion, and that is the most important of all subjects. Get a catechism and study it, and go on further, read Catholic books. The church wishes you to be thoroughly trained in good homes, how deep, how heartfelt is the pity we feel for those who were deprived of that moral and social stimulus that is the concomitant of the happy

"Where is your home?" a little boy was asked by an acquaintance. "Where mother is," the little fellow replied, as he looked lovingly

people have so many opportunities of removing prejudices and correcting misrepresentations."— Mesure age. Undoubtedly the mother of the mistress of the age. Undoubtedly the mother of the family, the mistress of the house, has much to do with the house, has much to do with the ladder." But when the ladder a ladder." But when the ladder house, has much to do with the 'tone' or quality of home life. a ladder." But when the ladder tone 'tone of the chronicles of an came it was much too short.

Jim Weaver, anxious to make "Of our mother I cannot think of anything to say She is just the mother — our own dear, patient, loving little mother: unlike everyone else in the world, and yet it seems as if there was nothing to patient, loving little mothers" are

Washington Irving must have knownthefullandabiding faith of the true mother heart when he wrote:

"A father may turn his back."

"A father may turn his back." become inveterate enemies, hus-bands may desert their wives, wives that he had lived on a big ranch his evil ways and repent; still she remembers the infant smiles that once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood; and she can never once filled her bosom with rapture, the merry laugh, the joyful shout of his childhood; and she can never be brought to think of him all

never entirely effaced from his soul.-Catholic Columbian.

### OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

MAKING IT WELL I sat by my window watching A dear little lad at play, A bit of the summer sunshine Dropped down on a winter's day. But ah for the little laddie Who trusted a path-and fell, Then came with a wounded finger For mother to make it well.

I kissed it as mothers ever Have done since the world was new, Brushing the tangled tresses Away from the eyes of blue. Then I clasped the smiling baby In a passionate embrace While I kissed, with wordless long-

The dear little tear-stained face. And my heart grew faint within me As I thought of life's rough way, Of feet that must often stumble And paths that will lead astray. Oh, well for my little laddie, One of the world of men, If mother can kiss the hurt place And make it all well again!

- FLORENCE JONES HADLEY ALPHABET OF PROVERBS A grain of prudence is worth a pound of craft.

Boasters are cousins to liars. Confession of a fault makes half

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Foolish fear doubles danger.
God reacheth us good things by

He has hard work who has nothng to do.
It costs more to revenge wrongs

than to bear them. Justice costs nothing. It pays its way in the end Knavery is the worst trade

Learning makes a man fit company for himself. Modesty is a guard to virtue. Not to hear conscience is a way

One hour today is worth two

Proud looks makes foul work in fair faces. Quiet conscience gives quiet sleep.
Richest is he that wants least.
Small faults indulged are little
thieves that let in greater.

The boughs that bear most hang

Upright walking is sure walking. Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter. Wise men makes more opportuni-

ties than they find.
You will never lose by doing a good turn. Zeal without knowledge is fire without light.

### THE NEW BOY

One morning as Jack Vincent, the new boy, was on his way to school, he saw a group of his classmates standing beneath a large elm. Mr. of one's actions according to the standards of taste, so as to present Rand, the banker, was with them, and all were intently gazing up into the scraggy tree.
When Jack reached the crowd, he

saw that Mr. Rand was bareheaded, and learned that the frisky wind had blown his hat off, lodging it among the topmost branches of

sam Newton, the captain of the baseball team, seemed to be directing affairs. "Jim Weaver," he called in a commanding voice, "you are as active as a cat, and the fastest runner on our team; can't you go up this tree and show the boys you can climb as well as run?'

"I'll try, Sam, if you will boost me; but I think it will take a katydid to go through those branches," the boy replied, glancing at the network of limbs.

Jim's endeavors were of no avail; still, Sam was persistent, he hated a failure, but liked to arduous tasks upon the other fellow so he turned to the crowd and asked, banteringly: "Won't some boy volunteer to skin up this tree?"
The boys having witnessed Jim's unsuccessful attempt, hung back, to Sam's disgust, and his head wagged and "I told you so!"

amends for his failure in climbing tree, brought a fishing pole. 'Twon't be long enough," declared Sam. It was not.

The boys watched Sam with evident admiration; it was nice to say about her by which one could make anyone understand what she is." In other words, the "dear his purpose.

Mr. Rand looked up at his hat,

be brought to think of him all unworthy.

"The instruction received at the mother's knee, and the paternal house in the street, and th

lessons, together with the pious and sweet souvenirs of the fireside, are and show you," Jack answered as he left them.
"A rope!" Sam Newton shouted

in a contemptuous voice. "He'll never do it with a rope?" "You'll see!" Jack called back over his shoulder.

In a few minutes he returned, bringing a long rope. The boys watched breathlessly as Jack wound it round and round his hand and arm, and deftly hurled it over a stout limb just above the hat.

But I can't for the life of me Sam began, and then he stopped.

Jack was skillfully knotting the rope into a sort of ladder, and when done to his satisfaction, he went up as agile as a squirrel, soon landing on the limb of the tree. The

rest was easy, and in a few moments the hat was on the banker's head.

"Fine! Fine! my lad, that was skillfully done," Mr. Rand exclaimed, clasping Jack's hand within his own. "You have certainly proved your worth, and I am proud to know you! A boy who can be so helpful without any fuss is worth knowing."

knowing."
Sam Newton left the crowd slowly walking away; he seemed greatly crestfallen when he saw all the admiring glances which had been his only a few moments before now lavished upon the new boy. -True Voice.

A soul of praise is very dear to God. If my heart is full of censure all the rest of the day how can I render acceptable praise to God? If my praise is to be perfect my heart must be in tune; my life must be a life of praise. Praise is liking.—Father Dignam, S. J.

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