

CHATS WITH YOUNG MEN

REBUKING A KING

The timidity which hesitates to rebuke profanity was once shamed by a king who had been himself rebuked for profanity. Riding along the high way in disguise and seeing a soldier at an inn, he stopped and asked him to drink with him. On an oath which the king uttered while drinking, the soldier remarked: "I am sorry to hear a young gentleman swear."

His Majesty took no notice of it but swore again. The soldier immediately said: "I'll pay part of this, if you please, and go; for I so hate swearing that if you were the king himself, I should tell you of it."

"Should you, indeed?" asked the king.

"I should," was the emphatic reply of his subject.

Not long after the king gave him an opportunity to be "as good as his word." Having invited some lords to dine with him, he sent for the soldier, and bade him stand near him in order to serve him, if he was needed. Presently the king, not now in disguise, uttered an oath. And deferentially the soldier immediately said:

"Should not my lord and king fear an oath?"

Looking at the heroic soldier and then at his company of obsequious noblemen, the king severely remarked:

"There, my lords, is an honest man. He can respectfully remind me of the great sin of swearing; but you can sit here and let me stain my soul by swearing, and not so much as tell me of it."—Exchange.

OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities are like flash lights. They suddenly reveal us to others and also to ourselves. We all long for opportunities. We have a feeling that they might disclose some very fine qualities and a high order of ability which we think we possess, and which the world has not discovered. But the trouble with opportunities is that they seldom come properly labeled. Any one would grasp them if he knew what they were, but they are quite likely to appear to our vision either as insignificant trifles or as disaster and misfortune. It is the courage that grapples with these last and determines to get the best of them, that many of earth's greatest opportunities have been disclosed.—True Voice.

POLITENESS A VALUABLE CULT

If regarded from no other point of view than as an asset in journeying through life, politeness and the observance of small courtesies will be found a very valuable cult. True, the blustering, pushing man makes a way of it, but if closely observed neither can very readily come back another time with any success. Aggressiveness is often needed, but impoliteness never. When it is necessary to emphasize even that may be done with dignity and a perfectly polite manner, carrying weight far better than arrogance and rudeness ever can.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE LANGUAGE OF KINDNESS

Do our young people ever wonder how everybody understands the language of kindness. The other morning an Italian woman came into the subway station with a great bag of apples poised on her head. Though she had a folded cloth on her hair, it was evident that the hard fruit was pressing painfully down on her. She was untidy, her clothing mussed, and her hair dishevelled, and many a questioning glance was given her by the people hurrying on their way. Eagerly she looked at car after car, to see if she could get on the platform, but conductors and motormen were not anxious to take on a passenger with an unwieldy burden. Suddenly the anxious, troubled look in her eyes brightened into a smile, and the woman hurried forward as best she could, still balancing the sack. A conductor was beckoning to her to take a place in the rear of his car, but just as she drew near, he received from the starter the signal to start and away went the car. But not until the conductor had engaged the attention of the crew on the car behind; he waved his hand, he pointed to the burdened toiler, and the others understood. They took her on, the sack dropped to the floor of the car, and relief took the place of anxiety on the tired, thin face. She was homeward bound with the spoils of her early morning work on a farm outside the city.

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Cultivate it, children. It doesn't take much time or effort to do a little kindly service, to say a friendly word, to make somebody else feel happier. Never was a language more easy to learn and more useful to know.—Sacred Heart Review.

MEANING OF "HALF MAST"

Perhaps you have noticed that whenever a prominent person dies, especially if he is connected with the government, the flags on public buildings are hoisted only part of the way up. This is called half-mast. Did you ever stop to think what connection there could be between a flag that was not properly hoisted and the death of a great man?

Ever since flags were used in war it has been the custom to have the flag of the superior or conquering nation above that of the inferior or vanquished. When an army found itself hopelessly beaten it hauled its flag down far enough for the flag of the victors to be placed above it on the same pole. This was a token not only of submission but of respect.

YOUNG SMOKERS

I know you want to be men, and you can hardly wait the time till you can feel the first little hairs on your upper lip, says Father Kuehne to his boy readers in the Homiletic Monthly. But, let me tell you, your troubles will begin soon enough without trying to hurry them along. Stay boys as long as you can. A pipe or cigarette in your mouth will not make a man of you. You cannot call a snow man a man though he has a cornucopia in his face. A man may look well with pipe or cigars; a boy looks foolish. It is not to begrudge you a little pleasure if you are told to abstain from the use of tobacco it is for your own good. Doctors will tell you that while the use of tobacco is comparatively harmless to people who are fully grown unless some organic trouble makes the use of tobacco harmful, its use is surely dangerous for boys. For a healthy growth it is necessary that all your organs of body grow uniformly. If most organs grow uniformly, but one, the heart is retarded and does not grow in proportion to the other parts, you will in all likelihood be one of the number that die young. If the heart is too weak to do the work for the overgrown body, it will naturally give out. With boys who use tobacco whilst in the state of growing it often happens that some part of the body stays behind.

PUNCTUALITY

"Punctuality is the courtesy of kings," said Louis XVII. Samuel Smiles, quoting the saying, makes the comment: "It is also the duty of gentlemen, and the necessity of men of business." Why, then, in "polite society should it be held permissible to be late?"

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When the Most Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, Archbishop of Adelaide, South Australia, celebrated recently the silver jubilee of his consecration, one of the most notable tributes paid to him came from the lips of a Protestant, Sir Samuel Way, Chief Justice, who said:

At this moment, to whatever Church we belong, we are united in doing honor to a great ecclesiastic and a loyal and patriotic citizen, to a man of saintly character and devoted life, whom we all reverence and love. Those of us who are not of the Roman obedience insist that, much as the Catholics love their Archbishop, they cannot monopolize him entirely. Whether we Protestants are included in the true conception of the Church Catholic or not, we claim the Archbishop as a member of the great household of faith and of the brotherhood of good and holy men. It is impossible to know the Archbishop without admiring his varied and brilliant gifts, his learning, his literary ability. . . . We do not forget how nobly the Archbishop's efforts have been seconded by the Catholic people of South Australia. They have set other denominations an inspiring example, which can never be forgotten in the history of this State. May I conclude with one characteristic which has endeared the Archbishop to his fellow colonists, Catholic and Protestant alike—I mean his warm-hearted human sympathy. It is not confined to the pale of his own Church.—Sacred Heart Review.

"LYING TO ONE'S HUSBAND"

Scribner's of October, in an article, entitled "The New Republic," informs its readers that ever since "St. Elizabeth, the consort of King Diniz," told her husband that she was carrying roses instead of loaves of bread in her apron, "a wife's lie to her husband is justified by the Roman Church, if uttered in the cause of charity."

The writer who formulated this charge apparently confounds St. Elizabeth of Portugal with St. Elizabeth of Hungary, though we must admit being puzzled by his reference in the same paragraph to "the revered Princess of Prussia, who had statues and pictures in her honor." We were not aware that there were any princesses of Prussia until it was Protestant, and then there were no saints. Again in Butler's "Lives of the Saints" there is nothing about "roses" in connection with St. Elizabeth of Portugal, but as she was a relative of the dear little saint of Hungary, perhaps the magazine writer regarded the flowers as a family heirloom. It is true that Elizabeth of Portugal was a lover of the poor, but she is honored more as a peacemaker than as an alms-giver. Hence, it is more than probable that it is St. Elizabeth of Hungary who got the Church into this difficulty about canonizing a lie. However, she can be acquitted.

There is no difficulty in doing so, for it is simply not true, even if Scribner's vouches for it, that "the benevolent queen was forbidden by her husband," who by the way was not Diniz nor Denis, but Ludwig, "to give alms to the poor," or that he "suspectingly demanded what she was carrying; and that in trepidation she answered: 'Roses,' or that 'roughly he insisted upon seeing for himself.'"

The whole indictment is false. She was not a queen; she was only the wife of a landgrave; he did not forbid her to give to the poor; he was almost as lavish himself in almsgiving; she did not answer in trepidation; she did not answer at all; he did not roughly insist; he was a gentleman and a saint and an adoring husband, and he told his courtiers that he would give her his dominions to help the needy.

Whether this beautiful story of the roses is a legend, springing from the popular fancy in its endeavor to describe picturesquely for intelligent people the fragrance of charity that clung, as it were, to the robes of "dear St. Elizabeth," as she is still affectionately called, or whether it is

a historical fact, it matters very little; but to proclaim, in a popular magazine, that it is an *ex-cathedra* pronouncement by which "a wife's lie to her husband is justified by the Roman Church, if uttered in the cause of charity," is not only a falsehood, but an outrageous calumny. The "Roman Church" does not allow anyone to lie, even a magazine writer. Scribner's ought to remember that it has some Catholic readers; or does it want to lose them?—America.

A PLACE TO GO IN

There are all too many Catholics who are satisfied with just sufficient practice of their religion to "get by," as the expressive current phrase has it. They go to Mass on Sundays, receive the sacraments once in a while and contribute the minimum amount toward the support of the Church.

So far so good, of course. But where is that generous Catholic spirit which seeks opportunities to work for God and the Church? Church societies may languish, the Sunday school may suffer from a dearth of teachers, and the whole atmosphere of the parish, despite the earnest efforts of the clergy, may be one lacking in inspiration and progress; yet the minimum Catholic, so prominent in the other affairs, is not moved to lift a hand.

Usually it is pure thoughtlessness. The habit of leaving everything to the priest in matters concerning the Church has fastened itself upon us. General invitations to participate in the practical work of the parish do not strike home individually, and so much matters of vital importance as the instruction of the coming generation in Catholic doctrine and Catholic loyalty is left to immature boys and girls—the only ones the pastor can get in answer to his call.

In one of the Civil War battles, at a critical moment the commander of a regiment, which had been rushed to the firing line to reinforce the decimated Union forces, galloped up to General Phil Kearney shouting eagerly: "Where am I needed, General? Where shall my regiment go?" "Go in anywhere," shouted back the General, "there's fine fighting along the whole line!"

The same reply, the same inspiring spur to immediate action, may be given to every Catholic to-day. Let him not hesitate. Let him not think there is no place for him in the battle which the Church in its local as well as in its world-wide organization is waging against the forces of darkness and evil. There are openings in the Holy Name Societies, in the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences, in the Sunday-schools, in a dozen different places for Catholic men who are seeking an opportunity to leave the ranks of the reserves—the rearguards, the "just get by" Catholics—and do something active to sanctify their own souls and help along the Church's cause. The forces of heresy, of indifference, of immorality, are arrayed against the Church. The issue is joined. She needs the help of every one of her sons. Let us not hold back, but chivalrously and generously give ourselves to a cause so noble. "There's fine fighting along the whole line."—Sacred Heart Review.

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